

"America's Golden Age"

Last Monday, January 20, 2025, Donald Trump was sworn in as the new president of the United States of America. Since his inauguration, there has been a blitz of activity in Washington D.C. and across this nation like I have never seen in my lifetime. The White House has been a center of activity, Congress has been in motion nonstop, illegal migrants are on the run as ICE has been released to deport the worst of them, and the press has been working and reporting with a commensurate fervor. Across the globe, world leaders have been watching, some with foreboding, as the new president of the free world signed executive orders, decisively closed the southern border, and threatened tariffs on countries unwilling to cooperate with America First policies.

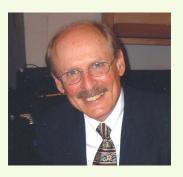
As an American patriot, nothing has pleased me more than to see America returning to its greatness and glory in the installment of the new leadership team of our nation. It's been a full week of beginning to "Make America Great Again." In President



Trump's inaugural address, his **first sentence** was, "The **golden age** of America begins right now." The **last sentence** of his address was, "The future is ours and the **golden age** has just begun." His inaugural address was bracketed with words declaring the beginning of "America's Golden Age." It's a wonderful turn of events to think that America might be entering its "Golden Age," as has been declared more times than I can count by the president, members of government, and the conservative press, both before and since the inauguration.



But as a follower of Christ, and as a student of Bible prophecy, nothing causes me greater grief than to realize that America's blossoming "golden age" is, in fact, the beginning of the end of the glory of America as she rises first to world dominance, then to her prophetic infamy and doom. It's hard to acknowledge that



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"We are living in the season of Christ's return."

Jesus said, "Watch and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The mission of West Valley Ministries is to help Christ's followers recognize the signs of His approaching return and be prepared for that Great Day.

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John 14:15-15:17

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit John 14:15-31

- 15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[fn] in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."
- **22** Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"
- **23** Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24** Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.
- 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
- 28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, 31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me. Come now; let us leave."

The Vine and the Branches — John 15:1-17

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[fn] so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

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5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other."



- 1. V16 what does mean mean by "another" advocate?
- 2. V19-20 what does Jesus mean in these verses?
- 3. V21 What are Jesus's commands? What does it mean to have and keep them?
- 4. V26 what is the role of the advocate?
- 5. V30 who is the Prince of the world and what power does he have?
- 6. What are a few take aways we get from the Vine and the Branches example?

the very greatness many of us celebrate is in reality the beginning of the end of greatness in the eternal scheme of things. Revelation 13 identifies America as the two-horned beast which will soon lead the world in apostacy against the Kingdom of Christ and His people, as this "Christian" nation embraces and promotes the power of the papacy in persecuting the followers of Christ – the end time Church. Before this "two-horned beast", representing a world power with a cooperative division of power (the two horns) and which looks like "the Lamb" and "speaks like the Dragon," is capable of leading the world in apostacy against Christ and His Church, it must first become the dominant nation of the world – a phenomenon we now see materializing before our eyes. Until November 5, 2024, we could only surmise that America was about to fulfill its prophetic destiny. Now we can clearly see that the final conflict between good and evil and the coming of Jesus is not far distant!

Some of my readers may be confused by such explicit commentary on the events of this past week. But for those who have been following this ministry over the past few months, there should be no surprise. Once we identify the characters that play on the stage of eschatology (end times) as per the prophecies of Revelation, and once we realize the part these characters play in the short time before Jesus returns, there can be no misunderstanding of the import of national and world events at this time for the followers of Christ. This we have done in previous newsletters (https://wvetm.com/newsletters), and "watch" is what Jesus told His followers they must do.

And for those who are uninformed on what President Trump has defined as his agenda for the next four years and where America is now headed, I am including a link to his inaugural address in which he clearly outlines his plans for America. Further, he said he would begin this work "on day one," and he has kept his promise. If you're not watching conservative news outlets, you won't get the significance of all that is transpiring in our nation and world right now. But if you are, you will see a president, a presidential cabinet, and a now powerful congress working in tandem with the president and his dedicated team of

officials to bring our nation back to its core values and greatness like an unstoppable movement. The world is watching, and the world is beginning to respect and fall into line with what is and will be the most powerful nation in the world! America is on the verge of its greatest moment and its ultimate eternal demise. And there are many wonderful, sincere, and honorable individuals bringing "America Back!" It's such a bittersweet drama to watch!



In Him,

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Link to President Trump's Inaugural Speech January 20, 2025:

https://vimeo.com/1049513051

"REVELATION IN REVIEW" — Part 10

Revelation 14:1-5

In the **thirteenth** chapter of Revelation, the work of the forces of evil in the final days of earth's history are portrayed. In the **fourteenth** chapter, the work of God and His Church in the final days of earth's history are on display. These two chapters are parallel accounts of the "on stage" activities of good and evil, during the same period of time. The Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet in chapter 13 call the world to worship the false christ, the Antichrist, and seek to destroy the people of God. In chapter 14, the Lamb and His servants (the 144,000) call the world to worship the true Christ, the Creator (verse 7) and save the people of God in the world from destruction. Several terms in these two chapters show the parallels between good and evil:

REVELATION 13	REVELATION 14
Dragon – Satan	Lamb – Jesus
Satan's Representative – Beast & False Prophet	Christ's Representatives – 144K & 3 Angels
Call to Worship the Beast	Call to Worship the Creator
Mark in Right Hand or Forehead	Father's Name in Forehead
Punishment for Noncompliance – Death	Judgment for Receiving Mark of Beast – Death
Allegiance to the Beast and His Image	Allegiance to Christ — Keep the Commandments and Faith in Christ
Dragon's surogate likened to a Harlot (Chapter 17)	Christ's messengers likened to Virgins

Chapter 14 is divided into three parts:

- 1) The 144,000 Revelation 14:1-5
- 2) The three angels Revelation 14:6-13
- 3) The final harvest Revelation 14:14-20

The One Hundred and Forty-four Thousand:

In the first few verses, John sees in vision the ultimate reward of the 144,000, standing with the Lamb with the Father's name on their foreheads. This scene is a heavenly scene and these servants of God are described as virgins, without fault, and blameless in character and speech. They are the firstfruits of redemption, they sing a new song, and the follow the Lamb wherever He goes. All this is recorded in the first five verses of this chapter.

These messengers are **virgins** — pure in their faith and uncontaminated by sectarianism and false doctrine — unlike the Church of the Dragon (Church of Rome/the Beast) which is corrupt in doctrine and practice, and called a **harlot** and the mother of harlots in Revelation 17. But God's messengers are free from denominationalism nor will they represent any human church organization. Paul uses the same language in reference to the Church in 2 Corinthians 11:2, 3:

"...I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

Further, Jesus refers to His end time followers as "virgins" in Matthew 25:1 as they are await His return, pure in their faith and unattached or corrupted by man's religion:

"The Kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom."

John continues by describing the 144,000 as without fault, blameless in character, and fit representatives of the Lamb. And once in their heavenly home, "they follow the Lamb wherever He goes." Please note the following interesting parallels. Gathered around the throne in heaven, John describes "four living creatures" and "twenty-four (twelve times two) elders" (Revelation 5:8). On earth, there were twelve tribes of Israel — the children of Jacob. In heaven, there are twelve gates to the city, the New Jerusalem, and on those gates are inscribed the names of the twelve sons of Jacob — the Israel of the Old Testament (Revelation 21:12). On earth, Jesus had twelve disciples "who followed Him everywhere He went." In heaven, the walls of the city have twelve foundations, upon which are written "the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Revelation 21:14). All these numbers are literal, not symbolic. Important. At the end of time, there will be on earth twelve times 12,000, special messengers of God to the world, who in heaven will also "follow the Lamb wherever He goes" (Revelation 14:4). As in all the other instances, this number is literal, not symbolic. In fact, almost without exception, ALL the numbers of Revelation are literal.

The one-hundred-and-forty-four-thousand servants of God spoken of in Revelation 7 and 14 are elsewhere in the Book of Revelation given other names, describing them in different scenes. In Revelation 11, they are described as "the two witnesses." In the verses which follow in Revelation 14, they are spoken of as "three angels" (literally "messengers"), flying through the midst of heaven, carrying to the world the "everlasting gospel" in "the hour of His judgment." Each of these portrayals of the end time messengers of God tell of their witness in the earth, human voices empowered by the Spirit, and unstoppable in their mission to call the world to a decision for, and allegiance to, Jesus Christ. And because of their final witness on earth, facing the unrelenting and cruel opposition and persecution of the Devil and his agents, they ultimately sing a new song — "the song of Moses and the Lamb" — a song that tells their story, a story that resembles the story of Moses and our Savior on earth. Moses led the Church of the Old Testament times out of Egypt toward an earthly Canaan. Jesus has prepared and secured a heavenly Canaan for the Church of all ages, to which He invites us. The 144,000 call the Church of the last days the heavenly Canaan. And as Jesus is called the "firstfruits from the dead," the 144,000 are called in this chapter the "firstfruits" of redemption.

What an incredible description John gives us in these first few verses of Revelation 14 of the messengers of God and their final message to the world, and their experience as His voice in a world that is coming to an end!

Next week we will study the portrayal of these messengers as the "three angels" of heaven and tell of their three-fold message — a message that calls the people of earth to come to Christ in faith and allegiance to Him in the last hour of history; at a time when "Babylon (another name for the false and corrupt evil system of religion of the end) is fallen"; and the call to "come out of Babylon" in order to avoid experiencing her plagues, which will come upon her as a judgment of God.

Stay tuned!