

God's Unbreakable Seal
Rev. 14:1-8

“And who were these people, ‘having his Father’s name written in their foreheads?’ Not Bs for ‘Baptists,’ not Ws for ‘Wesleyans’ not Es for ‘Established Church.’ They had their Father’s name and nobody else’s. What a deal of fuss is made on earth about our distinctions! We think such a deal about belonging to this denomination, and the other. Why, if you were to go to heaven’s gates, and ask if they had any Baptists there, the angel would only look at you, and not answer you, if you were to ask if they had any Wesleyans, or members of the Established Church, he would say, ‘Nothing of the sort;’ but if you were to ask him whether they had any Christians there, ‘Ay,’ he would say, ‘an abundance of them: they are all one now — all called by one name; the old brand has been obliterated, and now they have not the name of this man or the other, they have the name of God, even their Father, stamped on their brow.’” (Spurgeon) Guzik

- I. The Lord must put Israel through one last trial of unprecedented cataclysmic proportions to finally bring the Jews to fully put their trust in Him. Throughout that time, he will give them every opportunity to hear and believe the gospel. God’s chief evangelists will be the 144,000 Jews he has called for that very purpose. They represent God’s covenant faithfulness toward Israel. The evangelists get saved sometime between the rapture of the church and the beginning of the seven-year tribulation so that they enter the tribulation as saved men, specially sealed by God for their protection from the wrath of Satan as he works his evil through the demons, the Antichrist, and the false prophet.

Rev. 13:6-18

Rev. 7:1-8

Rom. 6:16

Matt. 6:24

Eph. 1:13-14

The time of Jacob’s trouble demonstrates that God keeps His promises, judges sin, and saves those who trust in Christ... In this time, God purges His chosen people of the wicked and unbelieving, but “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls” (Joel 2:32; cf. Romans 10:13). After that time of Jacob’s trouble is a time of peace, as the Lord Himself sets up His kingdom on earth for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1–6; cf. Isaiah 11). gotquestions.org

Jer. 30:7 *Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it.*

- II. John takes us to the beginning of Christ's millennial reign shortly after he sets his foot down on the Mount of Olives. The battle of Armageddon is over. The Antichrist and the false prophet have been thrown into the lake of fire and Satan has been cast into the abyss for the duration of Jesus' reign on earth. All unbelievers have perished and those remaining alive are not only saved but have also survived the tremendous suffering of the tribulation. Jesus will honor all who have not bowed a knee to Satan. The ones he honors first, as the first fruits of the tribulation saints, are the 144,000 Jewish evangelists. It's hard to conceive what they have gone through to fulfill their mission. But from the beginning of their salvation, they served him with purity, integrity and complete devotion as living examples of what it means to put into practice Galatians 2:20.

Rev. 14:1-5
2 Cor. 3:18
Ezek. 37:21
Psalm 87:2-3
Ezek. 37:23
Rev. 9:20-21
Rev. 7:9-10

Gal. 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.*

- III. The eternal gospel never changes. It is the voice of truth and reason that is constantly at work drawing men and women into the kingdom of God. Its power and message will never wane. God gives it as a warning and a way to escape his coming judgment. Being the creator of all things, he offers to mankind the glad tidings of salvation through Christ *for It is the power of God for salvation of everyone who believes* (Rom. 1:16).

Rev. 14:6-7
Matt. 24:14
Rom. 1:16-17

εὐαγγέλιον euangélion – the glad tidings of salvation through Christ, a good message, good news

1 Cor. 15:1-2 *Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,*