

I. THE PERIOD OF THE SCENE

A. Chapter 13 – A Very Dark Picture

1. Hell's Holiday: What the world would be like without God's influence
2. There are many people who call themselves "deists"
  - a. They believe that God created everything like a clock
  - b. That He wound it up, let it go and then walked away
  - c. A deist believes that God exercises no interest or control
3. We are THEISTS, by the way
  - a. We believe in the GOVERNMENT of God in our lives
  - b. We believe that He has the RIGHT to tell us what to do
  - c. We believe that He is a PERSONAL and KNOWABLE God
  - d. Because that's what the Bible teaches!
  - e. But chapter 13 is what the deistic vision would look like...
  - f. HORRIFYING!

B. In Chapter 13

1. We saw the Beast of the Sea and the Beast from the Earth
2. We saw the unholy FALSE trinity
  - a. The Dragon (SATAN)
  - b. The Beast (ANTI-Christ)
  - c. The False Prophet (ANTI-Holy Spirit)
3. We saw the Mark of the Beast and the Number of his name
  - a. That any who would not worship the beast would be killed
  - b. No one could buy or sell without the mark
  - c. We heard the number 666
4. We saw the False Prophet mimic fire from Heaven
5. All Satan does is counterfeit!

C. In Chapter 14 we will see the END of the scene

1. The end of Gentile Rule at the close of the Tribulation
2. We will see the Coming of the Lord to set up His EARTHLY Kingdom
3. Jesus is coming to end Hell's Holiday

II. THE PLACE OF THE SCENE

A. Jesus is on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem

1. This is a fulfillment of Prophecy
  - a. PSALM 2:6-9 – "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. (7) I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (8) Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. (9) Thou shalt break them

with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

- b. Look at PSALM 110:1-7
- c. He will rule from Zion
2. This is the verse that Jesus used to catch up the Pharisees
  - a. MATT. 22:41-42 – "While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, (42) Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David."
  - b. MATT. 22:43 – "He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, (44) The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?"
  - c. And then Jesus asks the question:
  - d. MATT. 22:45 – "If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?"
  - e. MATT. 22:46 – "And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions."
3. So, we know who the Lamb is on Mt. Zion in REV. 14:1
4. His name is JESUS, the one and ONLY!
- B. God has put His name there!
  1. 1 KINGS 11:36 – "And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there."
  2. Jeru-Salem
    - a. Jeru refers to God's "abiding place"
    - b. Salem means "peace"
    - c. Jerusalem literally means "abiding with God in peace"
  3. PSA. 122:6 – "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."
- C. He is STANDING there
  1. No one is going to push Him off that mountain
  2. There is no power that can move HIM
    - a. Satan doesn't want Him there
    - b. Satan will try everything to keep Him away
    - c. Satan will try stop at nothing to destroy His kingdom
    - d. BUT HE CANNOT!
  3. We see the place, but now let's look at the people of the scene
  4. Who is standing with Him?

### III. THE PEOPLE OF THE SCENE

- A. REV. 14:1 – The 144,000
  1. These are the same as those in REV. 7:3-8
    - a. The represent the Israelites during the Tribulation REV. 11:25-26
    - b. 12,000 from every tribe

- c. These are not JWs. These are not Gentiles.
    - d. This is not “replacement theology”
  - 2. They join the Heavenly Chorus – REV. 14:2-3
  - 3. And sing a NEW SONG
    - a. What is that new song? Not REV. 5:9-10
    - b. Because the 144,000 are not redeemed out of every people
    - c. We could learn THAT song (in Rev. 5)
    - d. But only the 144000 can learn THIS one
- B. These 144,000 are UNDEFILED
  - 1. They have practiced neither physical nor spiritual fornication
    - a. They bear the Mark of GOD not the Mark of the Beast
    - b. They are VIRGINS
  - 2. We must understand the sexual perversion of the Tribulation
    - a. Everything that is currently going on will continue
    - b. But it will also get FAR worse – to the EXTREME
    - c. Things ENCOURAGED today that were unthinkable 10 years ago
  - 3. Do we think it will stop during the Tribulation?
  - 4. 2 TIM 3:13 – “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”
- C. Yet these stand FAULTLESS before the throne of God
  - 1. Faultless – no cracks (pottery was called “sincere” – without wax)
    - a. Tested by setting it in the sun and letting the paraffin melt
    - b. Do we show our cracks when we get put under a little heat?
    - c. Let’s be vessels unto honor for our Lord!
  - 2. These had no fault and STOOD WITH Him
  - 3. We have seen the period and people, now let us hear the proclamations

#### IV. THE PROCLAMATIONS OF THE SCENE

- A. The First Angel REV. 14:6-7
  - 1. He preaches the ever-lasting Gospel (Good News)
  - 2. That means Good News forever! (Everlasting means it doesn’t end)
    - a. God uses churches in our day to proclaim the message
    - b. During the Tribulation, He uses the 2 Witnesses
    - c. And Angels
    - d. And the 144,000
    - e. And preaches it to ALL nations
    - f. Do you think God cares about people getting Saved?
  - 3. This angel magnifies God
    - a. This is how to spread the Gospel, Raise the Name of Jesus Higher!
    - b. JOHN 12:32 – “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”
- B. The Second Angel
  - 1. Tells of the doom of Babylon

2. The World Systems will crumble and fall
  3. This will be finally fulfilled in Chapters 17 and 18
- C. The Third Angel
1. Tells of the doom of the Beast Worshipers
    - a. They receive NO mercy REV. 14:10
    - b. The UNMIXED pure wrath of God poured out upon them
  2. The “Cup of Indignation” means ANGER (enough’s enough)
  3. Then we have a picture of the torments of Hell REV. 14:10-11
  4. In Hell (and the Lake of Fire) there will be “No Rest” forever
- D. We have seen the period, the place, the people, and the proclamations
1. Now let us hear the Patience of the Saints

V. THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS

- A. These are the faithful saints REV. 14:12-13
1. The Bible teaches that these are those SAVED during the Tribulation
    - a. They are blessed because He made them RIGHT with God
    - b. They enter into REST at death (compare to the beast’s followers)
    - c. They shall receive REWARD for their works.
  2. You too can be RIGHT with God
  3. You too can enter into REST after Death
  4. You too can receive REWARD for serving God
- B. But to have the patience of the saints, you must first BE a saint
- C. You must be Saved