

REVELATION CHAPTER 14 PART 1 -- Basic and General Study of Revelation, compiled by Gaetan.

The Book of Revelation is divided beautifully into three sets of seven Chapters, plus an extra chapter as a conclusion. The first seven chapters offer a sort of a preview and resume of all history, from the past of John's Day through to the very End. The second seven chapters zero in on the worst and most awful period in human history, the Tribulation era with its Seven catastrophe-causing Trumpets. It ends with the Seventh Trumpet, the Last Trump announcing the Coming of Christ.

Now, in this 14th chapter, which is the end of the second set of seven of chapters, we are given a SUMMARY of the grand event that accompanies the Second Coming of Jesus Christ - the Rapture of His Saints!





REV.14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a **Lamb** stood on the mount **Sion**, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

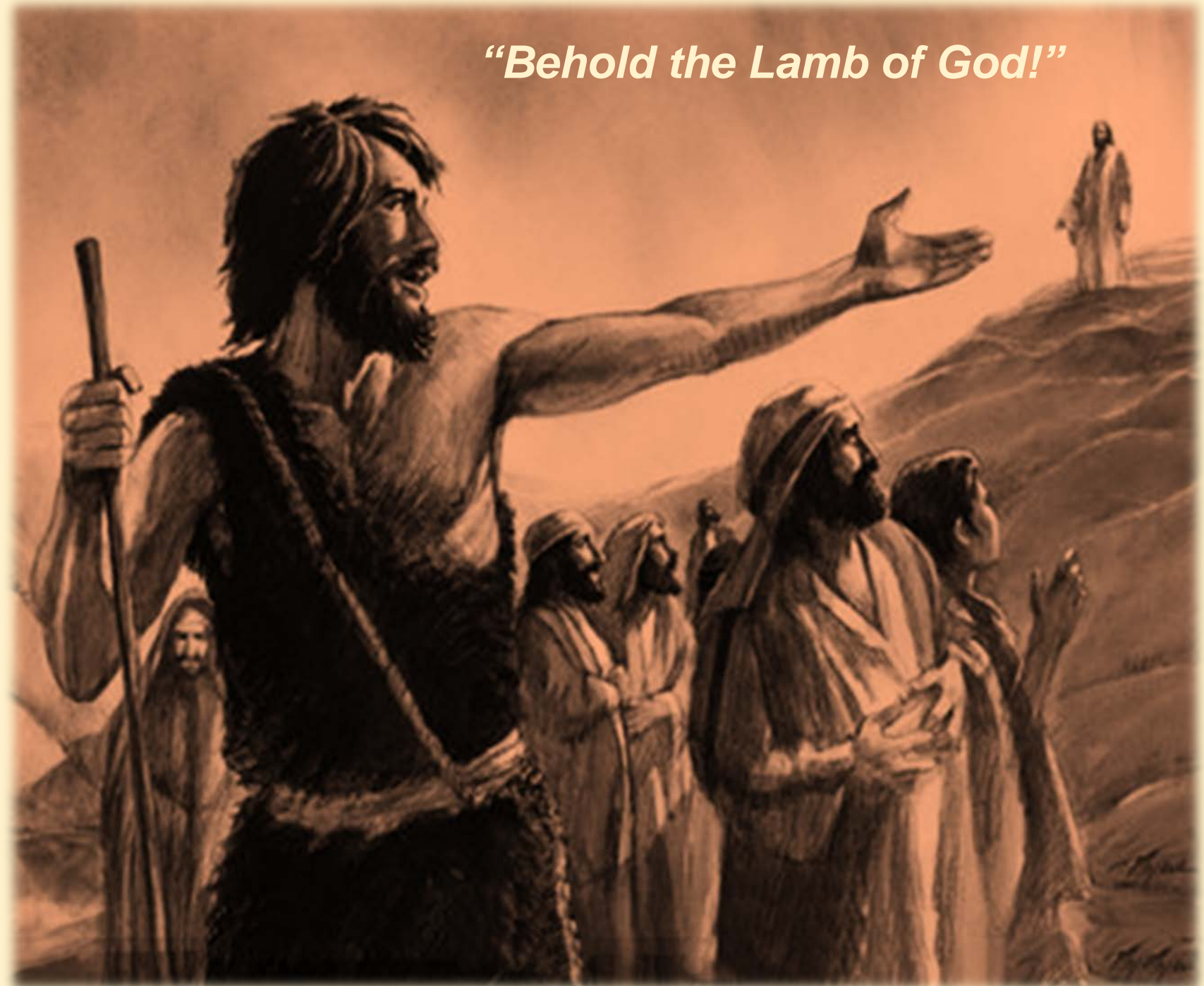
**** Psa.2:6** Yet have I set my king upon **my holy hill of Zion**.

**** Heb.12:22** But ye are come **unto mount Sion**, and unto **the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels,

**** Rev.3:12** Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will **write upon him the name of my God**, and the name of the city of my God, which is **new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven** from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Jesus is the Lamb of God. When John the Baptist saw Him, he exclaimed, "***Behold the Lamb of God.***" (Jn.1:29) These 144,000 are the same ones we saw back in chapter 7 who were being sealed in their foreheads before going through the Tribulation. They are God's elite people who have climbed the "*hill of God--MT. ZION*"--a mountain of spiritual victory over the world.

REV.14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard **the voice of harpers harping with their harps:**



REV.14:3 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.

There is a great fanfare made for their entrance, for it's the grand appearance of the Stars of God's Great Play! It's as if they're taking a curtain call after having already appeared in the play, but here they appear with Him in Heaven.

--This time not just on Mount Zion, Jerusalem, Israel, where the first Christians started the Early Church, but now at the end of history, the play is almost over.



It's time for their curtain call, the fanfare, the applause and the plaudits of all creation, along with the voice of many waters, thunder, harpers! What a Grand Finale for any play! And they sang a new song! They have a grand final number that they're going to sing as this particular scene closes on this grand dramatic play of the Lord, only it's not just a play, it really will happen!

**** REV.5:8-9** *And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before **the Lamb, having every one of them harps**, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And **they sung a new song**, saying, Thou art worthy ... to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and **hast redeemed us to God by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.*



REV.14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.



REV.14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

**** 2CO.11:2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

**** JOH.10:27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

**** EPH.5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The apostle is speaking figuratively. In saying

"they were not defiled with women, for they are virgins,"

he doesn't mean that they were a bunch of celibates! Nor does it mean that they had never committed any sins; it simply means that in the sight of God they were pure and holy, sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ, that they stayed faithful to Christ, ***"their Bridegroom."***

They are greatly honoured here in this last grand scene, this great climax of the play in this particular scene of the World's greatest hour of Tribulation, which comes to its close with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! They're greatly praised, there's a great orchestra, there are harps, there are songs, there're thunders, there're all kinds of tremendous celebrations, and the vision shows that they're in Heaven with God! Praise God!



More on who are the 144,000

(1) They are most likely the same as the 144,000 who got sealed (chapter 7 verse 4) before the tribulation in order to be protected from the tribulation trumpets, be they Jewish Christians, or a mix of the *"Israel of God"* composed of Jewish and gentile Christians.

(2) Some others say they are the early Christians, the first fruits of Christianity. Nobody else could sing that song except these who were the ones who bore the earliest cross, the heat of the day during the pioneering of the Church--and they were nearly all Jews, those who began the Church of Jesus Christ, and they are referred to here in the fourth verse as *"the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb."* They were named in a previous chapter even by tribes, 12,000 from each tribe of Israel, 144,000 all together.



If you want to take it literally, these first Jewish Christians who initiated and established the Early Christian Church are practically being honoured here by the Lord for being pioneers, so many of them martyrs and pure in heart as far as God was concerned.

**** JAM.1:18** *Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be **a kind of first fruits of his creatures.***

(3) Now if you don't want to believe that they were all the first Jewish Christians you could interpret this figuratively, symbolically as being the most outstanding believers of the Christian era throughout all history and are representatives of all those who went through the rapture, which is also called the **"first resurrection"**.

Following this scene, we have announcements by three angels, coming like trumpeters or heralds of the King onto the stage, announcing and warning of what's about to happen or has just happened:



REV.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,

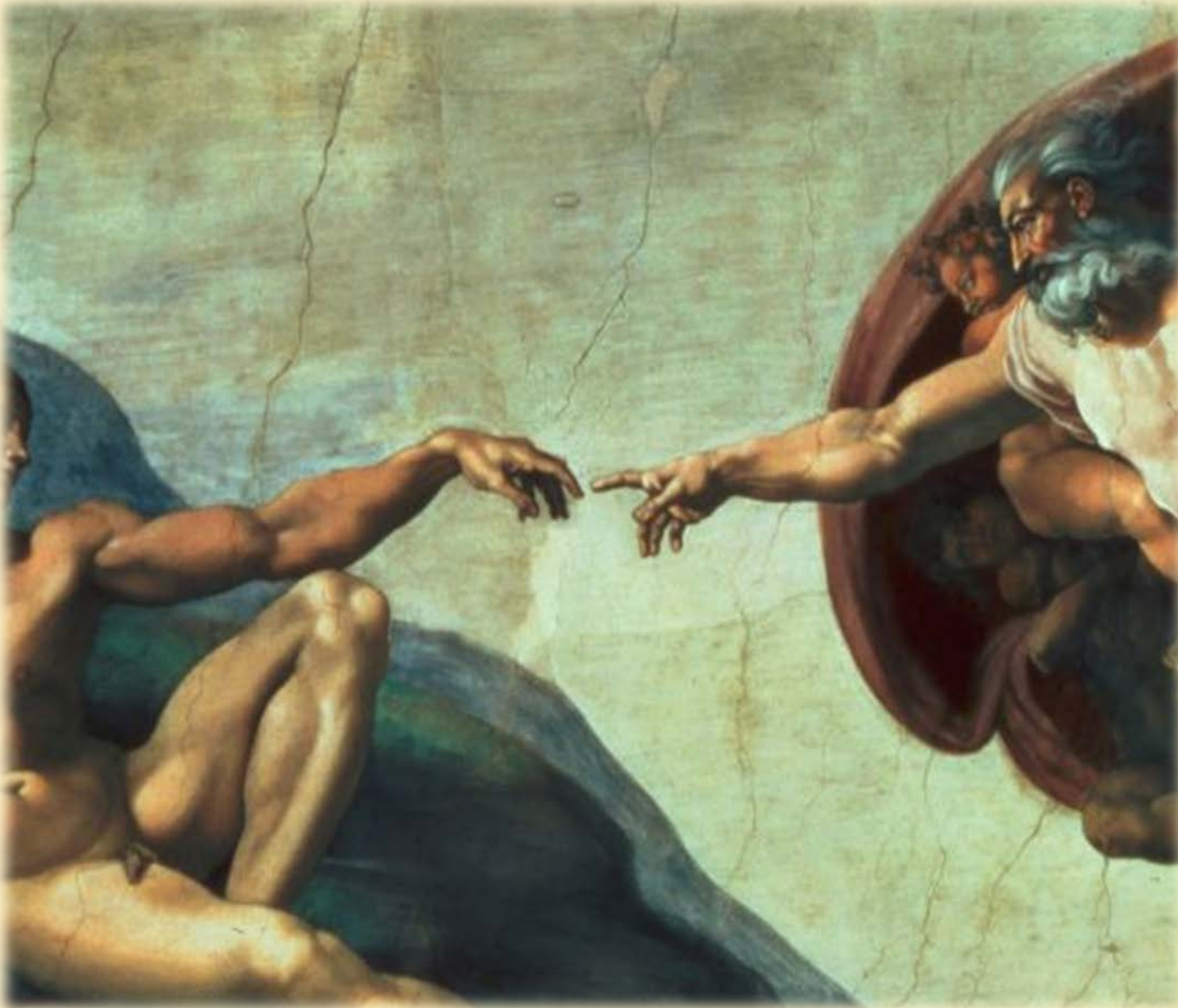
**** MAT.24:14** *And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world** for a witness unto all nations; and **then shall the end come.***

REV.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.

**** REV.4:11** *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created all things,** and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*



What is the Earth worshipping these Last Days instead of God the Creator? They are worshipping themselves and the creation! They are following the false, damnable, devilish lie of evolution, Darwin's fairy tale of self-determination or natural selection. And it is leading people to



think they can be their own creation and decide what they're going to be without God. Evolution teaches that the creation created itself, humans came into being without God; therefore, man is God. Modern religion is a religion of man worship and of the creation itself, empowered by "**science falsely so called**" (1Tim.6:20).

They say, "**God is dead, we control our destiny, so abort your baby, worship your automobile, your home and screen TV. Do your own thing.**"

But the world is going to hear this final message: "**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, the fountains of waters.**"

REV.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.**

**** JER.51:7-8** *Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, which made all the earth*

*drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore, the nations are mad. **Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed:** howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.*

**** REV.18:2-3** *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,** and the kings of the earth have **committed fornication with her,** and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.*



This Babylon is not the ancient Babylon city of old-- which was a type of the Babylon of all ages, including today, the great World City Commercial System of wealth and money, riches, things and materialism! The religion of the world is the worship of things and not God! That is Babylon, who is also called the Harlot in chapters 17-18. Babylon is used as the symbolic name for all the Babylons or World Systems from the Beginning to the End!



Here in this great book of Revelation we have two women pictured: one is very good, beautiful and pure, the bride of Christ; the other is evil, wicked-- though beautiful--but a licentious fornicator, adulteress, witch, harlot and Mother of Harlots, the False Church! Not only the false religions but the greatest religion of all: that of the worship of things, materialism--riches, wealth, power! She is the false Bride who rules over the kings and peoples of this Earth! She is the bride of many kings, many whoremongers, many governments and many rulers! She loves and fornicates with them all for gain in order that she might be rich and powerful. She rules as

a queen, and she thinks she shall see no sorrow!



REV.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,**



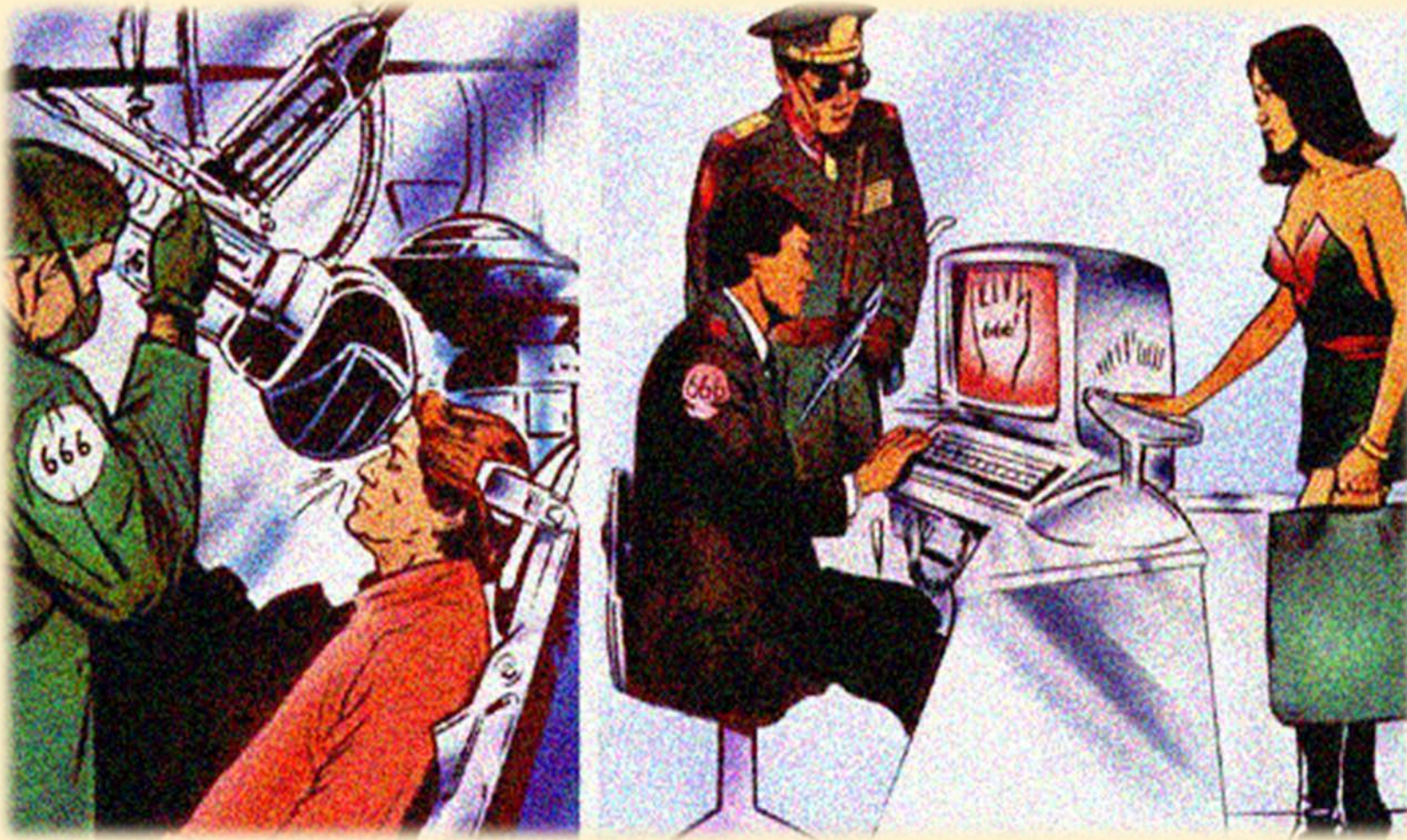
REV.14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; **and he shall be tormented** with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

This is in the announcement there of some of the horrors depicted and described

in the Book of Revelation on both sides of the Coming of the Lord--the horrors of the Great Tribulation before His 2nd Coming and then the Wrath of God!

REV.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 **receiveth the mark** of his name.
(Rev.19:20)

Even though the inhabitants of “*Babylon*” have received their chastisement at the hands of the Beast empire (as the flashback account in *chapters 17-18* explains), this third angel warns the inhabitants of the Beast empire that they too will not escape if they choose to worship the



Antichrist. The Bible says that anybody who accepts the mark of the Beast is going to face a gloomy future in the Afterlife, so obviously no truly saved Christian is going to accept it! Because the Bible says that we who love Jesus will already have the invisible Mark of God in our foreheads--faith in Jesus Christ!

The rest of the World, at least those who are following the Antichrist, this horrible Beast, will have the Mark of the Beast in their foreheads or in their hands as they follow and

worship him. But we who love the Lord cannot accept that Mark of the Beast, and we will not! If you love Jesus, you will refuse the Mark of the Beast, because you'll have God's mark in your forehead already! (*See Revelation 7:2, 3; 9:3, 4.*)

REV.14:12 Here is **the patience of the saints**: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

REV.14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **and blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth**: Yea, saith the Spirit; that **they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them**.

**** REV.3:10** *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*





**** REV.6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

“Blessed are the dead”
There will be some martyrs at that time. What is death to the Christian? To die, as Paul said, is "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."
(2Cor.5:8) When we die, we go to be with Jesus and we'll get our reward. Death is our graduation; it's

something to look forward to, not something to fear. "Here is the patience of the saints!" What is their patience and hope? -- The coming of Jesus Christ on a cloud! --The Son of Man, having a sickle and a golden crown, and He reaps the Earth!



Don't miss the details of this harvest in part 2 of this chapter.

Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev.3:20*

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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