

ANGEL AIR FLYING WARRIORS

“FOR THE LAMB AND FOR OUR GOD!”

GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE DARKNESS ...

So how does God respond to the hateful vengeance of the dragon and the violence and oppression which he directs toward the people on Earth? Does God leave those who miss the Rapture to the mercy of the dark forces? No, he certainly does not!

God responds to the darkness by sending witnesses to his eternal gospel to every nation on earth. Yes, things are different now. Very different. World and local events are beyond horrible and devastating. And it is very likely that if a person heeds the angel messengers and refuses to bow in worship to the dragon and the antichrist that he or she will be martyred. But the people left behind are not without hope. Many, probably most, of them will die, but also many will live to populate the millennial kingdom when Christ sets up his rule after the annihilation of the dragon and his forces at battle of Armageddon.

GROUND SUPPORT ... He has set apart and sealed 144,000 elite ground troops

AIR SUPPORT ... In chapter 14 alone we see that God has commissioned six different angels to carry out his plan and purpose during these last days.

ANGEL #1: ANNOUNCING THE ETERNAL GOSPEL.

- (Revelation 14:6 ESV) Then I saw another

angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

ANGEL #2: ANNOUNCING THE DEFEAT OF THE WORLD SYSTEM--BABYLON.

- (Revelation 14:8 ESV) Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

ANGEL #3: WARNING AGAINST WORSHIPPING THE BEAST OR RECEIVING ITS MARK.

- (Revelation 14:9–10 ESV) And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

ANGEL #4: DELIVERING GOD'S COMMAND TO REAP JUDGMENT ON THE EARTH.

- (Revelation 14:15 ESV) And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour

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to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.”

ANGEL #5: POISED WITH A WEAPON OF JUDGMENT AND WAITING FOR GOD'S COMMAND.

- (Revelation 14:17 ESV) Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.

ANGEL #6: DELIVERS THE COMMAND TO REAP THE HARVEST OF GOD'S JUDGMENT.

- (Revelation 14:18 ESV) And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.”

- John saw sitting on the cloud one like a son of man—the Lord Jesus Christ, coming to establish His kingdom in fulfillment of Daniel’s prophecy. The brilliant, white cloud symbolizes His glory and majesty. He is ready to take the dominion of which Daniel prophesied; the reaper is sitting as He waits for the proper time to stand and begin the reaping. That reaping (the seven bowl judgments) will be followed by Christ’s return to establish His kingdom. [MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2000). *Revelation 12–22* (p. 112). Chicago: Moody Press.]

- Armageddon, as this passage indicates, will actually be a slaughter rather than

a battle. When the Lord Jesus Christ returns, Antichrist, the false prophet, and all their human and demonic forces will be immediately destroyed. [Ibid.]

- Taken as a whole, chapter 14 of Revelation emphasizes first that the 144,000 of Israel seen at the beginning of the great tribulation will be preserved triumphantly through it. Second, the rest of the chapter is devoted to various pronouncements of divine judgment upon a wicked world, reassuring the saints of that day that, though they may suffer and even be martyred, God’s ultimate justice will triumph, the wicked will be judged, and the saints will be rewarded. This chapter reassures the saints after the two preceding chapters speak of the gigantic conflict that will have its consummation in the great tribulation. The implications of the message for today are only too plain. Today is a day of grace; but what is true of the tribulation is also true today, namely, that God will ultimately judge all men. Today, however, the invitation is still open to those who will trust in Christ and who thereby can avail themselves of the grace of God and be saved from entering this awful period which may be impending for this present generation. [Walvoord, J. F. (2008). *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* (p. 224). Galaxie Software.]