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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“God’s Patience is Running Out”*

Scripture: Revelation 14:1-20

 -*Chapters 12-14 contains another break in the unfolding of the Revelation for John to go back and give more details about things mentioned before*

*-Chapter 15 begins the 7 vial/bowl judgments*

Message: **1.** **The Elite** *(vs’ 1-5)*

1 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb (Jesus), standing on Mount Zion (in Heaven), and with him 144,000 (the 144,000 Jews that were sealed by God in chapter 7) who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. 2And I heard a sound from heaven (the voice of Jesus) like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps (the identity of the harpers is not given, but they appear to be the martyred saints of God that were killed by the Antichrist during the Tribulation). 3And they sang a new song (there’s never been a song like this one before) before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth (the 144,000 join in singing this new song with the martyred saints). 4These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins (does not mean that they were not married, but rather people that remained pure and lived holy lives in the midst of an ungodly Tribulation period). They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. 5No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

 **2. The Exemplary** *(vs’ 6-13) “The Warning”*

6Then I saw another angel ➊ flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people (this is the first time in the Bible that an angel preached the Gospel…preaching to the entire world). 7He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” 8A second angel ➋ followed and said, “‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,’ [[**ISAIAH**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation%2014:1-20&version=NIV&interface=print#fen-NIV-30935a) **21:9**] which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.” (the capital city the Antichrist will rule from will be destroyed) 9A third angel ➌ followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast (the Antichrist) and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, 10they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength (God’s been holding back until this point) into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. 11And the smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” 12This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus (we are to worry about us, let God deal with them). 13Then I heard a voice from heaven ➍ say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” (in this life, we are oppressed, but for the child of God, there is a day coming when we will have rest…there will be no fatigue or weariness in what we do)

 **3. The End** *(vs’ 14-20)*

14I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud (the 2nd coming of Christ…coming back to conquer the earth) was one like a son of man (Jesus)[[**DANIEL**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation%2014:1-20&version=NIV&interface=print#fen-NIV-30941b) **7:13**] with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. 15Then another angel ➎ came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”(God has waited as long as He possibly can to begin the final “harvest”) 16So he (Jesus) who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested (destroyed). 17Another angel ➏ came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18Still another angel ➐, who had charge of the fire (the altar where the sacrifices were consumed by fire), came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes (the lost people on earth) from the earth’s vine (it will be a violent, vicious harvest…the day of mercy is past), because its grapes are ripe (God has waited as long as He possibly can to begin the final “harvest”).” 19The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. 20They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press (the product of God’s judgment is the death of the wicked), rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia (the blood will flow and be as deep as 4-5 feet covering an area of about 200 miles).

Application:

* God’s Patience is Running Out
* *The Elite*: Even with no Godly influence around them, these believers maintained a lifestyle undefiled by all the wickedness that surrounded them
* *The Exemplary*: God loves His creation so much that right before He comes to destroy them He gives a final warning to the whole earth that will not be a mystery
* *The End*: God’s patience eventually runs out and He will no longer hold back as He has since the beginning of time…it will be the most bloody gruesome thing ever to have happened before
* Do you realize how patient God is with us? How much He is holding back His judgment on us?
* We are surrounded by Godly influences, so why can’t we become Elite believers when we know a group of believers during the Tribulation with no Godly influence will be able to remain the Elite
1. [Matthew 7:15](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7:15#en-NIV-23332) : [Jer 23:16; Mt 24:24; Lk 6:26; 2Pe 2:1; 1Jn 4:1; Rev 16:13](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jer%2023:16,%20Matt%2024:24,%20Luke%206:26,%202Pet%202:1,%201John%204:1,%20Rev%2016:13&version=NIV)
2. [Matthew 7:15](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7:15#en-NIV-23332) : [Eze 22:27; Ac 20:29](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezek%2022:27,%20Acts%2020:29&version=NIV)