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#### "BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"



#### "HEAVENLY ANGELIC ANNOUNCEMENTS" Pt 1 REVELATION 14:6-13; SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

- I. MESSENGERS FROM THE COUNCIL OF GOD
  - A. "The Most High rules in the kingdom of men..." the decision by decree of the watchers; the sentence by the word of the holy ones. Daniel 4:13-17
    - 1. God has ordained that man, though in the image of God, is not <u>independent</u> of God and is <u>accountable</u> to God for his decisions and actions
    - 2. God has ordained that a council of elohim (spirits without permanent bodies or shape) observes humans and rules justly over them, as God's mediators. Their decisions are affirmed or vetoed by God
    - 3. God is merciful and longsuffering willing to give man opportunity to <u>align</u> his <u>thinking</u> with God's revealed will before He makes final judgments on his decisions
  - B. When the council members have witnessed the hardness of mankind and its lack of repentance, they make final decrees or announcements regarding the judgment of the council. 3 such announcements are made in this passage
    - 1. First announcement made by a heavenly messenger:
      - a. He is flying in the midst of heaven
      - b. He is the carrier of the <u>everlasting</u> gospel which he is to preach to all inhabitants

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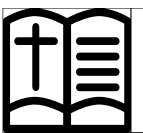
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- c. Fear God, give glory to Him and worship Him
- d. He made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water
- e. His <u>judgment</u> (just decision and fitting action) has come
- 2. Second announcement made by a heavenly messenger:
  - a. The certain, <u>final</u> imminent destruction and fall of Babylon; Hebraism, 2 times
  - b. Judged for her role in deceiving the nations with uncontrollable passion to break the covenant <u>faithfulness</u> as God's imagers
  - c. The "woman" wisdom is the personification of the covenant faithfulness of Jesus, the Son, to the Father
  - d. The "strange woman", Babylon, is the personification of that immoral breach of a human away from His Creator. She has seduced man with her pleasures to leave the "husband" of her youth
- 3. Third announcement made by a heavenly messenger
  - a. Delivered to any who will receive the <u>mark</u> of the <u>beast</u> and <u>worships</u> him
  - b. He/she will suffer the same destruction as and with Babylon: tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb

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