

# Seven Angels

## The Contrast

The first five verses of Revelation 14 show a contrast between the righteous and the wicked of Revelation 13.

*Revelation 13*

**16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

**17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

Compare with:

*Revelation 14*

**1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, *having his Father's name written in their foreheads.***

**3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and *no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth***

**The difference between the two groups is seen in Psalms 24 and Zephaniah 3:**

*Psalms 24*

**1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.**

**2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.**

**3 *Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?***

**4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. (This describes the people who will be in a place to be healed by God's love. These people will be able to sing the new song spoken of in Revelation 14).**

**5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

**6 *This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.* Selah. (These are the people who will take the message of God's love to the Jew).**

*Revelation 14*

**4 These are they which were *not defiled with women; for they are virgins.* These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes. These were *redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.***

**God's mind, or His holy spirit, is not defiled. This is our inheritance!**

*Isaiah 62*

**5 *For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.***

*1 Peter 1*

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

**4 *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,***

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**To be redeemed from the earth, to follow the Lamb where ever He goes, and to be unblemished is in direct contrast to the beast of Revelation 13.**

Zephaniah 3

1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.

3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5 The just Lord **is in the midst thereof**; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he fails not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

An exhortation to wait for Israel's restoration

8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then will I turn to the people **a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent.**

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.

12 I will also leave **in the midst of thee** an afflicted and poor people, **and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.**

13 **The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.**

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The Lord hath taken away **thy judgments**, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

17 **The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.**

18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: **and I will save her that halteth**, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a

*name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity **before your eyes**, saith the Lord.*

*Genesis 32*

*24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*

*25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.*

*26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.*

*27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.*

*28 And he said, **Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.***

*29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.*

*30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: **for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.***

*31 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, **and he halted upon his thigh.***

*32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.*

*Micah 4*

*5 For **all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God** for ever and ever.*

*6 In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble **her that halteth**, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;*

*7 **And I will make her that halted a remnant**, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and **the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth**, even for ever.*

**The people described in Revelation 13 remain in their wickedness because they are interpreting the scriptures based on what they see naturally. The spiritual meanings elude them.**

## **Seven Angels**

Revelation 14:6-20 could be divided into two sections: 6-13, and 14-20. But, I would rather see it as a fullness of messages given because if we put them together we see seven messages given that will bring humanity's judgment to a close.

In order to see the seven angels we must make Christ an angel in verse 14. I think John has already done this for us and as this chapter unfolds you will see why I say that.

The sickle in verses 14-19 is an instrument of reaping. In this chapter the reaping is a symbol of raising the dead and only Christ has been given authority to do that.

Remember *John 5*

*28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,*

*29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

In these verses Christ raises both the righteous and the wicked. This is what we see happening

in Revelation 14:6-20, **both resurrections!**

## The Last Message Given

*Revelation 14*

*6 And I saw **another** angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,*

This compares with Revelation 8:13.

*Revelation 8*

*13 And I beheld, and heard an **(one)** angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!*

I believe what we are seeing in Revelation 14:6-12 sums up the gospel for all time. This is it in a nutshell. Both Jew and Gentile believers will give this message at the end. In reality, this sums up the messages given in the sounding of the trumpets (by Gentile believers) and the messages given in the seven last plagues (by Jewish believers). It is another angel because both groups have received the completion of their faith when they give it in its fullness.

*Revelation 14*

*7 Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him**; for the hour of his judgment is come: **and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.***

**Fountains of waters Christ leads us to are people who bring forth living water.**

*Philippians 2*

*5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

*6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

*7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

*8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

*9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

*10 **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;***

*11 **And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

*12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.***

*13 For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.***

**We see the spirit of the Father working in the Son's life as in our lives!**

## Babylon Is Fallen

*Revelation 14*

*8 And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because***

***she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.***

**This is the first time we see the word Babylon in Revelation!** Babylon is confusion about God when you think it is the only way to God. Babylon falls for both Gentile and Jew in the end.

**WINE** = Unadulterated reasoning's (teachings or understanding) of Christ. Like milk that is for babes, wine is for the mature in understanding. Wine & milk are the same principles, one is stronger than the other. Both have to do with the way Christ thinks. Pr 9:1-2 teaches the hearing (abiding) to those who receive wine - Micah 2:11 - [3196] Doctrine (teaching) - can be true or false; Understanding - [3196] Micah 2:11; Pr 9:5; Isa 28:7; 29:9-11; Jer 51:7

*Romans 5*

*8 But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

*9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath** through him.*

**We are saved from our own wrath not God's!** Babylon interprets Romans 5:9 as God's wrath.

## **The Third Angel**

*Revelation 14*

*9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*

*10 The same shall drink of **the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out **without mixture (without any input from God)** into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

*James 3*

*1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.*

*2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.*

*3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.*

*4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.*

*5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles!*

*6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and **it is set on fire of hell (G1067).***

Hell

OT = Sheol-7585-Gen. 37:35

**Two word for hell/grave in the NT:**

1) 86-Hades- Root from 1 + 1492 = "know not"

11x - Mt. 11:23, 16:18; Luke 10:15, 16:23; Acts 2:27, :31; 1Cor. 15:55; Rev.1:18, 6:8, 20:13-14  
A place for the soul (Act.2:27, :31) making it an inward application.

2) 1067- Geenna- Root from 2 Hebrew words: 1516-Valley + 2011-Hinnom (Jer. 7:31)

12x NT. - Mt.5:22,29,30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:15,33; Mark 9:43,45,47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6

Inward - James 3:6

Both soul and body - Mat. 10:28

Everlasting fire - Mat. 18:8-9 (Mark 9:43 - worm dies not)

Prepared for the Devil - Mat. 25:41

Kindled by God - Isaiah 30:33

Cannot be made whole - Jer. 19.

*Revelation 14*

*11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have **no rest** day nor night, **who worship the beast and his image**, and whosoever receives the mark of his name.*

*12 Here **(in this place)** is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. **The saints are contrasted with those who worship the image of their beast.***

*13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are **the dead which die in the Lord** from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.*

The dead which die are those who accept the truth and give their lives to God based on the everlasting gospel. They will rest from their labors.

## **Judged by the Image**

*Revelation 14*

*14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.*

*15 And another angel **came out of the temple**, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

*16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.*

*Revelation 15*

*6 And the seven angels **came out of the temple**, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*

**The Jewish believers pour out the seven last plagues.**

**Revelation 14:14-16 pictures the first resurrection! Those raised in the first resurrection must go through the process of salvation also.**

*Revelation 14*

*17 And **another angel** came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.*

**Christ is seen as another angel because His reason for raising the wicked is different than when He raised the righteous.**

*18 And another angel came out from the altar, which **had power (authority) over fire**; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.*

*19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. **(This is the second resurrection) They will experience what they believe God to be in their heart.***

*Revelation 14*

*20 And the winepress **(trough)** was trodden **without the city** (or not in God's holy spirit), and*

*blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

*Psalms 32*

*8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: **I will guide thee with mine eye. (or the eye of His understanding)***

*9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.*

Horse bridles = the law. The blood up to the horse bridles is their understanding of their guilt for breaking the law.

10x10x10 = a complete understanding of God. The problem here is that the god they understand is the image of their beast.

6x10x10 = If we were to take 10 as a projection of what they see as God we would have in this number the Father, the Son, and self, or two horns like a lamb but speaking as the dragon.

**They will stand before Christ carrying a belief in the god of their own imaginings and will receive a just and perfect judgment from their god, which they will bring upon themselves.**