

## **6: Jesus revealed to Willful Idolators. 14:6- 18:24.**

As the Lord God reveals Jesus Mashiach to the world, he presents the people of earth an increasingly clear choice: willful idolatry or worship of the true Creator God? Following the Church's witness and then three and a half years of Israel's testimony, the judgment of the Lord God is soon to be revealed in wrath to those who persist in their willful idolatry.

Generations of living in Satan's spiritual darkness conditioned the spiritually dead flesh to seek life apart from God, loving lawlessness, rebellion, and cravings "hostile to God" (Rom. 8:7). But, the angel reminds the earth's inhabitants that as their Creator, the Lord God alone holds the "right" to life. As their Creator, the Lord God alone has the right to their "worship" but also the "waters" of life to sustain not just body but spiritual soul as well (14:7).

Thus, Jesus Mashiach reveals the Lord God's wrath and his coming judgment against the dragon and his antichrist to the earth's willful idolators, giving them one last chance to fear the Lord God and repent before God's wrath falls upon them.

First, Jesus Mashiach reveals His "eternal gospel" to the people of earth, showing them what is **(1) Life-giving for an Eternity**—the "fear" of God and his rightful "worship" (14:6-7). This eternal gospel reminds earth's people, especially those who seek to preserve their lives in Satan's dark rule, that the Lord God is earth's only Creator, and he alone gives true and everlasting life to those who worship him. For, he not only created the "springs of water" needed for earthly life, but he opens springs of "living water" to flow for eternal life (John 4:14, 7:38-39). But, refusing to worship this true God, but worshipping Satan and relying on Satan's "beast" for life (14:9) will lead to an eternal "torment with fire" (14:10). Amazingly, a harvest of eternal life is reaped in the earth, as many heed this eternal gospel and choose eternal life rather than idolatrous worship of Satan (14:19).

Second, those who choose to worship Satan by accepting the Beast's mark on their hands, these willful idolators are acting unnaturally, for one day "all nations" will admit that God alone is "holy" and will "fear" and "worship" him (15:4). However, these worshippers of Satan and the Beast will "drink the wine of God's wrath, poured out full strength into the cup of his anger" (14:10) and will suffer **(2) Lasting Torment** of Wrath and Fire for all eternity (14:10). God's wrath begins by paying back their willful idolatry with painful punishment for their actions: "painful sores" (16:2), "blood" to drink (16:3-6), and scorching fire and suffocating darkness (16:8, 10). All these judgments portend an eternity of endless pain, restless deprivation, and dark flame.

Finally, the **(3) Loathsome Hypocrisy of Idolatrous Religion** is judged with God's "full wrath" (16:19), for Babylon, the manifestation of human religion, embodies humanity's unfaithfulness at its worst. The Lord God created humanity for himself, entrusting his image as a family resemblance (Gen. 1:28) to one day raise up a household of sons bearing the image of His Mashiach (Rom. 8:29). However, adulterous religion takes God's rightful worship and pours it out, like her precious innocence, on earthly lovers. Claiming the highest morality for herself, her heart's desire is not heavenly devotion but earthly sensuality, purchasing worldly luxury (18:3) and political power by sacrificing her precious worship and even the lives of God's prophets and saints (18:4). The mystery of fleshly religion's harlotry is that even "God" is not needed in her religious machinations, for she is a shameless harlot who refuses "widowhood" even as she claims that God is dead to her (18:7). But, her final place is in the fire of God's wrath.

### **6.1. Jesus Revealed as the Lamb Reaping the Earth to its Dwellers: 14:1-20**

- Revelation (v.1)

### **6.2. Jesus Reveals God's Wrath against Worshippers of the Beast: 15:1-16:16**

- Revelation (v.1)

### **6.3. Jesus Reveals God's Wrath against Babylon, the Great Prostitute to His Martyrs: 16:17-19:4.**

- Revelation (v.1)