# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

#### **REVELATION CHAPTER 14:8-13**

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#### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

# HEAVENLY VISIONS MAKE FOR EARTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS — PART 3

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 14:8-13

#### **New Living Translation**

Isaiah 46:9 And do not forget the things I have done throughout history. For I am God—I alone! I am God, and there is no one else like me. :10 Only I can tell you what is going to happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

#### Revelation 14:8-13

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### Chapter 14,

Is both a Parenthetical Overview and a Continuing Outline of the Events that Make up the Tribulation Period

III.) The events that make up the tribulation (consisting) v.8-13

Why will there be a Global, Worldwide Tribulation That will Engulf All of Mankind, Why?

What will be the Justification of This Horrific Time!

#1

Mankind's Rejection of God's Rule

#2

Mankind's Rejection of God's Will

#3

Mankind's Rejection of God's Son

#4

Mankind's Rejection of God's Word

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# Verse 8

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# Define The Babylon(s)

It's Many Things - But Ultimately It's The Religious/Commercial System
That Brings Down this World.

# "because she has made all nations <u>drink of the wine</u> of the wrath of **her fornication**."

## The Cost of Rejecting God's Salvation Warrants Eternal Punishment

Hell is a Real, Forever, Spiritual Experience; And Strange Thing is - - Hell is a Choice.

# The events that make up the tribulation

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice - everyone has the right to choose right v.12-13

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patience grk 5281 **hupomone**, *hoop-om-on-ay* cheerfulness or hopefulness. the "good-will" endurance, the waiting (waiting with a joyfully end insight)

The Waiting; it's Worth it!
The commandments; stay clear of this world!
The Faith; Jesus is our Hope!

# This is an Amazing Verse!

Here we have The voice from heaven - no doubt that this is the voice of Almighty God

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

# Then we hear a resounding...

"Yes," "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Says the Holy Spirit,)

### The Holy Spirit Himself Comments

Notice that it is Regarded to Labor (sufferings) and Works (deeds)

A Spirit-Filled Life will Produce Biblical Fruit. The Fruit of the Spirit is the Production of Biblical Works

#### John 15:15-16

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. :16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

#### John 15:8

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

#### John 15:1-2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. :2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

#### John 15:4-5

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. :5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

#### **Galatians 5:22-23,25**

But the fruit (that which is natural) of the Spirit is love (verb), joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, :23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law., :25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

#### Matthew 7:16

You will know them by their fruits.

#### Colossians 1:4-6

because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints — :5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel :6 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

#### Ephesians 5:8-10

For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light **:9** (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), **:10** finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

#### Romans 6:22-23

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. **:23** For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There Is An Expert Witness regarding our lives that will testify = the Holy Spirit!

It is the Holy Spirit that **commissions** our lives to the work that God has called us to do.

it is the Holy Spirit that **empowers** us to do the work that god has called us to do

#### Acts 1:4-8

And being assembled together with *them,* He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said,* "you have heard from Me; :5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." :6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" :7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. :8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

#### Zechariah 4:6

So he answered and said to me: "This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

# it is the Holy Spirit that **guides us** to the work that God has called us to do

#### Acts 13:1-4

Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. :2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said...

..."Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." :3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away. :4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

#### Hebrews 6:10

For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in* that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

#### **Romans 8:16**

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

#### **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

#### **Galatians 6:9**

let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

can you hear the love of God in this verse?

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