

The Angel that Shocks the World

In this day and age, when evil rules so much of the world and our eyes have become hardened to the wickedness and cruelty of mankind, many have tragically turned away from God, not realising that He set aside 6000 years for us to learn, if necessary the hard way, that rejecting God's Laws as we have, will only result in suffering and unhappiness.

As Jesus Christ experienced in His Temptation, Satan, after his rebellion, was allowed by God to remain as the 'God of this world', 2 Corinthians 4:4, *'The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.'* And Luke 4: 6-7, *'And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."*

Satan it is, who inspires the rebellion in so much of mankind and at whose feet can be laid responsibility for man's rejection of even the existence of their God. But that deception is soon going to be dramatically removed, worldwide, by an event which will rock all nations and shatter the atheists to their rebellious core.

It will come out of the blue, as a complete surprise to all, for although the signs are that it is close (Matthew 24:8, *'All these are the beginning of sorrows'*) no man can tell you when it will occur, and its divine power and authority will be quite unmistakable, an event without equal or comparison in the history of the world.

We first read of this event in the book of Joel, and you are reading about it today because of the instruction God gave to His servants in Joel 2:1, *'Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near.'*

God's servants have a duty to warn the world of the dangerous events in the near future, events which are so dangerous that all mankind faces destruction at God's hand as consequence of our wrong choices and rebellious sins, Ezekiel 33:6, *'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone's life, that person's life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.'*

Tragically, though the event itself will be astoundingly miraculous, staggering in its impact and quite clear in its instruction, the vast majority of all men and women worldwide will fail to actually follow the Divine command we will see it contains. It will cost most of them their lives, Joel 2:28-31, *'And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.' What are these dreams and visions?*

This event **itself** has been a mystery for too long as even God's ministers have failed to put the relevant scriptures together so that its timing and understanding becomes clear, but firstly and importantly, it is sufficient to notice that it occurs **before** the prophesied heavenly signs in the last days and the Day of the Lord. The following two verses define the content of the dreams and visions.

Revelation 14:6-7, *'Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."' ESV.*

These two verses have been totally neglected, even by the ministry of the Church of God, and God's people have placed their trust in their ministers rather than diligently searching out God's words for His further

instructions, which these ministers ignore because they don't fit into their accepted end time scenario, which does not match the scriptures.

We gain a little more information about the timing of this event from the Apostle Peter in Acts 2:16-17, *'But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.'*

Here we learn that it will occur in the last days, also referred to as the end time, the end of the age, the latter days and the Day of the Lord, which lasts for a period of seven years. (See our End Time tab and the timeline charts it contains) Most of those seven years is taken up with the increasing punishment of the seven seals, described in the Book of Revelation starting in chapter 7, at the end of the Sixth Seal.

Our God being a God of great mercy, the very *first* event of those years though, is that which we read of in Joel, Acts, and finally in Revelation 14:6-7, *'Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."* These two verses *detail* the material provided by those dreams and visions, which are the only way that God can satisfactorily reach *'every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people'*, with His merciful warning.

The *'everlasting gospel'* is the gospel of the Kingdom of God which the angel carries, the very same eternal message which Jesus Christ also brought in Matthew 4:17, *'From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

It is the message to all men and women that Jesus Christ is about to return to rule the whole world as king of kings, Revelation 11:15, *'Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."* Revelation 19:16, *'On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.'*

The difference this time is that we have then reached *the end* of the 6000 years. The gospel also includes the *requirement to repent*, and obviously will contain knowledge about the Ten Commandments, that all men and women **might know** *what God requires of them.*

Images of that coming world of peace and prosperity in God's Kingdom, will be graphically projected into the minds of all people worldwide through the dreams and visions, and they will see that it will be an ideal world, a return to 'Garden of Eden' conditions.

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This will cause all of mankind (except a few die hard atheists) to rejoice, delighted to know that the present suffering of mankind is to come to an end.

Revelation 14:7 however, (*'And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."*) actually places demands upon mankind, which are not so easily digested or observed. To 'fear God', is to respect His instructions and actually struggle to keep His Commandments, to acknowledge Him as the one true God, no matter what they have previously believed. To 'give glory to Him' is to repent and live by His every word.

It is in this way that we are to worship our creator, and failure to do so at this *'hour of His judgment'* will bring down punishment upon mankind in the following 'tribulation of those days' (Matthew 24:29) and God's further and deeper wrath which occurs during the Great Tribulation of the *Seventh Seal* in the last 3 ½ years. Revelation 7:14, *'I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'*

Maybe God provides less in the way of graphic images of His wrath than He actually does of the peaceful and prosperous world to come during the 1000 years of the millennium, or maybe our minds are conditioned to emphasise the more acceptable part of the message, but for whatever reason, most people, as indeed is the case with most Christians today, are prophesied to fail to fully repent by striving to keep God's Commandments and Laws.

So it is that in the very next verse in Revelation 14, after the angel delivers his message in verses 6 and 7, the nations which God here refers to as 'Babylon' are brought low through God's intervention, and then their invasion and captivity, also mentioned in Revelation 18:2-3. Revelation 14:8, *'Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."*

Only those who *were prepared* by their faithful study of the scriptures, recognise that the dreams and visions provided by the angel of Revelation 14:6-7, will be *closely followed* by the fall of Babylon (See our article http://www.ozwitness.net/docs/what_is_babylon.pdf) so will need to flee then, after the dreams and visions, but before the fall of those nations, to fulfil the instructions God has provided in His word (See our article http://www.ozwitness.net/docs/come_out_of_her_my_people.pdf)

This then, is the awesome event provided by the angel that flies, which will shake the whole world to its foundations at the very start of the end time. It will take place worldwide, probably over one day as most people sleep, and one can imagine peoples' consternation as they awaken to find that the whole world has experienced the same shocking message.

The great tragedy is that all too many who will then rejoice, will actually fail to follow the *second* part of the message, only realising their mistake when Christ comes in the clouds and the saints who *were* ready, ascend to meet Him, though they are left behind to face God's wrath in the Great Tribulation, which they were warned about but failed to absorb and act upon. May you be prepared!

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