

Lesson 10 for
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GOD'S EVERLASTING GOSPEL



After the final attack of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet (Revelation 13), John saw the people who will overcome in the conflict (14:1-5), their message (14:6-13), and the consequences of accepting or rejecting that message (14:14-20).



 The message of the first angel. Revelation 14:6-7

 The everlasting gospel

 Fear and judgment

 A call to worship

 The message of the second angel. Revelation 14:8

 Babylon is fallen

 The message of the third angel. Revelation 14:9-13

 Final fate

THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people."

(Revelation 14:6)

The message of the three angels is proclaimed "with a loud voice" (14:7; 18:2; 14:9). This is a very important and urgent message that the whole world must hear (14:6).



This message is "the everlasting gospel." That is, the good news of salvation by grace through the sacrifice of Jesus.

It's everlasting because it was planned "before time began" (Titus 1:2), it has never changed and it won't change, and everlasting life depends on accepting or rejecting it.



FEAR AND JUDGMENT

"saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come...'" (Revelation 14:7a)



What does "fearing God" mean?

- Worshipping Him (Genesis 31:53)
- Taking Him seriously (Exodus 9:20)
- Keeping His Law (Deuteronomy 6:2)
- Serving Him (Deuteronomy 10:20)

What is "His judgment"?

The judgment begins while the gospel is being preached. This is known as the pre-advent judgment (before the Second Coming). The eternal fate of each person is decided in this judgment (Revelation 22:11)

As we face the judgment, we must reverently fear God who gives us salvation, freedom and everlasting life.



A CALL TO WORSHIP

“...and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” (Revelation 14:7b)



The final conflict attacks true worship as defined in the first four Commandments:

GOD

Worship God alone
(Ex. 20:2-3)

Don't make images
to worship them (Ex.
20:4-6)

Don't blaspheme
against the name of
God (Ex. 20:7)

Worship the Creator
on Sabbath
(Ex. 20:8-11)

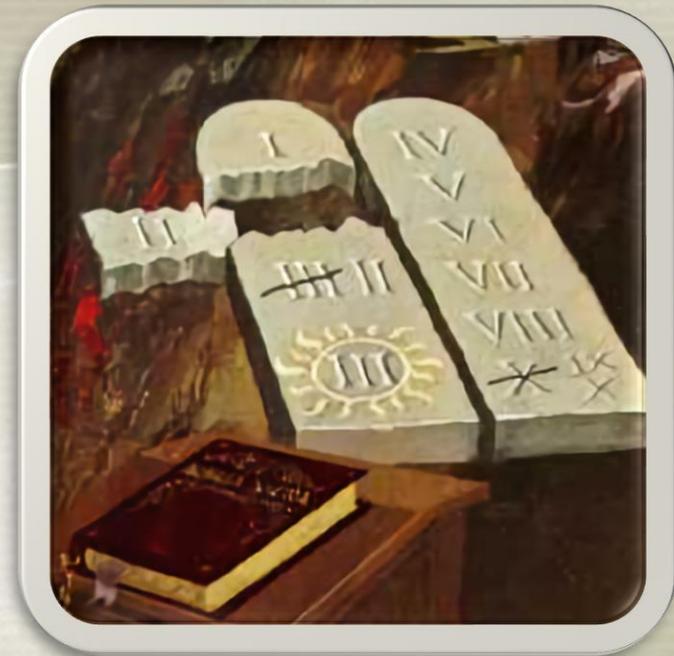
SATAN

Worship Satan
(Rev. 13:4)

Worship the image
of the beast
(Rev. 13:14-15)

Blaspheme against
God and His name
(Rev. 13:6)

Sunday as the day of
worship
(Rev. 13:17)



BABYLON IS FALLEN

“And another angel followed, saying, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’” (Revelation 14:8)



Babylon was founded by men who didn't believe God's promises (Genesis 11:1-9). Nebuchadnezzar made Babylon "great" (Daniel 4:30) and Isaiah prophesied it would fall because of its idolatry (Isaiah 21:9).



The End-Time Babylon is made of religious systems that have rejected the truth by accepting false doctrines like:

- ☞ Theistic evolution. That is, God used evolution to create, instead of the 7-day Creation.
- ☞ Tradition is greater than the Bible.
- ☞ A revised ethic that eliminates the Biblical definitions of genre, marriage, etc.



This is the "wine" that has made the whole world drunk, so they cannot think clearly and embrace truth.

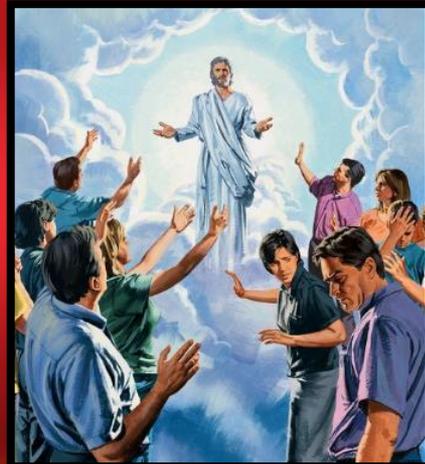
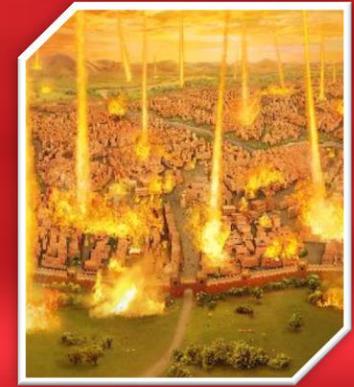
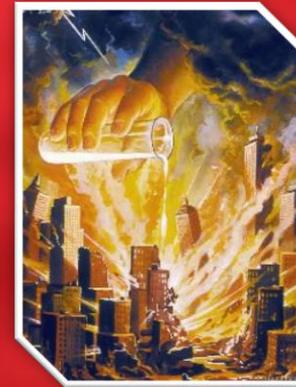
“Men act as though they had been given special liberty to cancel the decisions of God. The higher critics put themselves in the place of God, and review the Word of God, revising or endorsing it. In this way, all nations are induced to drink the wine of the fornication of Babylon. These higher critics have fixed things to suit the popular heresies of these last days. If they cannot subvert and misapply the Word of God, if they cannot bend it to human practices, they break it.”

FINAL FATE

"Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.'" (Revelation 14:9-10)

Those who drank of Babylon's wine must drink of the wine of God's wrath. This wine is spilled in 7 plagues (Rev. 15:7; 16:1-21).

Fire and brimstone are used to represent divine judgment (Genesis 19:24; Isaiah 34:8-10; Jude 7).



The smoke of their torment ascends forever. This means that the consequences are eternal.

At the Second Coming, those who have accepted the last call to the everlasting gospel will live forever (Rev. 14:14-16; Mt. 13:30). Those who haven't accepted the gospel will die (Rev. 14:17-20).

“The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming to the world a message of warning, and having a direct bearing upon the people living in the last days of this earth’s history. No one hears the voice of these angels, for they are a symbol to represent the people of God who are working in harmony with the universe of heaven. Men and women, enlightened by the Spirit of God and sanctified through the truth, proclaim the three messages in their order.”