



Worksheet #20

“The Final Warning”

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Remnant
Church

God's End-time Messengers

Revelation 12

- Pure woman carrying the Child of the King of Heaven:
Old Testament church before Jesus
- Dragon with seven heads and ten horns waiting to devour Child:
Satan Using Rome to trying to kill Jesus
- Child king taken to heaven:
Jesus is born, survives Satan's attacks, returns to heaven.
- Woman flees to wilderness 1260 days:
Church persecuted during 1260 years of papal supremacy.
 - Verses 7-12: background story of the dragon
 - Verses 13-15: return to the story of the dragon and the woman
- The earth helped the woman escape the dragon's persecution:
The New World (later USA) provides refuge for the church
- The dragon turns his rage against the “rest of [the woman's] offspring”:
In a time when even formerly faithful “offspring” (churches) fall away, there is still a faithful remnant who “keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ,” enraging Satan.



Revelation 13

- Retells the story of the Roman Church during the 1260 years, but with added detail
- At the end of the 1260 years, the papacy loses power by a “deadly wound.”
- But afterward the deadly wound is healed and all the world “marveled and followed the beast.”
- Introduces the power that would aid in the papacy's resurgence, the United States of America
- Through Satan's means (deception and persecution), the U.S. will lead the whole world in worship to the beast by requiring universal Sunday observance.

Revelation 14:1-6 (also Revelation 7:1-8; 13-17)

- Though it seems the whole world is being swept away, these people will obviously be saved.
- They have the Father's name in their forehead; have His godly character.
- These redeemed have endured a unique experience that only they can sing about.
- “Not defiled with women”
 - “Woman” always represents the church, thus “women” represents churches
 - In contrast to Revelation 12's pure woman and the “rest of her offspring,” the antichrist is described as an impure woman “with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication,” resulting in harlot daughters **Revelation 17:1-6**
 - God's faithful remnant have neither drunk the wine of the “great harlot” nor defiled themselves with her harlot daughters.
- This remnant people have “no deceit” in their mouths; they proclaim God's truth in the last days.

God's End-time Messages

The First Angels' Message

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."

- "The everlasting gospel to... every nation, tribe, tongue, and people."
 - No new gospel, but the *everlasting* gospel (lamb slain from the foundation of the world)
 - Gospel goes to the whole world **Matthew 24:14**
- The gospel is preached during the time of the judgment.
 - All the rest of Scripture speaks of the judgment happening in the future
 - At this point, however, the judgment has begun.
- The evidence of genuine conversion is obedience to God's commandments
 - The seal of God is true worship outlined in the 10 Commandments
 - Revelation 14:7 is the longest single quotation from the Old Testament in the book, taken directly from Exodus 20.

The Second Angel's Message

Revelation 14:8 And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

- In Revelation 17, "Babylon" is the name of the antichrist (papacy) who makes the world "drink."
- With her political influence "wounded" for the time being and the announcement of the judgment underway, the true light from God's word is proclaimed boldly to those within the antichrist system and those within her "harlot" daughter churches.
- God calls those awakened by the truth within Babylon to "come out of her *My people*."
- Friends, not all of God's people are in His remnant church... *yet!*

Third Angel's Message

Revelation 14:9-13 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."

- The message is simple and to the point... "Don't worship the beast!"
- At this point everyone on the earth will demonstrate their allegiance either to Christ or to Satan.
Matthew 10:28 "do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."
- Revelation 14 closes with a description of Christ's return with a sickle in His hand. **Matthew 13:30**

God's remnant people, His true church on the earth...

- Preach the everlasting gospel in the context of the pre-Advent judgment which began in 1844
- Keep the seventh-day Sabbath as a demonstration of their loyalty to God
- Undo Babylon's errors by teaching the Bible truth about death, hell, the heavenly sanctuary, etc.
- Are constituted in only one body of believers in the world today: the Seventh-day Adventist Church.