

GOD'S LAST WARNING MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

Introduction Our study of Daniel 8:14 has led us to expect the appearance of a great, truth-restoring movement on earth at the end of the 2,300 days. In order to meet the requirements of this prophecy, the aim of this movement should be to strip away the Papal counterfeits, and restore the truth concerning the Heavenly ministry of Christ, especially in its relation to the Sanctuary and the Judgment. This truth, as we found in our study of Daniel 8, has long been perverted and obscured by the Papal apostasy.

The question which confronts us now is: "Are these expectations justified? Is our understanding of Daniel 8:14 correct? Are there parallel passages of Scripture which establish this interpretation beyond the shadow of doubt?"

The Book of Revelation is the counterpart or "twin" of the Book of Daniel. These two prophetic books have been compared to the two "sights" on a rifle barrel. Puzzling passages in Daniel can be much better understood when lined up with parallel passages in Revelation. There is one chapter of Revelation which answers to Daniel 8:14 like a hand to a glove. It is Revelation 14. Let us open the Bible and read vv 14-16.

Discussion 1.—DOES THE HARVEST SCENE HERE DESCRIBED MEAN THE END OF THE WORLD?

It reads like a description of the Second Coming of Christ, doesn't it? But can we be absolutely sure of this? Yes, we can. A parallel Scripture—Matt. 13:39—declares plainly: "The harvest is the end of the world."

2.—ARE WE LIVING ON THE EVE OF THE WORLD'S FINAL HARVEST?

The evidence permits only one answer. Unmistakable signs prove that we are now living in the last days, immediately preceding earth's final harvest-hour.

(See Chart No. 9—Signs of Christ's Coming)

3.—WILL GOD ALLOW THIS FINAL HARVEST SCENE TO BURST UPON THE WORLD WITHOUT WARNING?

God has never allowed such a thing to happen before. He has always warned men—saints and sinners alike—of an impending crisis. (Amos 3:7). Examples: Noah's warning of the Flood. Moses' warning of the plagues of Egypt. Jonah's warning to the people of Nineveh. Jesus' warning of the impending destruction of Jerusalem.

Even so, as we stand today on the eve of earth's final harvest-hour, because God is a God of love and consistency, we have a right to say: "There ought to be a great message of warning going out to the world right now!"

4.—IS THERE SOME SPECIFIC BIBLE PASSAGE WHICH CONTAINS GOD'S LAST WARNING MESSAGE BEFORE THE HARVEST-HOUR?

Revelation 14:6-11 meets all the requirements of such a message. It immediately precedes John's description of the Second Advent (vv 14-16). It is expressly designed to meet the social and religious conditions now prevailing.

(See Chart No. 38—Three Angels' Messages)

5.—WHAT VITAL TRUTHS WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN THE PREACHING OF THIS LAST WARNING MESSAGE?

"The Everlasting Gospel" (v 6). This means the original, unchanged Gospel of the grace of God—the Gospel by which Adam, Abraham, Joseph, Daniel, Peter and Paul were saved—the eternal "good news" concerning the saving work of Christ. Such an "Everlasting" Gospel corresponds with the original "daily" of Daniel 8 which Satan has tried so persistently to "take away". It centres in the continual, all-sufficient mediation of Christ—Christ Himself, as Sin-bearer, High-Priest, and daily "Bread of life"—always available for the salvation of men!

"The Hour of His Judgment is Come" (v 7). This is the most dramatic, electrifying announcement of God's last warning message. Not "The hour of His Judgment is coming"—but "is come!" The Judgment Hour has arrived! It is here! Mankind has never been in