

### **The everlasting gospel**

In Revelation 14, John sees a vision three angels(messenger of God) flying in mid-heaven and records their messages after victorious the Man-child rapture.(v.1-5) The first angel "*had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth to every nation, tribe, language and people*"(v.6) The angel proclaim the everlasting gospel to the whole earth with the good news of God's salvation that is an eternal message, and prediction of something that will happen in tribulation. God will give all of mankind one last opportunity to turn from their sin and trust in Christ to receive His gift of eternal life before seven final judgments the seven bowls. The angel announces to all people "*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*"(v.7) The second angel announces the fall of Babylon the Great. Babylon means: a false god, city of confusion. It is used as symbol of a wicked religious and political system. The third angel warns those who worship beast and receive his mark will be severely punished because Supreme Judge of the universe is near us. Merciful God is appealing to mankind one final time to reject lies and false teaching of Satan's confused, dangerous which is false doctrine of the Antichrist and his false prophet and respond to the truth of everlasting gospel of God. Eternal Gospel is proclaimed to everyone, because everyone is responsible to know God's eternal power and His divine attributes. Everyone will have to make a decision whom they will serve and worship. No one falls outside of accountability to the God Almighty who brought the entire universe into existence who is worthy for our reverence, praise & worship.

The judgment of the nations by the Lord will be with a warning. After proclaiming the eternal gospel, God will finish His work of judgment upon sinful world in the day of the Lord. Jesus will return in power and glory. His coming will be final manifestation of wrath of God upon a sinful world and puts down all unrighteousness. The rebellion of Satan, demons, wicked men is contained, put down and judged. The first tempt to sin in human history occurred in Garden of Eden thru serpent. Since then humankind has replaced One true God with various types of idols.(ROM1:21-25) We need to remember that we are mere creatures who must give an account of our lives to the Supreme Judge of the universe. Everyone must fear God believe in Jesus Christ as the Lord of creation and salvation and worship Him only.

In Rev.13:8 the inhabitants of the earth will begin to worship a world leader who is the antichrist. Rev.12:9 calls him the great dragon that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, who leads the whole world astray will deceive people by performing signs and lying wonders through his subtle power.(IITH2:9,10) All people living on earth will worship it, except those whose names were written in the Book of Life of the Lamb.(2TH2:4) Rev.13:14-18 tells us that the mark of the Beast is the mark of the Antichrist. In order to participate in the global economy will have to agree to satanically controlled world government and its false religion. When make this pledge, they will be issued a number (mark of the Beast). Without this number they will not be allowed to buy or sell anything. A person who takes this mark has effectively denied Jesus as his exclusive path to salvation and will be eternally lost. And will be forced to worship the image of the beast. We know that the content of the gospel of grace is to repent and to believe. But the content of the eternal gospel is to fear God & worship Him only. The nations need to fear God since time of judgment is coming and worship God as their Creator thru obedience, and experience in trusting Him as Creator of the heavens, and earth. *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, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.*(v.9-12)

At the end times the man of lawlessness is revealed, the Antichrist who will try to change times, laws, exalt himself, persecute God's people. "Peace and safety" is a delusion from the Antichrist. The false prophet makes people of the world worship him, other alternative will be death. It is as if the angel will testify to all nations that the Antichrist is not their creator, warn people not to worship beast. As such those who stand against God, surrendering to Antichrist, bows down before his image, receives the mark of his name or number will all fall down by plagues of God and be thrown into eternal hell fire. In Rev.18:4 tells us that terrible judgment is coming to Mystery Babylon, that we must come out of her so we don't receive her plagues. Verse 12 says *Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.* Who are God's people, the Jews who keep commandments and left behind Christians. Antichrist will set up an image in the temple as an idol and Abomination of Desolation will occur. But God's true believers will recognize the Anti-christ for who he really is and they will not believe the lie and refuse to worship his image being sacrifice their lives for testimony of Christ and die as martyrs. *They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives to death*"(REV12:11) They must persevere through in patience (or steadfast) in Tribulation by believing in the Lord like Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and stand firm to the end.(DAN3:16;REV2:10) There will be no true peace until the "Prince of Peace" Jesus Christ reigns.

Finally, a voice from heaven promising comfort to those who die in the Lord from now on. Verse 13 says, "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from this time forth.*" The saints must therefore defend their faith and embrace their martyrdom of faith. The Lord Jesus will return to rapture the saints at the final Harvest. He will resurrect the saints who will have been martyred in the tribulation to defend their faith and for faithful witness. They are so blessed, that they will live with the Lord in glory of His millennial Kingdom and His eternal Kingdom of Heaven forever.(REV20:4)