

Revelation

Chapter Fourteen

Revelation 14:1-5

“Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins.

These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.”

A Lamb Standing On Mt Zion

- John looks and sees a Lamb standing on Mt. Zion.
- The last time John saw Jesus as a lamb was in the Revelation 7:9 where a "Great Multitude" from every nation, tribe, language and people stood before the Lamb and the Throne.
- This multitude was the result of the 144,000 Jewish Witnesses who proclaim the gospel message to the ends of the earth.

The Reason For The 144,000

- This Good News **of the Kingdom** will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.- Matthew 24:14
- Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give you as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"-**Isaiah 49:6**
- During the tribulation God will seal these 144,000 Jewish sons for the purpose of evangelizing the nations
- The end that Jesus is referring to in Matthew 24, is clearly the tribulation.

Mount Zion

- Mount Zion is also known as the City of David.
- "Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David)." -**2 Samuel 5:7**
- "In the OT Zion refers to Jerusalem, the city that David conquered and made a capital of the united kingdom of Israel...."-Unger
- God chose Zion, i.e. Jerusalem as His dwelling place forever.
- "For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place: 'This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.'"-**Psalm 132:13-14**

God's Love For Jerusalem

- "Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there....for now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually....Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever"

----2 Chronicles 6:6;7:16;33:7

Zion A Gathering For The Redeemed

- "Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever."-**Micah 4:1-5**
- **Psalm 48**
- **Isaiah 2:2-4**
- Thirty different Psalms address this moment in history!

The 144,000

- The 144,000 certainly haven't been defeated by the Beast; here they are triumphant worshipping and standing firm with Jesus.
- The 144,000 are like the three Hebrews who survived the fiery furnace in Daniel 3:19-25.
- The 144,000 are evidence of God's ability to preserve His people.
- "In chapter 7, we have the sealing; here, we have the end of which they were to be sealed. In chapter 7, the object of their sealing is that they might pass through the Tribulation unscathed; here we see the object attained."- Bullinger

Father's Name

- The 144,000, have the Lambs Father's name written upon their foreheads.
- Those who worshipped the Beast had the name of the Beast written upon their foreheads which we saw in Revelation 13, was Allah the moon god and the god of Islam.
- "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive."-**John 5:43**

- Moon worship has been practiced in Arabia since 2000 BC. The crescent moon is the most common symbol of this pagan moon worship as far back as 2000 BC.
- The moon god was also referred to as "al-ilah". This is not a proper name of a single specific god, but a generic reference meaning "the god". Each local pagan Arab tribe would refer to their own local tribal pagan god as "al-ilah".
- "al-ilah" was later shortened to Allah as Muhammad began promoting his new religion in 610 AD.

- The god Allah existed before Islam did, when the Arabs were polytheistic. Allah was 1 of 360 gods and was known as “the god of the crescent moon.” Allah is also called “the morning/dawn star” which completes the symbolism of the Islamic flag.
- Before Islam the Arabs had an idol for every day of the year.
- When Mohammed came along he declared the other 359 gods to be false and that there was only Allah.

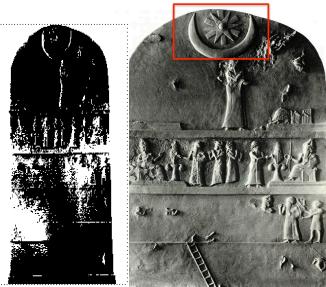
Ur-Nammu

- Ur-Nammu was king of Ur from 2112-2095 B.C., which was during the time of Abraham’s call to go out given to him from God.

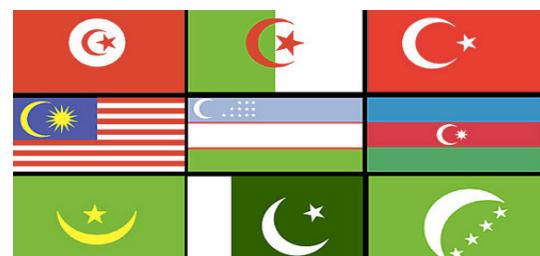


Stele Of Ur-Nammu

Ur-Nammu the restored stele of Ur-Nammu from Ur, c. 2090-1955 B.C., shows the Ur-Nammu Law Code was produced by the founder of the third dynasty of Ur and builder of the best preserved ziggurat in Mesopotamia. He ruled from 2112 to 2095 B.C. Twenty-nine laws are extant, and by way of Eshunna Code 1950 B.C., then the Lipit Istar Code the fifth ruler of the dynasty of Ur 1864-1854 B.C., which leads to the Hammurabi Code in 1728 to 1686 with 282 laws after receiving them from the god Shamash seen later in this chapter. To the right is the obverse view of the Ur-Nammu stele, the top register shows a king standing before a deity seated on a throne. Two scenes in the second register each show the king offering libations to a deity. What remains of the third and fourth registers show the king carrying a basket and surveying and building instruments; part of a ladder and bricks (at the lower right of fourth register) built into a wall suggest that the subject was the building of a ziggurat.



Islamic Country Flags



- “So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent (moon) ornaments that were on their camels’ necks.” **Judges 8:21**
- “12 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son (star) of the morning!” **Isaiah 14:12**

God Rebuked The Worship Of The Moon God

- "And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, **you feel driven to worship them and serve them**, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage." -**Deuteronomy 4:19**
- Moses warned the Israelites to not worship the sun and moon and stars of heaven because that is what the surrounding nations were doing.

Baphomet



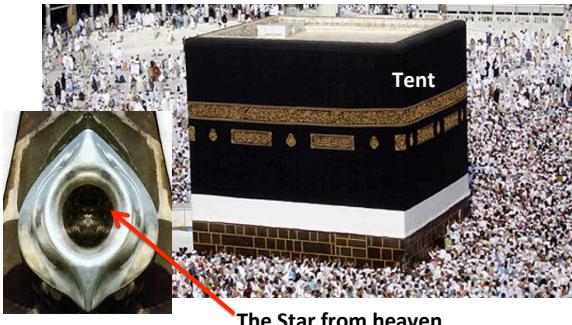
- One of the theories is that the name Baphomet is derived from Mohamet or Mohammed.
- The symbols being pointed to by Baphomet is the symbol of Islam the Crescent moon and the Star on his forehead.
- "The 19th century image of a Sabbatic Goat, created by Eliphas Levi. The arms bear the Latin words **SOLVE** (separate) and **COAGULA** (join together), i.e., the power of "binding and loosing" usurped from God and, according to Catholic tradition, from the ecclesiastical hierarchy acting as God's representative on Earth." - Wikipedia
- Also, the shape of the thing on his head is the exact shape of the black stone of Islam which fell as a star from heaven.

The Ka'ba

- Mecca is the holiest sight in all Islam and was Mohammed's home town.
- Mecca is also the location of the Ka'ba.
- The Ka'ba is the Islamic Temple to Allah.
- It also houses the 360 idols within it.
- One of the five pillars of Islam states that a person must make a pilgrimage to Mecca once per year and go to the ka'ba to worship.
- The chief cornerstone of the Ka'ba is the Black Stone.

- One of the key features of the Ka'ba is the black stone which Mohammed claimed **fell as a star from heaven** and was originally white and has turned black from the sins of man.
- When arriving in Mecca the pilgrim will circle the ka'ba 7 times and touch the black stone in order that **the black stone will take away your sins**.
- This is blasphemy at the core of God's being and Jesus His only Son Who was given to mankind to take away our sins.
- Mohammed was trying to claim that the black stone, **which fell as a star from heaven**, has the same power and grace of Jesus Himself and the majority of Muslims believe.
- Islam denies that Jesus died on the cross to redeem mankind.
- It is interesting that 1.3 billions Muslims are required to make a pilgrimage to bow down to the black stone while they have repeatedly destroyed structures of historical antiquity claiming that it is idolatry.

Image Of The Ka'ba



The Star from heaven

- "Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: 'Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You also took up the tabernacle (tent) of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, images which you made to worship; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'"-**Acts 7:42-43**
- The images of a tent and star were images that apostate Jews worshipped.
- Mohammed said the black stone contained the "Shekina" glory of God.
- These images represent Satan's desire to be worshipped by imitating God.

Image Of The Beast

- "The Black Stone will come forth on the Day of Resurrection and will testify in favour of those who touched it in truth."
- "It was narrated that Ibn 'Abbaas said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said concerning the Stone: "By Allaah, Allaah will bring it forth on the Day of Resurrection, **and it will have two eyes with which it will see and a tongue with which it will speak, and it will testify in favour of those who touched it in sincerity.**"- Islamqa.info
- "He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed."-**Revelation 13:15**

Revelation 14:6-8

“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.” 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.”

The Eternal Choice

- There are three angels that bring a warning to the people on the earth.
- Once the Earth’s inhabitants are warned people must choose between God and Satan.
- After the choice has been made by the Earth’s remaining inhabitants, Jesus as “Son of Man”, is pictured on the cloud about to reap the harvest of the Earth In Revelation 14:14.
- Jesus has a sharp sickle and He will reap as the wrath of God is poured out on the Earth meanwhile, those who chose poorly, gather to make war with God.

The Everlasting Gospel

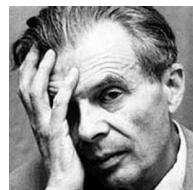
- This first angel is flying in the midst of heaven proclaiming the good news.
- This is the same gospel that the two witnesses proclaimed, the same gospel the 144,000 proclaimed, and the same gospel that the raptured church proclaimed while upon earth.
- The main reason of this moment in history is to turn those who will be turned to salvation and to manifest those who are hardened and will continue to reject it.

The Message Of The Angel

- “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.”
- There is a creation component that is used to reach the people of the earth.
- Evolution has attempted to destroy the foundation of the origin of man, if we are to reach people we need to begin at the foundation of man’s origin, which is God as creator.

- Paul started at creation when witnessing to pagan cultures.
- “But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them....” -Acts 14:14-15
- The reason Paul and Barnabas are so upset is because the people were calling them Zeus and Hermes. -**Acts 14:12**
- We as believers are called to believe the revelation given to us in God’s Word about how He created the heavens and the earth.

Aldous Huxley—“It is clear that the doctrine of evolution is directly antagonistic to that of creation....Evolution, if consistently accepted, makes it impossible to believe in the bible.”

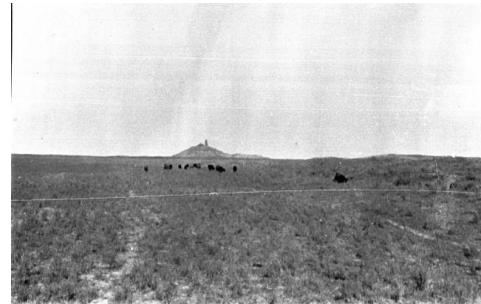


Babylon

- The third angel proclaims that Babylon has fallen.
- “For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.” - Revelation 18:5
- The reason God does not forgive the sins of Babylon because it is the source of idolatries.
- It is the place Nimrod organized a rebellion against God by building a tower to the heavens.

- This building of the Tower was in direct defiance of the Lord's command to Noah and his family to be fruitful and multiply on the face of the earth. (Gen 9:1)
- They built the Tower for the purpose of forming a religion that was based on astrology.
- Not only did these people under Nimrod's influence refuse to obey God and populate the earth, but they built a false religion of worship of the stars and how they influence our daily lives.
- Infant sacrifice was used in these high places, i.e., cannibalism, etc.

One Of The First Ziggurats at Nimrud



Picture taken in 1911, author unknown

As Man Spread False Religion Spread As Well



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Mexico



The Dollar



England



South America



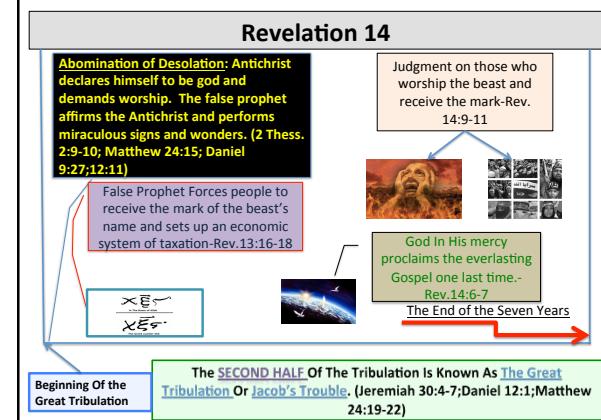
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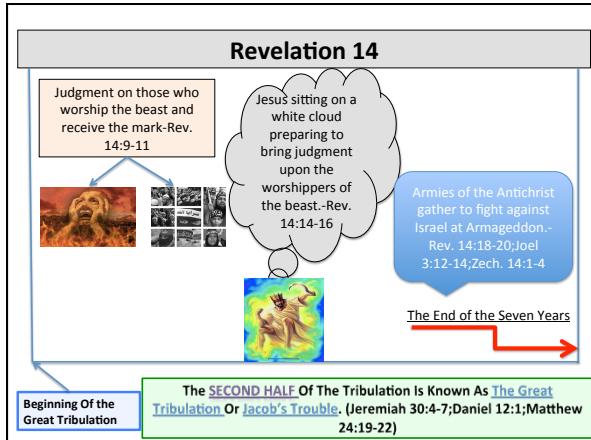
- “This wine was already bottled and labeled before the first dispersion. It went with that dispersion into every country and nation under heaven. As a matter of fact we find it to this day among all nations of the earth; affecting, if not controlling their thinking, their politics, their faith, and their worship.”- Joseph Seiss, Voices of Babylon

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.”





Worship Of The Beast

- Whoever **worships** the beast and his image by taking the mark of his name will be punished by the wrath of God.
- They will be tormented with fire and brimstone.
- They will have no rest day or night.
- The torment of those who choose the beast instead of the grace of Jesus will be the Lake of Fire for all eternity.

The Cup Of God's Wrath

- The cup of God's wrath is referred to in the Bible 13 times.
- "For thus says the LORD God of Israel to me: 'Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.'-**Jeremiah 25:15**
- "For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is fully mixed, and He pours it out; surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down."-**Psalm 75:8**
- This cup of wrath is what Jesus wanted to avoid but instead took willingly on behalf of mankind thus transferring the Father's wrath to Himself.-**Matthew 26:39**
- "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but **the wrath of God abides on him.**"-**John 3:36**

A Cry To The Master Of The Universe

- The word that is used for "Lord" in Revelation 6:10, is "**Despotes**" which means "**Master**".
- We get the word "despot" from it and is mostly used in the New Testament when referring to the master of servants.
- The best translation of "Despotes" is "Sovereign-Lord" and indicates God as Master of the universe.
- A Despot is a ruler who has total power and who often uses that power in cruel and unfair ways.
- The cry of the martyrs is asking the Master of the Universe to operate in a cruel way towards those who have put them to death.

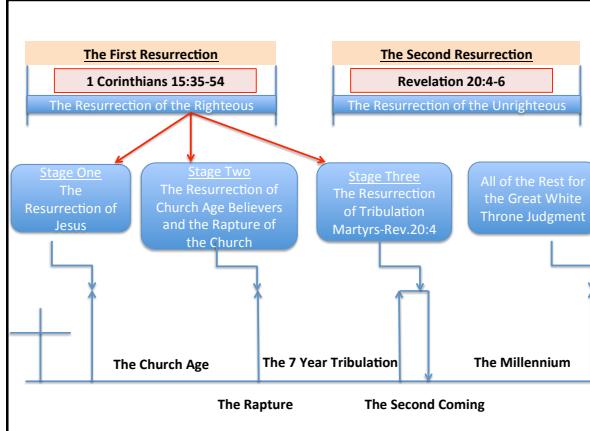
- “Rejoice, you nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants. He will render vengeance to his adversaries, And will make expiation for his land, for his people.”-**Deuteronomy 32:43**
- “How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire? Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, and on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.”-**Psalm 79:5-7**
- The people of Israel will be avenged for the constant persecution they have endured throughout history.**
- The cry of the martyrs under the altar in Revelation 6, is answered by the outpouring of God's wrath in Chapter 14.

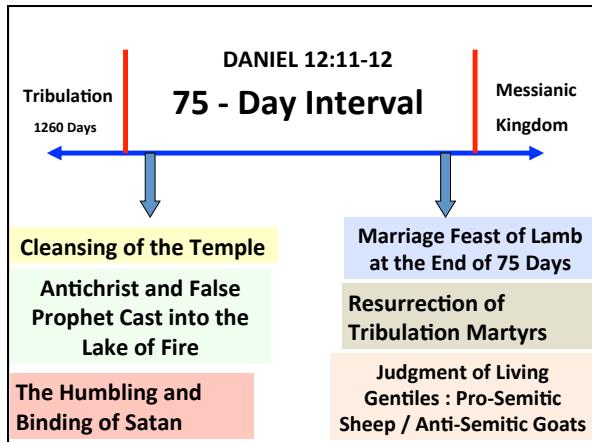
Revelation 14:12-13

“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.”

The Martyrs Of The Great Tribulation

- A Great Multitude Of People will come to know Jesus through the message of the 144,000 and the messages given by the angels and they will place their trust in Jesus during the Great Tribulation.
- Those that endure to the end will be saved and those who are martyred for Jesus' sake will save their souls for eternity.
- The works of those who believe in Jesus will follow with them because their reward is based on what they did during the Great Tribulation.
- These Martyrs are blessed in death because they will take part in the first resurrection of the Lord





Martyrs Beheaded

- “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.” -**Revelation 20:4**
- It is not a coincidence that today we are seeing beheadings of those who Muslims believe to be infidels.
- “When you meet the unbelievers in the battlefield, strike off their heads, and when you have laid them low, bind your captives firmly.” -**Surah 47:4**
- Fight those who believe neither in God nor the Last Day, nor what has been forbidden by God and his messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, even if they are People of the Book, until they pay the tribute and have been humbled. -**Surah 9:29**

Revelation 14:14-16

“Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud,

“Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.”

"Behold, He is coming with clouds..."

- A reference to Psalm 68:4 and Daniel 7:13-14
- "Sing to God, sing praises to His name; extol Him who rides on the clouds..."
- "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed."

- "[M]en's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - **Luke 21:26-27**
- "But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter **you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.**" - **Matthew 26:63-64**

The Jewish Tribes Will Mourn

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then **they will look on Me whom they pierced**. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.
 11 **In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem...**" --- Zech 12:10-11

Harvest Of Judgment

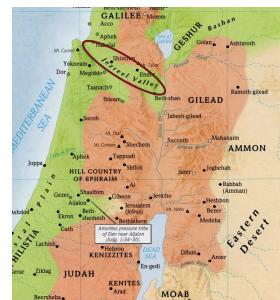
- This is a harvest of God's wrath, not redemption, upon those worshipped the beast and his image.
- Judgment is long over due but because of God's patience He desires all people to come to repentance and that no one should perish.
- The sickle is literally cast upon or against the people of the earth.
- This is Armageddon in detail and Jesus is the author of judgment to those who refuse to believe.

Revelation 14:17-20

"Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs."

Valley Of Armageddon



- Blood will fill the valley of Armageddon to the horses' bridle which is about 4 feet deep.
- "Let us consider the biblical portrayal of the size of this disaster: this river of blood is 184 miles long, and its depth is the height of a horse's bit. Now, if a horse's bit is four feet high, we can calculate the volume required to fill a blood stream of varying widths, and as we know that the typical quantity of blood in a person is six quarts, we can then calculate how many people it would take to supply the blood. The blood from one billion human beings would make a stream not even twenty yards wide over this length of 184 miles (a trough 4' deep with radiused sides would average 53 feet in width to hold the blood from one billion humans)." -Mills

Vineyards Of Jezreel



The Babylonian Vine

- The wrath of God that is being poured out is upon the people of the earth who have rejected Jesus and believed in the false doctrines of the Babylonian vine.
- The root of the false idols of moon worship and sun worship have their beginning in Babylonian.
- Moses refers to the religion of the surrounding nations stated: "For their vine is of the vine of Sodom and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter. Their wine is the poison of serpents, and the cruel venom of cobras."-**Deuteronomy 32:32-33**
- "Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; therefore the nations are deranged."-**Jeremiah 51:7**

Valley Of Decision

- "Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. 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. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision."-**Joel 3:11-14**

"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat..." (Joel 3:2)



...but how will all nations be accommodated here, in the Kidron valley, if it really is that of "Jehoshaphat"?