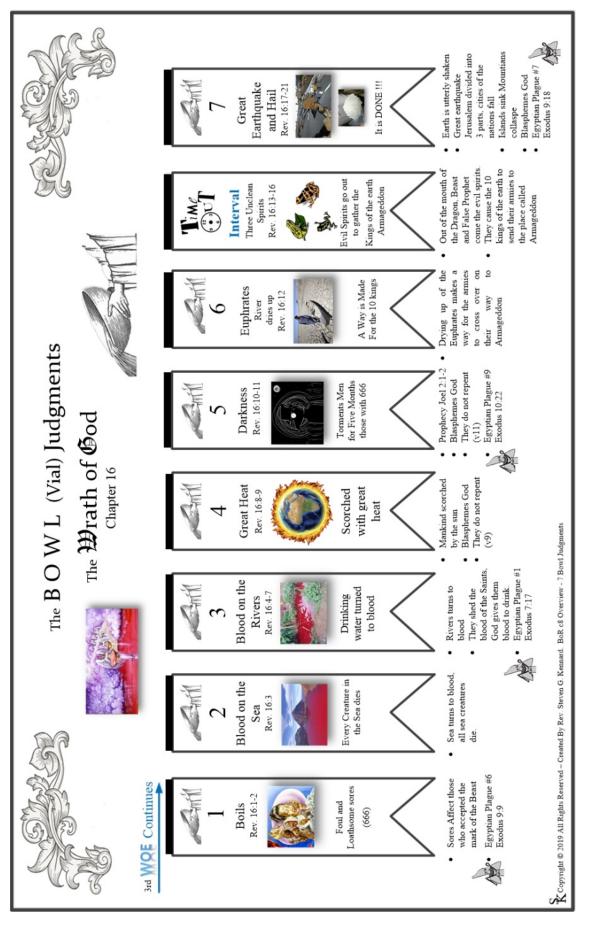


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Also known as Vial Judgments



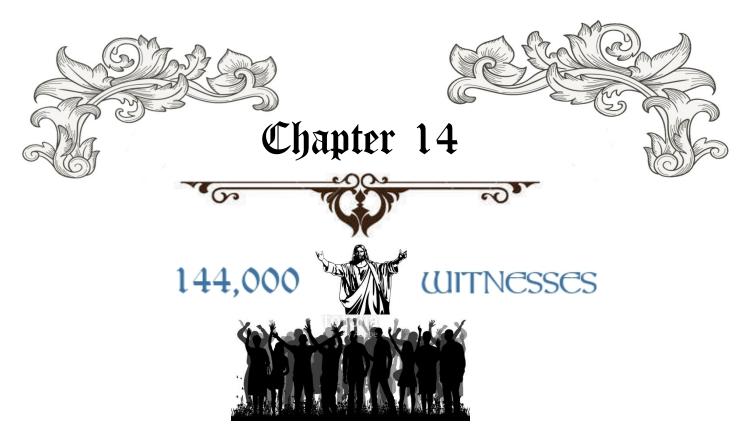




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The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion

¹Then I looked, and behold, the 14:1-5 (NASB), Revelation Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and fortyfour thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps.³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.⁴ These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.⁵ And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.





n chapter seven of Revelation we are first told of these 144,000 young men who have become the end-time witnesses for the Lord. These witnesses (in my opinion) complete the work of the Church (Matthew 28:16–20) which has been referred to as the **GREAT COMMISSION**.

Matthew 28:16-20, (NASB), ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Jesus gives His church direction and purpose. The taking of the Gospel to the world has been the mission of the church since Jesus first spoke the words in Matthew 28. There is no higher calling but to share the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST and to MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations.

At this point in the book of Revelation the Church has been missing for three and a half years, but don't you know God will always have His witnesses, there will always be someone who will share the Gospel and here there are 144,000 of them. They will continue the work of the church. They will take the Gospel to all the world and to those who have never heard, **TEACHING** the commandments of the Lord.

Now is the time for all who are left on the earth to make their decision who they will serve, to take the **MARK of the BEAST** or not. The largest revival the world has ever seen will happen during this time.

Who are the 144,000 Witnesses?

Revelation 14:4-5, ⁴ "These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste *[virgins]*. These *are* the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

- 1. The **144,000 WITNESSES** are young **JEWISH MEN** (ref. c7:4-8) who have not defiled themselves with women, who have remain virgins, some translations say kept themselves "*chaste*."
- 2. Who **FOLLOW the LAMB** wherever He goes: This speaks of their complete obedience to do the will of the Lamb. In the same way that the Lamb followed the Father (John 4:34), so these followed the Lamb. Those who fully follow God are blessed. Joshua and Caleb were allowed into the Promised Land because they followed God fully (Num. 14:24).

3. **FIRST FRUITS** to God and to the Lamb: The nation of Israel is said to be the firstfruits of God's increase which would eventually include multitudes of redeemed Gentiles (Jer. 2:3). James indicated that the early church was "a kind of firstfruits of His creatures" (Ja. 1:18). In the time since, the harvest has spread to multitudes around the world. Here, after the Church Age and the fullness of the Gentiles has come in (Rom. 11:25), these represent the firstfruits of the spiritual awakening of Israel in preparation for the Millennial Kingdom to follow (Eze. 37:1).

The 144,000 may also be considered firstfruits from the perspective of their unique preservation through the Tribulation enabling them to contribute to the initial Jewish population which enters the Millennial Kingdom in their natural bodies and subsequently populates the kingdom (Isa. 65:20, Isa. 65:23).¹

The Mark vs. The Seal

During the tribulation period there will be two groups of people. These two groups will make up just about the entire population of the earth, and they will all have a **MARK** (Antichrist) or a **SEAL** (Jesus) depending on who they worship as God. The world and the Beast will demand a commitment from you. There will be no changing your mind, no half-hearted effort, just total commitment. It's like getting a tattoo. You either get it or you don't.

The First Group: The first group begins with the 144,000 converted Jews: (Rev. 7:3-4)

Revelation 7:3-4 "saying, Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousands of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:"

I believe initially only the 144,000 will have God's seal on them. However, as they begin their work and souls are added to their numbers, these new converts will receive God's sealing also. This "SEALING" is talked about in Rev. 14:1 where we are told the seal is the name of the FATHER of the LAMB. If you are being tormented, then you do not have God's seal on you. The last revival of all time is under way and souls are being added to the kingdom daily, a great cloud of witnesses is rising up.

¹ https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/revelation/revelation-14/revelation-14-4.html

The Promise

Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

The promise God makes to those who commit to Him is eternal life with Him. You will **REIGN** with Christ for a **THOUSAND** years and know the joy of serving God. The promises of this life are temporary, but the joys of heaven are eternal and everlasting.



The Second Group:

Rev. 13:16-17 "He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Revelation 9:4 "They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads."

The Walking Dead

In Rev. 13:16 above it states that he **CAUSES**, everyone to receive the mark. This word "causes" means ... as by **FORCE** or you will be killed. Those who do take the mark of the beast will find themselves in this second group. They have rejected the message of salvation through faith in Christ. Their self-centeredness and selfishness lead them straight into the arms of the Antichrist They will not recognize him as such, but this is what the great deception is about. They will be deceived, lied to and made to believe a lie. Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 says "There is a way that seems right to a man, But Its end is the way of death." Yes! This group will be able to buy and sell freely and without the persecution from their new world ruler. But then there is another "perk" they did not expect; there is a promise waiting for them also.

The Promise: For those who never accepted the gift of God and wanted to live life their way, for those who bought into the claims of the antichrist and took the mark and swore loyalty to the new world order, there is a promise God has made to them:

Revelation 14:9-11 "Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Revelation 16:2 "So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image."

Those who take the mark, in whatever form it is given, may have bought themselves some **TEMPORARY** relief from the persecution of the Antichrist. But they would be better off to fear God rather than man, for heaven is for eternity. But then, so is Hell.



Revelation 14:6-9



1st Angel - The Everlasting Gospel

Revelation 14:6-7 (KJV), 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, 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."



ohn writes about many angels in the Book of Revelation, but here is the only account of an angel whose mission is to preach the "EVERLASTING GOSPEL" to every nation, kindred, tongue and people on the earth. This is the same commandment Jesus gives the church found in Mark 16:15

Mark 16:15 "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Gospel being preached to the entire world has become known as the "GREAT COMMISION." This must be fulfilled before Jesus RETURNS (second advent), not neccessarly before the rapture of the church. The rapture is consider "His COMING in the clouds."

There are four forms of the Gospel that are mentioned in the New Testament and we must distinguish carefully between them.



Acts 20:24 "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

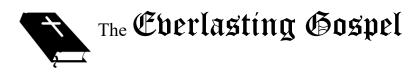
This is the "GOOD NEWS" that Yeshua Ha Machiah, Jesus the Messiah, died on the cross for the sins of the world and paid the price of our Salvation. This form of the Gospel is also called the "GOSPEL OF GOD" found in Rom.1:1 because it has its source in the Love of God (Jn.3:16) and is charaterized by Grace. It is the "GLORIOUS GOSPEL" because it speaks of Him who is in glory and has been glorified and is bringing many sons to glory. It is the "GOSPEL OF PEACE" because it makes peace between the sinner and God and brings peace to the soul (Eph. 6:15).



Romans 2:16 "In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel."

Acts 26:16-18 ¹⁶"But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷ 'I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ 'to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."

This is the same "Gospel of the **GRACE OF GOD**" or of **SALVATION**, with the additional revelations that were made known to Paul (Eph. 3:1-7; Rom.11:1-36).



Revelation 14:6-7 "Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth -- to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

It is "GOOD NEWS" to Israel and all those who are passing through the "fires of judgment," because it declares that their troubles will soon end in the judgment of the destruction of the Antichrist. This is not the "Gospel of the Kingdom" nor of "Grace" and its burden is not Salvation, but Judgment. It calls on men to worship God as "CREATOR" but not as Saviour, and so it is also called the "ETERNAL GOSPEL" the Gospel that has been proclaimed from Eden down through the Patriarchs and Prophets and that it saves men for all eternity.

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

This is the "Good News" that God will set up a Kingdom on this earth over which David's Son, Yeshua Jesus, shall reign as prophesied in Luke 1:32-33. At last the Jews will see the Messiah establish His Kingdom. This Gospel is not for salvation but rather as a witness, that is, it is the announcement that the time has come to "Set up the Kingdom."

In Summary: -

- **1.** The Gospel of the Grace of God This is the beginning, declaring the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. Salvation has come to all men.
- 2. My Gospel The sending out of the saints to "Preach the Gospel."
- 3. The Everlasting Gospel A call for men to worship the creator of all things.
- 4. The Gospel of the Kingdom The announcement that the time has come to "Set up the Kingdom."



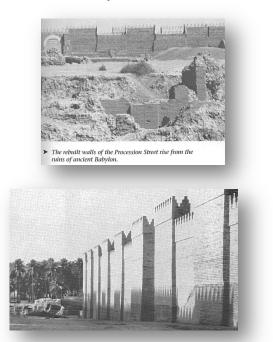
2nd Angel - Prophecy of the FALL

of the EVIL POWERS

Revelation 14:8 (KJV), "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."

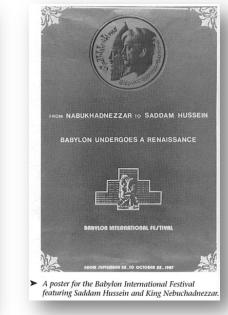
The ancient city of Babylon was destroyed approxitmately 539 B.C. and has not been established since. With the exception of a few sheepherders and farmers passing through, Babylon has been just ancient rubble for thousands of centuries.

In his book "The Rise of Babylon: Sign of the End Times," author Charles H. Dyer shares with the world the account of the re-emergence of that ancient city of the Bible, Babylon.



UNDER PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN. one of the ancient world's most legendary cities has begun to rise again. More than an archaeological venture, the new Babylon is self-consciously dedicated to the idea that Nebuchadnezzar has a successor in Mr. Hussein, whose military prowess and vision will restore to Iraqis the glory their ancestors knew when all of what is now Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, and Israel was under Babylonian control.

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Is this the fulfillment of Bible prophecy that after some 2000 years Babylon will once again rise to center stage in the world's financial market, or could there be another explanation? Modern-day Babylon in Iraq is still today just ruins of what once was and will never be again. In his time Saddam Hussen former dictator of Iraqi sought to restore Babylon to its former glory that it had under King Nebuchadnezzar.

The cry of the second angel was, "**BABYLON is FALLEN**, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Any city can be a "type" of Babylon in that its dealings and scope of its reach can affect the entire world. This future Babylon is already a "Great City" and will become an even greater city as the nation's drink of her cup. The Islamic Babylon has awakened and is even now a giant in world finance causing the entire world to drink of her **CUP of OIL**.

The angel declares that this financial empire will come down by the hand of God. This future great city according to scripture (Revelation 17:3) is in the **WILDERNESS** some translations use the word **DESERT**. As to which city would today uniquely fit the description of this city, I can only say ... look towards Mecca.

3rd Angel - The Doom of the Antichrist Followers

Revelation 14:9-11 (KJV), 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, 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: ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascended up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name.

This is the most awful warning given yet. It is saying anyone who takes the MARK OF **THE BEAST** is doomed forever. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone forever, having no rest day or night. If nowhere else in the Bible, then it is here that the doctrine of eternal punishment is taught. The trade off is $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years of pursuit and possible death at the hands of the Antichrist or an eternity in the Lake of Fire with the Antichrist.

The Blessed Dead

Revelation 14:12-13 "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

This is basically true for all saints of all the ages; however, it is especially true for those who die after the **FALSE PROPHET** has decreed that everyone who does not worship the "**IMAGE of the BEAST**" will be killed (Rev.13:15). This is a special group who "Die in the Lord" from this point on. Some translations may say "from henceforth." They

are blessed because they will have been delivered from the trials of the "Great Tribulation" and will receive the "MARTYR'S CROWN" (Rev.2:10). This special group of saints have no prospect before them except martyrdom, hence the need at this time of a special message of blessing to those who are faithful until death. This group of the Blessed Dead is not the Church. The church has not been heard from since it went missing at the very beginning of the tribulation. These martyr's are those who have been saved by the preaching of the 144,000 witnesses, or by the testimony of those who repented of their sin after the rapture came and they found out that they have been left behind.

The Reaper The Harvest and the Vintage Rev. 14:14-20



Revelation 14:14-20 (NASB), ¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe."¹⁶ Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. ¹⁷ And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." ¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

The "**REAPER**" of chapter fourteen is none other than Jesus Christ. John identifies Him as the "**SON OF MAN**," for He was the "Sower" and He will also be the "Reaper." The harvest in this passage is the harvest of the earth. It is describing a gathering together of the Gentile Nations (which takes place over the course of several chapters) into the "Winepress of the Lord," or the "**GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD**." This a prophetic fulfillment found in Joel the third chapter.

Joel 3:9-17⁹ "Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. ¹⁰Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.' "¹¹Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD.¹² "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ¹³ Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow -- For their wickedness is great." ¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵ The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness. ¹⁶ The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel. ¹⁷ "So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

This harvest is a harvest of the Gentile Nations that have rejected Christ. The prophet is saying they are being brought (harvested) up into the "Valley of Jehoshaphat," better known as the Valley of Megiddo, or the "VALLEY of ARMAGEDDON." This gathering or harvest is for a JUDICIAL purpose of judgment in the Great Winepress of the Lord. The account here is anticipative. It looks forward to chapter 16:13-16, which speaks of how the armies of the world are to be gathered together by "THREE UNCLEAN SPIRITS" (represented by three frogs) to the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty at Armageddon. This Battle takes place after the fall of Babylon (Rev.17:15-18, 17:16-17, 18:3; Isa.21:9, 13; Zec. 5:1-4) and is more fully described in chapter 19:17-19 of this study.

We are told that the Harvest is **RIPE**, and the "Son of Man" thrust His Sickle into the earth, and while the pouring out of the "Bowl Judgments" is a part of the reaping, the Harvest is not finished until the end of the "Battle of Armageddon."

The "VINTAGE" is of the "VINE of the EARTH." Israel was a "VINE" brought out of Egypt (Ps. 80:8) and planted in Canaan, but when God looked for it to bring forth "GOOD GRAPES" it brought forth "WILD GRAPES" (Isa. 5:1-7), and fruit unto itself (Hosea 10:1). When the Lord of the Vineyard sent His servants for the "Fruit of the Vineyard," the husbandmen beat one, killed another, and stoned another. At last He sent His Son, Him they took and cast out of the Vineyard and killed. Matt. 21:33-43.

Matthew 21:33-43 ³³ " Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. ³⁴ "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. ³⁵ "And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.³⁶ "Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. ³⁷ "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ "So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" ⁴¹ They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? 43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

Then Jesus became the "TRUE VINE," of which His disciples are the branches (John 15:5). The "VINE OF THE EARTH" is Antichrist and all who belong to his destructive and evil system. The "WINEPRESS" is the winepress of the "FIERCENESS AND WRATH OF ALMIGHTY GOD" (Rev. 19:15). The Prophet Isaiah (Isa. 63:1-6) describes Christ's share in this epic battle. It will cover the whole Land of Palestine, and extend as far south as Edom and Bozrah.

<u>Note:</u> Bozrah was the capital city of the Edomites, once they settled from their nomadic lifestyle. It is located in modern day **Jordan**

The harvesting of the armies of the nations of the world has begun. They are headed to the place called **ARMAGEDDON**.



A Scene in Heaven

Revelation 15:1-4 (NASB), ¹Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, *which are* the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished. ² And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. ³ And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! ⁴ "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For all the nations will come and worship before You, For Your righteous acts have been revealed."



he last set of seven judgments are about to be unleashed upon the earth and an unbelieving and unrepentive mankind. John says he saw seven angels having the last seven plagues in bowls which they carried and each bowl was filled with the wrath of God

John was also given a view of what he called a **SEA of GLASS** before the throne of God. On this sea of glass were those of the redeemed who had (through their death) had their victory over the beast, over his image, and over his mark. In this we can see the reward for those who are **FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH** and had not taken the mark of the beast.

Notice John makes no mention of the church here. The church is in the new city, the **NEW JERUSALEM**, which is their inheritance (Rev. 21:9-10).



Revelation 15:1-8 (NASB), ⁵ After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, ⁶ and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean *and* bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes. ⁷ Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. ⁸ And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

