

## ***Session 11 The Forerunner Message in Revelation 11-14***

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. Revelation 11:15-19 describes the seventh trumpet when Jesus returns to take over the nations. At this time Jesus raptures the Church. This is followed by a third angelic explanation (Rev. 12-14).
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### **II. JESUS TAKES OVER THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL THE NATIONS (REV. 11:14-18)**

- A. This is the third chronological section in which events related to Jesus' return to reign are seen. It describes what happens at the seventh and last trumpet—an announcement in heaven will declare that the Lord will take over and replace all the governments on earth. At this time Jesus raptures and rewards the Church, judges the dead, destroys those who destroy the earth, and releases the fullness of God's wrath (7 bowls). Instead of repenting, the nations are angry at God.
- <sup>14</sup>...the **third woe** is coming quickly. <sup>15</sup>The **seventh angel sounded**: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!**" <sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders...worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>saying: "We give You thanks... because You have taken Your great power and reigned. <sup>18</sup>The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the **dead**, that **they should be judged**, and that You should **reward Your servants**...and **destroy those who destroy the earth.**" (Rev. 11:14-18)*
- B. The seventh trumpet is the third woe that releases the bowl judgements against the Antichrist.

- C. An angel had just sworn that there would be no delay in the mystery of God being finished. The next major event to occur is the sounding of the seventh trumpet (11:15), which is the only trumpet described as sounding over “days.” It initiates the 30-day period in which Jesus’ royal procession occurs after the 1,260 days (11:3; 12:6)—totaling 1,290 days (Dan. 12:11). The apostle Paul prophesied that the rapture would occur at the *last trumpet* (1 Cor. 15:51-52).
- <sup>5</sup>*The angel...swore by Him...that there should be delay no longer, <sup>7</sup>but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel...the mystery of God would be finished.* (Rev. 10:5-7)
- D. ***The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord:*** At this time, we see the impact of Jesus’ return on the governments of the nations. He will engage in a hostile takeover of the nations. All of the governments on the earth will be overturned and replaced at this time—this is unprecedented. It will be the most violent and bloodiest time in history.
- E. The Bible gives 3 different descriptions of the rapture and the events related to it that occur at the seventh or last trumpet. They show us different facets of the one “diamond” of Jesus’ return.
1. First, Jesus gave us a ***cosmic view*** of His coming by emphasizing His glory that will be seen in the sky by every person (Mt. 24:29-31; Rev. 1:7).
  2. Second, Paul gave us a ***pastoral view*** of Jesus’ coming by emphasizing its effect on the saints—transforming physical bodies and bringing them together (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thes. 4).
  3. Third, John gave us a ***political view*** of Jesus’ coming by emphasizing how His return will affect all the governments on earth when He takes over the kingdoms of this world (11:15).
- F. At this time, Jesus will rapture the saints. John continues in the pattern seen in the chronological sections which describe the judgments that occur on earth rather than in the sky. John does not describe the rapture here nor in any of the 5 chronological sections in the book of Revelation.
- G. Jesus raptures the Church to initiate His second-coming procession which has 3 *stages* including many events occurring over a *30-day period* which can be seen by comparing the 1,260 days (3½ year) in 11:2-3; 12:6, 14; 13:5 and Daniel 7:25; 9:27; 12:7 with the 1,290 days of Daniel 12:11.
- Stage #1:** Jesus’ procession *across the sky*: to rapture the Church (Mt. 24:30-31; Rev. 1:7)  
**Stage #2:** Jesus’ procession *on the land*: traveling from through Jordan to Israel (Isa. 63; Hab. 3)  
**Stage #3:** Jesus’ procession *into Jerusalem*: from the Mt. of Olives, followed by His coronation.
- H. ***The nations were angry:*** Jesus will lead a hostile takeover of the nations which will cause the nations to be very angry at Him. Satan will also be raging with great anger (12:12, 17).
- <sup>1</sup>*Why do the nations rage [filled with anger]...? <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed...* (Ps. 2:1-2)
- I. ***The time to judge the dead:*** The dead will stand before Jesus’ tribunal to be declared guilty and sentenced to go to hell and then later to the lake of fire (after Jesus’ 1000-year millennial reign). Hell is like the “local jail” for the damned, while the lake of fire is like the “federal penitentiary.”
- J. ***Reward the saints:*** Jesus rewards the saints, clearly implying that they are raptured at this time.

### III. THIRD ANGELIC EXPLANATION (PARENTHESIS): WAR IN THE SPIRIT (REV. 12-14)

- A. The third angelic explanation or parenthetical section (Rev. 12-14) gives insight into why God's wrath is so severe that Jesus must replace all the governments on earth.
1. Revelation 12 describes war in the heavens between Satan and Michael the archangel.
  2. Revelation 13 describes war against God's people on the earth waged by the Antichrist.
  3. Revelation 14 describes 7 visions that give insight into various ways in which the Lord will intervene to empower the Church to walk in victory even in the face of great persecution.
- B. The 7 main symbols in Revelation are in this parenthetical section (Rev. 12-14).
1. **The dragon:** is always symbolic of Satan (12:3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17; 13:2, 4; 16:13; 20:2).
  2. **The first Beast:** is symbolic of the Antichrist (13:1-8; 14:9-11; 17:3-17; 19:19-21; 20:4, 10).
  3. **Another Beast:** is symbolic of the False Prophet who is only called "another Beast" one time. Every other time he is called the False Prophet (13:11-17; 16:13; 19:20; 20:10).
  4. **The 7 heads:** speaks of 7 empires that persecuted Israel—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the revived Roman Empire (12:3; 13:1; 17:3-16; cf. Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24). The Antichrist will possess the wicked qualities of these 7 anti-Semitic empires.
  5. **The 10 horns:** speaks of a 10-nation confederation of 10 kings who rule simultaneously over their own nation while coming into a strong unity and partnership together under the Antichrist's authority (Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; 11:36-45; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 12, 16).
  6. **The Harlot Babylon:** includes the re-built city of Babylon on the Euphrates River in Iraq (50 miles south of Baghdad) that will be restored and used as a headquarters for the Antichrist.
  7. **The Woman with the Male-child (Jesus):** The woman is the faithful remnant of Israel throughout history (12:1-5). Satan wars with her offspring who are Gentile believers (12:17).

### IV. THE WOMAN AND HER MALE CHILD (REV. 12:1-6)

- A. John saw a vision of a woman with her male Child who rules all nations (12:1-6). The vision highlights the coming of Jesus as the male Child and the conflict against Israel throughout history.

<sup>1</sup>Now a **great sign** appeared in heaven: a **woman** [remnant of Israel] clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars [Gen. 37]. <sup>2</sup>Then being with child [Jesus], she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth [Israel's conflict throughout history]. <sup>3</sup>And **another sign** appeared in heaven: behold, a great, **fiery red dragon** [Satan] having **seven heads** [anti-Semitic kingdoms] and **ten horns** [a ten-nation confederation]...<sup>4</sup>**His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven** [angels who joined Satan's heavenly rebellion] and threw them to the earth. And the dragon [Satan] stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup>She bore a **male Child** [Jesus] who was to **rule all nations**... her Child was **caught up to God and His throne** [Jesus' ascension]. <sup>6</sup>Then [2,000+ years later] the woman [Israel] **fled into the wilderness**, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should **feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days** [3½ years]. (Rev. 12:1-6)

- B. **Great sign:** The two signs—the woman and the dragon—indicate that this passage is symbolic. These two signs need to be interpreted symbolically (12:9, 17; 17:7, 12). The first sign in 12:1 is emphasized as being “great” in importance. In other words, it contains a significant message.
- C. **A woman:** This speaks of the remnant of Israel who has responded to God’s Word through history.
- D. **Then she fled into the wilderness:** About 2,000 years later the woman or the remnant of Israel flees into the wilderness where the Lord will feed her for 1,260 days or 3½ years (12:6).
- E. **A place prepared by God:** The remnant of Israel will have a place prepared for her by God in the wilderness in the end time (12:6). Some will be refugees in the wilderness of the nations.
- <sup>35</sup>I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face...<sup>37</sup>I will make you pass under the rod [of discipline], and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant [salvation]...Then you will know that I am the LORD... (Ezek. 20:35-37)***

V. THE WAR IN HEAVEN BETWEEN MICHAEL AND SATAN (REV. 12:7-12)

- A. War will break out in heaven between Satan and Michael the archangel (12:7-9). The result is that Satan and his demons will be cast to the earth—this will occur at the beginning of the Tribulation.
- <sup>7</sup>And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon [Satan]; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup>but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup>So the great dragon...called the Devil and Satan...was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him...<sup>12</sup>Woe to the inhabitants of the earth...for the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time [3½ years].”***  
(Rev. 12:7-12)
- B. **War broke out in heaven:** The war between Michael and Satan is in the future. Some teach that this war in heaven occurred at the cross and that Satan is now confined to the earth. Paul taught that we wrestle against demonic powers *in heavenly places* who are not confined on earth (Eph. 6:12).
- C. **Michael and Satan:** This war will be affected by prayer similarly to Daniel’s prayers resulting in Michael coming to help an angel who was hindered by a demonic principality (Dan. 10:12-13). Satan and his angels will be cast to the earth. Every demon will be confined to the earth. There will be more demons on the earth and more demonized people at that time than at any time in history.
- D. The Church will be anointed with unprecedented power during the last 3½ years of this age (12:10). Satan will overcome the saints *physically* by killing them (13:7), but the saints will overcome Satan *spiritually* (12:11; 15:2; 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7) by remaining loyal in their love and allegiance to Jesus, even in the face of Satan’s most severe persecutions (12:11, 15:2).
- <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come [openly manifest on earth], for the accuser of our brethren [Satan], who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.***  
***<sup>11</sup>And they [believers] overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb [His work of cross] and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death...”*** (Rev. 12:10-11)

## VI. THE END-TIME PERSECUTION OF SATAN AGAINST GOD’S PEOPLE (REV. 12:13-17)

- A. When Satan sees that he is confined to the earth, he will persecute Israel and the saints (12:13, 17). The remnant of Israel who gave birth to the male Child will be fiercely persecuted by Satan.
- 13When the dragon [Satan] saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman [remnant of Israel] who gave birth to the male Child [Jesus]. 14But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time [3½ years], from the presence of the serpent [Satan]. 15So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth [persecution] like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood [destroyed]. 16But the earth [natural elements touched by God’s power] helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring [Church], who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Rev. 12:13-17)***
- B. **Two wings of an eagle:** This speaks of a time when God will miraculously lead, deliver, protect, and provide for the end-time remnant of Israel. The woman went to her place in the wilderness where she would be nourished and protected for 3½ years. The 144,000 are probably included here. The natural elements of the earth will be touched by God’s power to help the woman.
- C. **A time and times and half a time:** This speaks of 3½ years; “a time” speaks of one year, “times” speaks of 2 years, and “half a time” a half of a year as seen by comparing Scripture with Scripture.
- D. **Make war with the rest of her offspring:** this speaks of the body of Christ which keeps God’s commands and the testimony of Jesus (12:17). They will be predominately Gentiles.

## VII. THE ANTICHRIST’S POWER AND REIGN OF TERROR (REV. 13:1-10)

- A. Satan will wage war against God’s people through the Antichrist and False Prophet (Rev. 13). The Antichrist will be the final world leader who will have a political, military, and economic alliance with ten nations, giving him the largest empire and the most powerful army in history.
- 1...I saw a beast...having seven heads and ten horns...2Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon [Satan] gave him [the Antichrist] his power, his throne, and great authority. (Rev. 13:1-2)***
- B. **Seven heads and ten horns:** The Antichrist’s empire will have the evil characteristics of 7 heads or empires that persecuted Israel—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the revived Roman Empire (12:3; 13:1; 17:3-16; cf. Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24). The seventh is yet future. The 10 horns speak of a 10-nation confederation of ten kings who rule simultaneously over their own nation while bringing their resources and military might together under the Antichrist’s reign (Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; 11:36-45; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 12, 16).
- C. **Like a leopard, bear, and lion:** The leopard speaks of the speed of the Greek Empire under Alexander, the bear speaks of the brutality of Persia, and the lion speaks of Babylon (Dan. 7:4-6).

- D. The catalytic event that ushers the Antichrist into prominence will be the healing of his head wound (13:3-4). The Beast is both an *empire* (17:17) and a *man* who goes to the lake of fire (19:20). The head wound will occur both to “one of his 7 heads” or historic empires and to the man himself.

***<sup>3</sup>I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. All the world marveled and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “...Who is able to make war with him?” (Rev. 13:3-4)***

- E. The Antichrist will be given authority for 42 months to persecute the saints and to oppress nations (13:5-8). The Antichrist will overcome the saints *physically* by killing them (13:7), but the saints will overcome him *spiritually* by remaining loyal in their love and allegiance to Jesus (12:11; 15:2). He will have a strong presence in all nations, *yet will not totally dominate them all* (Dan. 11:40-45).

***<sup>5</sup>...he was given authority to continue for forty-two months...<sup>7</sup>It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. <sup>8</sup>All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:5-8)***

#### VIII. THE FALSE PROPHET’S 3-FOLD STRATEGY (REV. 13:11-18)

- A. The False Prophet’s plan will include demonically empowered *messages confirmed by miracles* (13:11-14), possessing the *legal power to kill* (13:15), and *economic oppression* (13:16-17).

***<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast [False Prophet] coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>And he exercises all the authority of the first beast [the Antichrist] in his presence and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. <sup>14</sup>And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do... (Rev. 13:11-14)***

- B. The False Prophet is referred to as “another beast.” He will deceive and oppress nations under the cloak of being a peace-loving lamb yet will speak like a dragon in being bold, fierce, and fearless.

- C. The False Prophet will raise up a worship movement by utilizing a talking, breathing image or “statue” of the Antichrist which has the power to speak to command the death of those who refuse to worship him. He will be empowered by a global economic system that forces people to worship it in order to buy or sell (13:14-15). Setting up an image of the Antichrist in the temple in Jerusalem is an essential aspect of the abomination of desolation (Mt. 24:15; 2 Thes. 2:3-4).

***<sup>15</sup>He was granted power to give breath to the image...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. (Rev. 13:15)***

- D. The False Prophet will establish a worldwide economic system that forces the nations to worship the Antichrist with the *mark of the Beast* put on their hand or forehead to force everyone to declare publicly their loyalty to the Antichrist. Those refusing this mark will not be able to buy or sell.

***<sup>16</sup>He causes all...to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup>and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark...<sup>18</sup>His number is 666. (Rev. 13:16-18)***

## IX. THE 144,000 FIRSTFRUITS OF SALVATION (REV. 14:1-5)

- A. John saw Jesus standing on Mount Zion in earthly Jerusalem with 144,000 singers (14:1-5). They will be sealed or protected from judgment (7:4-8) and will be deeply dedicated to Jesus (14:4-5).  
*<sup>1</sup>...behold, a **Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand [144,000]**...<sup>2</sup>I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder [19:6]. And I heard the sound of **harpists playing their harps**.<sup>3</sup>They [the harpists] sang as it were a **new song** before the throne...no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand [144,000] who were **redeemed from the earth**.<sup>4</sup>These are the ones who were not defiled with women [by immorality], for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were **redeemed...being firstfruits to God...** (Rev. 14:1-5)*
- B. **A Lamb standing on Mount Zion:** Jesus is seen standing on Mount Zion on the earth with 144,000 Jewish believers. Heavenly Mt. Zion will be in dynamic convergence with the earthly Mt. Zion. Earthly Mount Zion is the place of Jesus' inheritance and His throne in Psalm 2:6. Hebrews 12:22 is the only passage that clearly speaks of "heavenly Mount Zion." Almost all of the 162 references to Zion refer to the Mount Zion on earth, or to the nation of Israel, or the city of Jerusalem.
- C. **144,000:** These will be among the unsaved Jewish survivors of the Tribulation (Zech. 13:9). I see the 144,000 as being young Jewish "soldiers" who are preserved throughout the Tribulation, redeemed during Jesus' second-coming procession, and participate in the battle of Jerusalem.  
*<sup>9</sup>I will bring the **one-third through the fire...they will call on My name...**" (Zech. 13:9)*
- D. Israel will be empowered to resist *before* Jesus returns to Jerusalem (Zech. 9:13; 10:3-7; 14:14). In Scripture, the number 12,000 is almost always used in reference to soldiers or persons involved in a war (Num. 31:5; Josh. 8:25; Judg. 21:10; 2 Sam. 17:1; 1 Kgs. 4:26; 10:26; 2 Chr. 1:14; 9:25).  
*<sup>8</sup>...**the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David...like the Angel of the LORD.** (Zech. 12:8)*  
*<sup>2</sup>I will gather **all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken...half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant...shall not be cut off from the city...** (Zech. 14:2)*  
*<sup>6</sup>Let the **high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand,** <sup>7</sup>to **execute vengeance on the nations...** <sup>9</sup>to execute on them the **written judgment...** (Ps 149:6-9)*
- E. **Firstfruits to God:** They are the firstfruits of the harvest that comes after Jesus returns. The firstfruits are the first of a much greater harvest to follow. They are both the "firstfruits" of Israel and of the nations which will experience a great harvest initiated when the Millennium begins (14:14-16).
- F. **Harpists sing a new song:** A new song that is initiated in heaven by harpists will be followed by an earthly antiphonal response from 144,000 singers who apparently learn the song from the harpists. This group of harpists is seemingly composed of the resurrected believers after the rapture. Later, the voice of the redeemed is described as sounding like many waters and thunder (19:6).  
*<sup>6</sup>I heard...the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of **many waters** and as the sound of **mighty thunders**, saying, "Alleluia! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" (Rev. 19:6)*

## X. FOUR MESSAGES THAT MUST BE BOLDLY PROCLAIMED (REV. 14:6-13)

- A. John identified 4 essential messages that must be boldly proclaimed (14:6-13). I believe that the Spirit will release power to confirm these 4 messages that will strengthen God's people. They will be proclaimed by angels and also by saints—in song, preaching, social media, conversations, etc.
- B. *The message of the certainty of the gospel being preached in all nations* (14:6-7): There will be angelic assistance and power to succeed in preaching the Gospel to all nations (7:9; cf. Mt. 24:14).  
*<sup>6</sup>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—<sup>7</sup>saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come...” (Rev. 14:6-7)*
- C. *The message of the certainty of the judgment on Harlot Babylon* (14:8): The proclamation of the message of the defeat of Harlot Babylon will strengthen the Church (Rev. 17-18).  
*<sup>8</sup>Another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city...” (Rev. 14:8)*
- D. *The message of the certainty of eternal judgment* (14:9-12): There will be an anointed proclamation of the certainty of eternal judgment coming on all who worship the Antichrist.  
*<sup>9</sup>Then a third angel...saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast...<sup>10</sup>he shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength... He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone...<sup>11</sup>The smoke of their torment ascends forever.” (Rev. 14:9-11)*
- E. *The message of eternal rewards for faithfulness* (14:13): This will strengthen His people. The reward is so great; thus, this message must be preached with clarity. Jesus is worth it. He is enough.  
*<sup>13</sup>I heard a voice from heaven saying...“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest...and their works follow them.” (Rev. 14:13)*

## XI. THE TWO HARVESTS—OF SALVATION & OF SIN AND JUDGMENT (REV. 14:14-20)

- A. John saw the end-time harvest of salvation (14:14-16). When Jesus returns to Jerusalem on a cloud, He will begin to reap a millennial harvest that will eventually far surpass the harvest seen in 7:9.  
*<sup>14</sup>...on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man...<sup>15</sup>Another angel came out of the temple, crying..., “Thrust in Your sickle...the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”  
<sup>16</sup>So He...thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. (Rev. 14:14-16)*
- B. John saw the end-time harvest of sin and judgment (14:17-20). A furlong or stadia (NIV) is about 200 yards—1,600 furlongs are about 185 miles. The distance from Bozrah in the south to Meggido in the north is about 130 miles, and the distance from Bozrah to Tyre in the north is about 175 miles.  
*<sup>18</sup>And another angel came out from the altar...and he cried to...[the angel] 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.”<sup>19</sup>So the angel thrust his sickle...and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.<sup>20</sup>And the winepress was trampled outside the city [Jerusalem], and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles [about 4 feet], for one thousand six hundred [1,600] furlongs [about 185 miles]. (Rev. 14:18-20)*