

20231105 All nations will come and worship before the Lord

Revelation 15:1-8
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¹ I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues - last, because with them God's wrath is completed.

² And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God

³ and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb:

"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

⁴ Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

⁵ After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened.

⁶ Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests.

⁷ Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.

⁸ And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

The futility of following the spiritual enemy and the goodness of the true God

John 10:10-11

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:9

⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

Four things Jesus did through His incarnation:

1. He fulfilled some of the prophecies in the Old Testament.
2. He revealed the image of God the Father.
3. He died on the cross to prove God's love for humanity.
4. He rose again from the dead.

God's two special purposes in His judgement.

1. To call more people to His eternal Kingdom one last time before Jesus establishes God's kingdom on earth.
2. To punish and to restore the nation Israel for His eternal plan.

Our life experiences with Christ form our unique spiritual identities.

Revelation 14:3

³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

Visions John sees in chapter 14

Revelation 14:7

⁷ He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

The fall of false cultural, financial, political, and religious systems

Revelation 14:8

⁸ A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”

Revelation 14:12

¹² This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

Two different results: Harvest and winepress

Revelation 14:19-20

¹⁹ The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath.

²⁰ They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia. (about 180 miles)

Matthew 24:29-35

²⁹ “Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

³⁰ Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

³² Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

Where is the history going to?

All nations will come and worship before the true God of creation

Revelation 15:2-4

² And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God

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