

3. Seven Performers During the Great Tribulation, Revelation 12–13

Revelation 12:1-17

- a. **The Woman—Israel** (Revelation 12:1–2)
- b. **The Red Dragon—Satan** (Revelation 12:3–4)
- c. **The Child of the Woman (Israel)—Jesus Christ** (Revelation 12:5–6)
- d. **Michael, the Archangel, Wars with the Dragon** (Revelation 12:7–12)
 - 1) Satan loses his access to Heaven - God's throne (Revelation 12:7-9)
 - 2) Salvation = the Separation from Accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10)
 - 3) Saving Force - The Blood of The Lamb (Revelation 12:11-12a)
- e. **The Dragon Persecutes the Woman** (Revelation 12:12b–16)
 - 1) The Warning - Watch out... (Revelation 12:12b)
 - 2) The Woman Attacked (Revelation 12:13)
 - 3) The Wings of Eagle - God's Deliverance (Revelation 12:14a)
 - 4) The Wilderness of protection (Revelation 12:14b-16)
- f. **Remnant of Israel** - The Saved Israelites (Revelation 12:17)
- g. **Beast Out of the Sea** (Revelation 13:1–10)
 - (1) Beast #1 Description (Revelation 13:1–2)
 - (2) Beast #1 Death—Dealing Stroke (Revelation 13:3)
 - (3) The Beast's Assumed Deity (Revelation 13:4–5)
 - (4) The Beast (Revelation 13:6–8)
 - a) The Beast's Purpose (Revelation 13:6a)
 - b) The Beast Blasphemes God's Name (Revelation 13:6b)
 - c) The Beast Blasphemes God's Home (Revelation 13:6c)
 - d) The Beast Blasphemes God's Heaven's inhabitants (Revelation 13:6d)
 - e) The Beast's Purpose (Revelation 13:7a)
 - f) The Beast's Objective (Revelation 13:7b)
 - (5) The Beast's Backing (Revelation 13:7c-8)
 - (6) The Beast's end predetermined (Revelation 13:9–10)

Conclusion: the First beast must be the Dragon Himself and his place of rule!

- h. **Beast #2 Out of the Earth—a Religious Leader** (Revelation 13:11–18)
 - 1) **Beast #2 Description** (Revelation 13:11a)
 - 2) **Beast #2 The Diabolical Deceiver (Christ Like)** (Revelation 13:11b-d)
 - a) False external appearance (Revelation 13:11c)
 - b) Speech betrays him (Revelation 13:11d)
 - 3) **Beast #2 - Delegated Authority** (Revelation 13:12–14)
 - a) Dictatorial power from Satan (Revelation 13:12a)

- b) Direct Purpose of the Anti-christ (Revelation 13:12b)
- c) Deceitful miracles of the Anti-christ (Revelation 13:13-14)
- (3) The Beast #2 - Delusion Perpetrated on the World (Revelation 13:15–17)
 - a) Life Given to the Image (Revelation 13:15-16)
 - b) The Mark of the beast (Revelation 13:17)
- (4) God's Declaration of the Beast (Revelation 13:18)

Revelation 14:1-20

4. Looking to the End of the Great Tribulation (Revelation 14)

a. Picture of the Lamb with the 144,000, (Revelation 14:1–5)

1) The Lamb and His 144,000

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads(**THE MARK OF GOD**).

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers(**rejecters of the Beast**) harping with their harps:

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, **having the harps of God.**

2) The Heavenly Harmony

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 15:3 And they(**the Old Testament Saints**) sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb(**The Church**), saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.

Exodus 15:1-2

1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he **is become my salvation: he *is* my God,** and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ(**The New Testament**) dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

3) Purity - Virgins

4 These are they which were **not defiled with women**; for they are **virgins**(**Streamlined Focused**). These are they which **follow the Lamb** whithersoever he goeth. These were **redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits**(**first ones saved during the Tribulation**) unto God and to the Lamb.

John 10:4-5

4 **And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.**

5 **And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.**

4) They are **Real People** (What you see is what you get!)

5 And in their mouth was found **no guile**(**trick**): for they are **without fault**(**without blame**) before the throne of God.

b. Three Angels (**Revelation 14:6-7**)

1) **Another Angel 1 - The Preaching Angel**

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,
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.**

Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, **That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

Romans 14:11 For it is written, **As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, **of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;**

John 5:22 **For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:**

2) **Another Angel 2 - The Heralding Angel - Announcement of Babylon's Fall**

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.

3) **The Third Angel - The Warning Angel**

9 And **the third angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship**(**to kiss, like a dog licking his** master's hand) the beast and his image, and **receive**(**to seize or take**) *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Revelation 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

10 The same shall drink of the wine of **the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his(**God's**) indignation(*orge - violent passion*); and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone **in the presence(in the face of)** of the holy angels, and **in the presence of the Lamb**:

Acts 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his **passion(*patho - to experience a sensation or impression usually painful*)** by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Jeremiah 25:15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; **Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.**

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.

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on **the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

c. The **Lead up to the Battle of Armageddon**

The Saints attend the Harvesting of the earth

12 Here is the **patience(cheerfulness)** of the saints(**consecrated**): here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. **Here is the patience(cheerfulness) and the faith of the saints.**

d. Praise for Those **Who Die in the Lord (Revelation 14:13)**

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.

Revelation 7:9 (Christians are in Heaven)

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, **which no man could number**, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, **clothed with white robes**, and palms in their hands;

Psalms 116:15 Precious(valuable) in the sight of the LORD *is* **the death of his saints.**

e. **Preview of Armageddon (Revelation 14:14–20)**

1) **Jesus with His sickle**

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto **the Son of man(Jesus)**, having on his head a **golden crown**, and in his hand a **sharp sickle(drepanon - a gathering hook)**.

Daniel 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.

Joel 3:13

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

2) **Angel #4 - Thrust in**

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.**

16 And **he(Jesus)** that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and **the earth was reaped.**

3) **The 5th angel - Out of the Temple**

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

4) **The 6th Angel - Calls for a reaping**

18 And **another angel** came out from the altar(probably the **altar of Sacrifice**), 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.

19 And **the angel(angel #5)** 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.**

5) **The Battle of Armageddon Described**

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and **blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles(about 4 feet deep)**, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs(**185 miles - distance from Dan to Beersheba**).

Psalms 45:3-7

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 **Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies**; whereby the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: **the sceptre(shebet - dart or rod) of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.**

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;