

ESTABLISHING THE TIME OF THE JUDGMENT

Daniel Seven, Part Three

The Time Prophecies of 1798 and 1844

Prophecy reveals the controversy between the two governments, the government of God and the government of Satan. Satan's main representative on earth is symbolized various ways in many passages of Scripture. For simplicity we will refer to him as *antichrist*. Historically, the antichrist has demonstrated the principles by which Satan rules his government, namely, self-exaltation and force. These attributes have been clearly revealed in his reign during the 1260 years of papal persecution. It is prophesied that the antichrist will again reign in terror, next time over the whole earth.

“But the judgment shall sit and they shall take away his dominion.” Dan 7:26

Does the Bible tell us when this judgment takes place?

As we look at the different passages referring to the judgment, we will notice a repeating sequence revealing when the judgment takes place in earth's history. We will see that the understanding of the prophetic time periods of the 1260 days and the 2300 days is extremely important in identifying the main issues of the great controversy. The 1260 days identify the antichrist and the principles by which Satan rules his government when given power. The 2300 day prophecy of the cleansing of the sanctuary identifies how God deals with the rebellion against His government. These two dates are referred to over and over again in the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. We must be able to give a reason for our faith from the Scriptures alone if we would be among those who vindicate His name before the universe, and stand in that great testing time just before us.

Just like the court system here on earth, there are three phases to the judgment in heaven. All would recognize the injustice of a sentencing without an investigation. We will find all three phases of the judgment in Daniel Chapter 7.

The investigation

The sentencing

The execution

In Daniel 7 not just once but three times, we find the repeating sequence that establishes when the judgment takes place. The judgment follows the reign of antichrist and precedes the setting up of the everlasting kingdom. The first of the three times this sequence is mentioned, refers to the investigative judgment, the second of the three times, refers to the sentencing of the wicked by the saints during the millennium, and the third time refers to the execution. The repeating sequence is as follows:

- 1) The reign of the antichrist
- 2) The judgment—either the investigation, sentencing or the execution
- 3) The everlasting kingdom

Let's look at the first occurrence of this sequence of three, 1) reign of the antichrist, 2) the judgment and 3) the everlasting kingdom in Daniel 7.

1) The reign of the antichrist, the little horn during the 1260 years which has been established as beginning in 538 A.D. and ending in 1798.

Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

2) The judgment—this is the investigative phase which began in 1844 when the judgment was set and the books were opened.

Dan 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire.

7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

During this phase of the investigative judgment thousands of angels are convinced of the righteous judgment of God.

Dan 7:10 . . . and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels.

Luke 12: 8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

3) The everlasting kingdom follows.

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him.

7:14 And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Let's look at the second time this sequence of three appears, 1) reign of the antichrist, 2) the judgment and 3) the everlasting kingdom:

1) The reign of the antichrist

Dan 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

Again, the judgment follows the reign of the antichrist—this is the sentencing phase. The saints judge the wicked and are thus convinced of the righteous judgment of God.

Dan 7:22a Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High;

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:

1 Cor 6:2, 3 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

“During the thousand years between the first and the second resurrection, the Judgment of the wicked takes place. The apostle Paul points to this Judgment as an event that follows the second advent. ‘Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts.’ [1 Cor 4:5.] Daniel declares that when the Ancient of days came, ‘Judgment was given to the saints of the Most High.’ [Dan 7:22.] At this time the righteous reign as kings and priests unto God. John in the Revelation says: ‘I saw thrones, and they sat upon-

them, and judgment was given unto them.' 'They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.' [Rev 20:4, 6; 1 Cor 6:2,3.] It is at this time that, as foretold by Paul, 'the saints shall judge the world.' [Rev 20:4, 6; 1 Cor 6:2, 3.] In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death." GC88 660.3

3) And what follows the everlasting kingdom? The judgment follows.

Dan 7:22b and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Let's look at the third time this sequence of three appears, 1) reign of the antichrist, 2) the judgment and 3) the everlasting kingdom:

1) The reign of the antichrist, the little horn during the 1260 years which ended in 1798

Dan 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

2) What follows the reign of the antichrist? The judgment—this is the final phase, the execution of the sentencing.

Dan 7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Revelation records the final judgment of all the wicked and their execution.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

In this phase of the judgment, the wicked are convinced of the righteous judgment of God.

Jude 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints,

Jude 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

3) The everlasting kingdom follows the judgment.

Dan 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

Thus without exception the entire universe, first the angels, then the redeemed and finally the wicked are all convinced of the righteous judgments of God, forever securing the universe from rebellion ever rising again.

Daniel tells us that he was grieved and troubled about the vision. What part of the vision troubled him?

Dan 7:15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

Dan 7:16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

Dan 7:19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

Dan 7:20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

Dan 7:28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Of everything he was shown in this vision, Daniel, was profoundly impressed with the terrible manifestation of this rebellious little horn power against God, against His saints and against His law. Grieved, he sought more understanding regarding it. In Daniel 8 and 12 we will find that Daniel is again concerned about this rebellion and again asks for more understanding. Our realizing that Daniel was concerned about this little horn power and his rebellion will help us in interpreting Daniel 12. To further establish the time of His judgment, let's go to chapter 8 of Daniel and see what we can learn about when the judgment takes place.

The Time Prophecies, 1798 & 1844 In Daniel 8

Again we find that the judgment follows the reign of the antichrist, the little horn, during the 1260 years which ended in 1798. Only in this chapter the judgment is called the "cleansing of the sanctuary".

Dan 8:9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

Dan 8:10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

Dan 8:11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.

Dan 8:12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

Dan 8:13 Then I heard one Saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain Saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

Christ in answer to the question, “how long. . . ?” speaks of the cleansing of the sanctuary assuring us that the antichrist will be judged according to his works, and “shall be broken without hand”. (Dan 8:25)

Dan 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

This is a repeat of what we found in,

Dan 7:25b, 26 “They shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit and they shall take away his dominion to consume and destroy it unto the end.”

The sanctuary reveals just how righteously God deals with the wicked.

Ps 73:3, 17 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. . . Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

Notice in Daniel 8:13, a two fold question is asked.

- 1) How long shall the antichrist tread down the sanctuary?
- 2) How long shall the antichrist tread down the saints?

The answer to the first question is in Daniel 8:14 referring to 1844 when the truth of the heavenly sanctuary was made prominent.

The answer to the second question begins in Daniel 8:17.

Dan 8:17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

When is the **“time of the end”**? Daniel is given a clue to when the “time of the end” will be in Daniel 8:19.

Dan 8:19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

The **“time of the end”** will be “in the last end of the indignation”. What indignation? The indignation the saints went through during persecution. What was “the time appointed”? The 1260 years.

Let’s go to Daniel 11 and read about this appointed time of indignation.

Dan 11:33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days [1260 years].

Dan 11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

Dan 11:35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end [1798]: because it is yet for a time appointed [the prophetic 1260 years].

Dan 11:36 And the king [the antichrist] shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods,

and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: [that is, till the treading down of the saints ends after 1260 years] for that that is determined [prophesied] shall be done.

Notice that Daniel 11 speaks of the antichrist treading down the sanctuary as well.

Dan 11:31 And arms shall stand on his [the antichrist's] part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

Dan 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Returning to Daniel 8, let us now focus on that about which Daniel was concerned and sought more understanding.

Dan 8:15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

Christ commands Gabriel to interpret the vision to Daniel.

Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

8:18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.

Gabriel begins to interpret the vision from the beginning but after he has described more of the activities of the antichrist, the little horn, and before he can explain the cleansing of the sanctuary, Daniel faints. Obviously, Daniel is quite disturbed. By reading Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9, we know he was disturbed about the sanctuary being desolate, but we also know from Daniel 7 that he was disturbed regarding the rebellion of the antichrist, which disturbance doubtless persisted into Daniel 8.

Dan 8:27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

So what are the two time periods and the prominent focus of Daniel 8? Again, the focus in this passage is the treading down of the sanctuary which was cleansed [vindicated] in 1844 and the treading down of the saints which ended in 1798.

The Time Prophecies, 1798 & 1844 In Daniel 12

We will see that Daniel 12 is again focusing on these two most important time prophecies the understanding of which unfolds the core issues in this battle between the two kingdoms.

Once the vision of Daniel 11 ends, Daniel is told to shut up the book till the "**time of the end**" when it will be understood at the time of its fulfillment. How best to confirm the prophecies regarding the 1260 year reign of the antichrist and the beginning of the judgment in 1844 than to wait till the time ends and it can be verified.

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

"But since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the Judgment near." GC88 356.2

This understanding of the prophecies at the time of their fulfillment and the proclamation of the judgment is exactly what happened. John gives us a glimpse of this in Revelation 10. This chapter deals with the disappointment of those who were mistakenly waiting for Christ to come in 1844.

Rev 10:1, 2 And I saw another mighty Angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon His head, and His face was as it were the sun, and His feet as pillars of fire: And He had in His hand a little book open:

Returning to Daniel 12, Daniel sees and hears a conversation between Christ and Gabriel. Daniel asks "**How long** shall it be till the **end** of these things?" Notice, Daniel is seeking to know how long to the **end**? It would seem likely that Daniel's question is regarding the same thing he has been concerned about in the previous chapters, the antichrist's coming against both the sanctuary and the saints. One time period led to the end of the treading down of the sanctuary in 1844, and the other led to the end of the treading down of the saints in 1798.

Remember that in Daniel 8, Gabriel also asked **How long shall the antichrist tread down the sanctuary and the saints?** Christ answered Gabriel then as He answers Daniel here in this chapter. It should be noted that when Christ visited Daniel or John the Revelator that the subject matter was either regarding the sanctuary or the reign of Satan's representative on this earth, the antichrist. Could this be because it reveals the heart of the great controversy, the principles of Christ's kingdom in contrast to the principles of Satan's kingdom?

Dan 12:5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

Dan 12:6 And one said to the Man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

"Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time?" T'M 114.6

Christ answers it shall be **finished** [ended] after the 1260 years of indignation is over.

Dan 12:7 And I heard the Man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when He held up His right hand and His left hand unto heaven, and swore by Him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Daniel, not understanding (for it was to be closed up until the "**time of the end**"), asks again, "What shall be the **end** of these things?"

Dan 12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

Again, Christ answers that it will not be understood until the "**time of the end**".

Dan 12:9 And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Having answered the question regarding the first issue of concern to Daniel regarding the reign of the antichrist, Christ now turns His attention to the other issue of concern, the judgment or the cleansing of the sanctuary. The judgment that will forever vindicate His dealing with the rebellion, not only of the antichrist, Satan's representative, but of Satan himself and all the wicked. He now refers to the experience and disappointment of those who wait for the fulfillment of the 2300 days till the sanctuary would be cleansed. It will be then that the little book will be opened regarding this prophecy and the wise shall understand.

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

“The message of salvation has been preached in all ages; but this message is a part of the gospel which could be proclaimed only in the last days, for only then would it be true that the hour of Judgment had come.” GC 356

Now Christ returns to the question regarding the reign of the antichrist, giving another clue as to when the **end** (the time of the end) shall be, again bringing us to 1798. From the time antichrist is set up till the end of his reign shall be 1290 years. We know this to be 508 A.D.

Dan 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Now Christ again returns to the sanctuary issue, bringing us down to the **end** of these things, 1843/1844. These people were 1) blessed, 2) waited for an event, a date, 3) and they came to it. These were the “blessed” people who understood when the book was opened at the “**time of the end**”.

Dan 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

So the book of Daniel concludes with a prophecy of the blessed Advent movement, the movement that arose in response to an understanding of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14, a waiting movement which led to the great event in 1843/ 1844. This same movement will “fear God and give glory to Him” and proclaim that “the hour of His judgment has come”. They will vindicate His character by being changed by the revelation of God in His judgment

Again Christ tells Daniel that it would not be understood until the **end of the days**.

Dan 12:13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

Has Daniel stood in his lot at the end of the days? Revelation chapter 10 gives the account of Christ holding the little book open, and proclaiming, “time shall be no longer”. This chapter reveals the history of the Advent movement which was waiting for the end of the 2300 day prophecy and was greatly disappointed in 1843, 1844. When the time came and went, those who were wise and faithful understood the prophecy regarding the cleansing of the sanctuary, that the hour of His judgment had come. They could only know and proclaim “the hour of His judgment **is** come” when it in fact **had** come.

Clearly, the book of Daniel chapters 7, 8, 11, and 12 highlight the two major time prophecies of 1798, and 1844. Therefore they must be of great significance and they are. Here is depicted the contrast between the two characters, the two systems of government. Satan’s system is reflected in the reign of the antichrist and Christ’s system is reflected in the sanctuary. If the battle over who should reign over the universe is ever to be settled, both need to reveal their systems for all to see and decide who they will serve.

The Time Prophecies, 1798 & 1844 in Revelation

Does Revelation also highlight these prophetic periods? We will see that they do. Let us begin with Revelation 6 and look at the 5th seal.

Rev 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Rev 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Notice that again the question, "How long?" is asked. I wonder if it has anything to do with the reign of the antichrist and the judgment? We will see that this seal deals with two sets of martyrs. Martyrs that were slain, and martyrs that are yet to be slain. Could it be referring to the saints that were martyred during the 1260 years and the saints that will be beheaded for not receiving the mark of the beast after the deadly wound is healed?

We will see this seal refers to the judging and avenging of those who did the slaying, a repeat of what we saw in Daniel. It also tells us that the martyrs were judged righteous in that they received white robes, and this while they were yet in their graves. Could this be referring to the *investigative* judgment? I believe so.

This 5th seal follows the 4th which was the 1260 year reign of the antichrist who made war with the saints and prevailed against them. Here we have mentioned 1798 again. What should follow 1798? The judgment of 1844.

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

In this passage we are given even more details. It speaks of the martyrs of the future reign of the antichrist when the wound is healed.

- 1) The 1260 year reign of the antichrist when the martyrs were slain
- 2) The investigative judgment while the martyrs are resting in their graves
- 3) The future reign of the antichrist where there will be more martyrs (see Revelation 20:4)
- 4) The avenging (executive judgment) of the antichrist

What we find in the beginning of the 6th seal are events that happened around the year of 1798 and 1844 which brought attention to these prophecies.

Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; [1755] and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; [May 19, 1780]

Rev 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. [Nov 13, 1833]

"Twenty-five years later appeared the next sign mentioned in the prophecy,—the darkening of the sun and moon. What rendered this more striking was the fact that the time of its fulfillment had been definitely pointed out. In the Saviour's conversation with His disciples upon Olivet, after describing the long period of trial for the church—the 1260 years of papal persecution, concerning which He had promised that the tribulation should be shortened—He thus mentioned certain events to precede His coming, and fixed the time when the first of these should be witnessed: 'In those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.' [Mark 13:24.] The 1260 days, or years, terminated in 1798. A quarter of a century earlier, persecution had almost wholly ceased. Between these two dates, according to the words of Christ, the sun was to be darkened. On the 19th of May, 1780, this prophecy was fulfilled." GC88 305.3

“Many who witnessed the falling of the stars, looked upon it as a herald of the coming judgment, ‘an awful type, a sure forerunner, a merciful sign, of that great and dreadful day.’ --‘The Old Countryman,’ in Portland Evening Advertiser, Nov. 26, 1833. Thus the attention of the people was directed to the fulfillment of prophecy, and many were led to give heed to the warning of the second advent.” GC 334.3

“These signs were witnessed before the opening of the nineteenth century. In fulfillment of this prophecy there occurred, in the year 1755, the most terrible earthquake that has ever been recorded. Though commonly known as the earthquake of Lisbon, it extended to the greater part of Europe, Africa, and America. It was felt in Greenland, in the West Indies, in the island of Madeira, in Norway and Sweden, Great Britain and Ireland. It pervaded an extent of not less than four million square miles. In Africa the shock was almost as severe as in Europe. A great part of Algiers was destroyed; and a short distance from Morocco, a village containing eight or ten thousand inhabitants was swallowed up. A vast wave swept over the coast of Spain and Africa, engulfing cities, and causing great destruction.” Mar 149.3

We will now look at Revelation 14 which is closely related to the 5th seal. This passage also shows a sequence of events.

- 1) The hour of His judgment **is** come (verse 7)
- 2) The future reign of the antichrist (verse 9)
- 3) The future martyrs (verse 13)
- 4) The avenging of the martyrs (verses 10, 11)
- 5) The second coming of Christ (verses 14, 15)
- 6) The execution of the judgment (verses 18-20)

Rev 14:6 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,

Rev 14:7 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.

Rev 14:8 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.

Rev 14:9 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,

Rev 14:10 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:

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in Thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for Thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

14:16 And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

Rev 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Another study would show continuing emphasis on 1798 and 1844. Revelation 10 deals with the judgment of 1844. Revelation 11 deals also with the judgment as well as with the 1260 years and the wound of the antichrist in 1798. Revelation 12 deals with the 1260 year reign. Revelation 13 deals with both the first reign of the antichrist and the second reign. Revelation 16-18 deal with the judgment that comes on the antichrist and the wicked. Revelation 20 deals with the righteous judging the righteous judgment of God and the executive judgment of the wicked. Revelation 21, 22 ends with the victorious everlasting kingdom.

Conclusion

The Judge will be found innocent, not by standing in His own defense, but by a people—a people whose faith is founded in the *“correct understanding of the heavenly ministration,”* without which it will be *“impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time to occupy the position which God designs them to fill.”* They are a people *“on guard,” “in close combat with the beast and his image,”* whose *“only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast.”* It is they who vindicate the justice and mercy of the judged Judge. That vindication of the foundation of God’s government—mercy, justice and His law, depends solely on those people who will keep the law as living witnesses of the principles of His kingdom.

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

Why did Christ care so much that His people know that 1798 marked an epic milestone in the battle between His principles and those of Satan such that He would reference 1798 no less than four times in Daniel, and in five different chapters in Revelation? Why did He reference 1844 four times in Daniel and reference the

judgment 9 times in Revelation? Why did He command His angel Gabriel, to “make this man to understand the vision?” Why were these visions of Daniel and John of such importance that Christ appeared personally to inform them? Why when answering His disciples’ questions regarding the end time did Christ propose they consult Daniel and understand the abomination (antichrist) standing in the Holy Place (sanctuary)? Do we understand? Will we be able to stand when “*everything that can be shaken will be shaken*”?

It’s not just about us. This controversy is viewed in the theater of the universe. The Judge is being judged and the universe awaits His vindication in the characters of the saints.

Who are we? What is our purpose as the remnant in this final hour of earth’s history? What is our message and what is it that sets us apart from every other church? Are we ready as well as able to give the loud cry message to a perishing world? Will this be the final hour if we do not fulfill our purpose? Has the hour of His judgment come?