

REVELATION: Lesson 163
Chapter 19 Preparation: The Gleanings

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Gleanings: Gleanings always follow the main harvest. In farming, it consists of a very small yield of additional fruits or vegetables that grow after the main harvest.

Similarly, after the main harvest of the Earth (the catching away of New Testament believers), near the end of the Tribulation, there will be a catching away of a small number of Tribulation Saints who repent and trust Jesus Christ. (Two raptures, two different groups).

Rev 14:15-20 Here is a reaping of the earth that takes place just before the Battle of Armageddon. This describes the catching away of Tribulation Saints.

Rev 6:9-11 Tribulation saints under the altar in heaven learn that they must wait until their fellow-servants and their brethren on Earth are killed as they were.

Rev 7:9-14 Church Age saints (“elders”) observe some white-robed people praising God in heaven and are told “These are they which came out of great tribulation.”

- The elders were already in heaven before the tribulation saints showed up.
 - The Tribulation saints died after the Church went to heaven.
 - They died in faith but were not part of the Church.
 - They were given white robes but were not in heaven. They were waiting under the altar.
 - At the end of the Tribulation they are seen roundabout the throne of God.
 - They got into heaven by the blood of the Lamb (vs 14), not by works.
- **2 Cor 5:21**, New Testament believers today are made righteous by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This is a finished transaction that cannot be taken away.
- **James 1:27** speaks of the necessity of remaining “unspotted from the world.”
- **Jude 22** those who are saved hate the garment to be spotted by the flesh.
- **Rev 13:15-16** It will be necessary for the Tribulation saint to remain unspotted. They must not take the mark of the beast.
 - Their white robes will testify forever that they did not take the mark.

Rev 14:1 144,000 Tribulation witnesses have God’s mark in their foreheads. (See **Rev 7:3-4**). These witnesses are found on Mount Zion in heaven at the end of the Tribulation before the Second Coming of Christ. They were sealed so they could not die. How did they get to heaven? They were caught up near the end of the Tribulation before Armageddon.

Rev 15:1-5 Before the seven last plagues are poured out, the Tribulation Saints are seen in heaven standing on what appears to be a sea of glass mingled with fire (after the born-again Christian’s works have been tried by fire at the Judgment Seat). They are praising God for His marvelous works and His judgments on the earth (which they have personally seen).

Rev 11:7-12 Here is an account of some Tribulation witnesses who die and are caught up to heaven when they hear a great voice saying, “Come up hither.” (Compare to Rev 4:1).

- When these are ascending up to heaven, it happens slow enough that their enemies can behold them. It is not in the twinkling of an eye.

- **Rev 1:7**, every eye will see Jesus coming in the clouds at the end of the Tribulation.
- **Acts 1:9-11**, Jesus ascended in the clouds while men beheld Him. He will come in like manner.
- **Zech 12:9-10**, When the Lord comes for the Tribulation saints, the nation of Israel will look upon Him and repent and be converted (national conversion).
- **Acts 9:1-6**, Saul of Tarsus was a picture and type of the Israelite in the Tribulation who kept himself unspotted but didn't know the Lord. He was "born out of due time."

Heb 12:6-10 This passage deals with a son of God being chastened so that they can be a partaker of God's holiness. They must endure God's chastening to the end.

- If they endure the chastening, they will end up in heavenly Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. (**Vs 21**).
- They will meet with the general assembly and CHURCH!

Isaiah 17:4-7 At the time of the gleaning, a man shall look to his Maker.

Jeremiah 6:9 Israel (the vine) shall be gleaned (taken) before God treads the winepress in His wrath.

Mat 24:29-31 The sun is darkened, they see the Son of man coming in the clouds, angels gather the elect. This is a rapture, but it is not the rapture of the church.

Mat 25:1-12 The Lord speaks here of Israel in the Tribulation. These virgins (plural) are not the Church.

Psa 18:16-20 This is a Second Coming passage. People here are drawn out of many waters because the Lord delighted in them for their righteousness.

Heb 9:28 The Lord will appear to those who look for the Him (Tribulation time).

Song 2:8-14

Isaiah 26:12-21

Psalms 45:8-15

Matthew 22:1-14