

Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 21

Chapter 14 is also not chronological, but, like the previous two chapters, it does fill in gaps in the end time events that we otherwise would not know.

Verse 1 – Where is this place?? On earth in Israel.

- ✓ Details of scene that we were introduced to in **Psalms 2:1-6**

Verses 2-5 –

Verses 6-7 – Final call

Verse 8 – First mention of Babylon, The Holy Spirit will be taking 2 chapters to deal with Babylon later on.

Verses 9-11 – Fatal choice and a heart decision.

Verse 12 –

Verse 13 – We are told in **Philippians 1:21** that to die in Christ is gain!

- ✓ Why at this stage would you think that an angel is sent to convey this message assuring believers about their deaths??

Verse 14 – “Son of Man” – code phrase from Daniel referring to Jesus Christ.

- ✓ **Matthew 24:30** – “...Will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great glory”
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Verses 15-16 --**Matthew 3:11**

Verses 17-18 – This is a second kind of harvest and these are not destined for the storehouse but for the wine press where they will be crushed.

- ✓ Similar symbolism in **Matthew 13:36-43.**

Verses 19-20 – **Joel 3:13-14, Is. 63:1-6.**

Chapter 15 – Shortest chapter in Revelation and a prelude to chapter 16--pouring out of the boles.

Verse 1 - God’s wrath is not some big blow up or temper tantrum. It comes in courses of 7 – each increasing in intensity

- ✓ These are not partial as the others have been, but will be full, global judgment.
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Verse 2 – Sea of glass finds its symbol in the bronze laver of the Tabernacle and Temple and is symbolical the Word of God that cleanses us.

- ✓ Washed with it while down here and standing on it when we get to heaven!!

Verse 3 – Song of Moses is a song of Redemption and God rescuing the Israelites from Egypt.

- ✓ Song of the Lamb – **Revelation 5,**

Verses 4-5 – Temple is mentioned 15 times from Chapter 4 onward but only once in the first 3 chapters because we are dealing primarily with the people of the Temple—the Jews.

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Verses 6-8

Chapter 16

These bowl judgments are going to have a ring of the plagues of Egypt to them:

- ✓ What were the conditions at the time of the plagues of Egypt?:
 1. Israel was in bondage.
 2. A dark lord was enslaving them and killing them.
 3. God sent a savior to rescue them.
 4. 2 false miracle workers were doing false wonders to turn the tide of the day.
 5. God's plagues decimated the land, but the people of God went unscathed.
 6. God's own are manifestly marked and those unmarked are slain.
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Verses 1-2 – Not on the children of God...were there boils in Egypt? Yes. (6th plague of Egypt)

Verses 3-4 – Sound familiar? (1st plague of Egypt)

Verses 5-6 –

Verses 7-8 – The sun goes through here what seems like a nova sequence (much brighter and hotter and then much cooler and darker)

- ✓ Sun Worship = one of the earliest forms of Idolatry (began in Babylon)
 - ✓ Nimrod is classically understood as the one responsible (his name means: "We will rebel")
 - ✓ Bab-el was tower for the worship of the stars the greatest of which was the sun.
 - ✓ The Zodiac was cast on a pavement of stones under the watchful eye of the sun and stars and moon to determine direction and future.
 - ✓ Remnants of this cult in modern Islam – Allah = Al-elah who was the sun god of the ancient nomadic tribes and represented by the Islamic Crescent and Star.
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Verse 9 – Notice the offer still stands to cry out and get out!

- ✓ Horrible plagues and they know it's from God and yet do not repent!
- ✓ "It is easier to denature plutonium than it is to denature the evil spirit of men" --Albert Einstein

Verse 10 – Remember from Chapter 13 "who is able to make war with the beast?" – God is able.

- ✓ 9th plague of Egypt depicted here.
- ✓ God is the true light and when he chooses not to shine—it's really dark!!

Verse 11 –

Verse 12 – This is eastern boundary of Israel as promised to Abraham.

- ✓ The kings of east have to get to Israel for the great battle.
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Verse 13 – Frogs are echoes of the 2nd plague in Egypt.

Verse 14 – How much deception does it take to take up arms against God Almighty?

Verse 15 – Up until this point, there have been in each series of seven a break between the 6th and the 7th and this no exception.

- ✓ Like a “Word from our Sponsor”
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Verse 16 – Famous place

- ✓ “Har” = mountain or hill
 - ✓ “Meggido” = specific city in ancient Israel.
 - ✓ 60 miles north of Jerusalem.
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Verse 17 – Why the air? Satan is the prince of the power of the air.

Verses 18-21 – huge tectonic earthquake

- ✓ Huge hail stones—stones of the size of a talent (~130 pounds) were used by the Romans in the siege of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and were devastating.
 - ✓ Old Testament penalty for blasphemy was stoning.
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