

## THE OUTLOOK FOR EVANGELISM

Intro. Pretribs accused of giving idea that when ch gone no one (or at best very few) will be saved. Judgmts of trib so emphasized that we overlook grace of period.

Removal of HS implies that He ceases to work, and without HS how anyone saved? Distinctive char of ch so emphasized that we almost forget God has other redeemed peoples and other purposes. In ans to (1) show grace in this message. Ans to (2) is residence vs. presence. Ans to (3) is remember distinct groups of saved in heaven, Heb.12:23, Rev 20:4. Examine outlook in trib 1st, then end of this age.

### I. Fruit of evangelism in Trib.

Clearest fact in Rev 6-19 (trib section) is that there will be many redeemed people during that time.

1. 144000, 7:1-8; 14:1-5. Redeemed Jews (special group).
  - a. Number, 144000. 14:1 same group. Dan excluded possibly bec idolatry tho included in N, Ezek 48:1.
  - b. Characteristics. 1. Racial-Jews. 2. Spiritual-redeemed bec firstfruits, 14:4. Separated, virgins, 14:4, 2 Cor 11:2. 3. Suffering, 14:4 follow Lamb unto death. 4. Service, 7:3. Not said what they do. But sealed (not nec visible, Eph 4:30) till work done.
2. Great unnumbered multitude, 7:9-17. Lit, great crowd.
  - a. Number. Multitude.
  - b. Origins. All nations kindreds=tribes so some other Jews saved besides those in 144000.
  - c. Characteristics. Spiritual-Saved, v 14. Sal brings them service, 15a, ~~utknfarkkan~~ security, 15-dwell-spread tent to protect, sufficiency-16-17.

What happens to these people? Many martyred. Prob all of 144000. Others too, 13:10. Some live thru period.

Zech 13:9-1/3rd living Jews belong to Lord. Sheep Gentiles.

### II. Messengers of Trib.

All will be messengers of trib days. 144000 special in sense that invincible till work done. Elents of Mt 25:14 show some Israelites reproduce. Sheep Gentiles of 25:31 show Gentiles spread message. Will cost to take person in or visit in jail in those days bec will mark you as 1 of redeemed. But most outstanding are 2 witnesses of 11:3-14.

1. Time, 3. 1260. 1st.

2. Traits, 4-6. Olive, Zech 4:3, 14-anointed ones.

Lampstand-light bearers of God's truth. Harsh in treatment of enemies, 5-6. If use power to withhold rain for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  yrs will affect climate etc.

3. Termination of ministry, 7-10. Time-when finished.  
Means-beast. 1st of 36 ref to beast. Prob 1st great  
act in open opposition to God. Effect-holiday.  
~~8:8-9-10-11-12-13-14~~  
4. Translation, 11-14. God greater than beast.  
Earthquake. CBS news that night.  
Who? unnamed tho similar ministries to others.

### III. Message of Trib.

Mt 24:14. Includes cross, Rev 7:14. Plus good  
news that X is coming to reign.  
Will any reject in midst of stupendous events?  
Many will-6:9-11 enemies will make martyrs early  
in trib. 13:8-all world except. 16:9, 11.  
Only time unrepentant give glory to God is 11:13.

Concl. Outlook for evang is godd. In midst of  
open opposition to God as has never been known in  
history multitudes will respond. But what about  
evang as we approach this time? Bible doesn't ans  
in detail but 2 clues that bear on ans. 1. 2Tim.  
3:5. Much interest in rel. 2. 2 Tim 3:13 much  
opposition thru open evil. 3. 2 Thess 2:11-12.  
No 2nd chance for those who have heard and who  
live to enter trib. Therefore, 1 Cor 15:58.  
Sow seed. Don't be so dazzled by what is happening  
in Is that you forget what ought to be happening  
in neighborhood or office.