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Episode 45 - Revelation 14: One Thousand Six Hundred Furlongs

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The resurrection of the wicked.

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This is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. Today, we truly are getting into the deeper things of God as we look at the resurrection of the church compared to the resurrection of the wicked. In John chapter 5, Jesus told us there would be two resurrections. In the last podcast, we looked at Revelation 14:14, seeing that one like the Son of man having a sharp sickle. We compared it to Mark 4:26-29 and the harvest of the earth.

Immediately, he puts in the sickle. Well, that sickle is a symbol of the resurrection. When I drop down to Revelation 14:17, there is another angel also having a sharp sickle. Both angels with the sickle are Christ. Christ is the only one who is going to raise the dead.

So why say in verse 17, "another angel"? He is another messenger because he is raising the wicked, and his message to them is entirely different than when he raised the righteous. The message to the righteous and the message to the wicked will make him

another messenger. He has a different message to give. Now, let me read this just to have it read.

Rev 14:17 Another messenger comes out of the temple in heaven, having a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 And another messenger came from the altar, which had authority over fire; he cries with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle (or to Christ), saying, Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for the grapes are fully ripe.

So there are several things in this verse. Number one is, who is this messenger with power over fire? I'm not going to address this right now. We're going to come back to it after we look at the resurrection of the wicked. This messenger with authority over fire knows that it's time to gather the clusters of the vine. Contrasting it to verse 15, where the earth needs to be harvested, here, these are the clusters of the vine.

When you compare that first resurrection, if you go back to Mark 4, you'll see it's the grains being harvested. When you look at the resurrection of the wicked, it's the vine being harvested. The clusters of the vine. So let me read this.

Rev 14:19 The messenger thrust in his sickle into the earth (again, you're seeing the second resurrection- this is the wicked), and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city (The city is New Jerusalem, which is a key that these people are not in the city. They're the wicked), and blood came out of the winepress, unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Now I want to begin this with an explanation of the 1,600 furlongs. I think if we get a handle on that, we'll better understand this resurrection of the wicked. So, looking at 1,600 furlongs, first of all, he says, "it's the space of." This is space, not time. Other prophecies we looked at in Revelation had to do with time: 1260 days, 42 months. Well, this is space, and because we're talking about the clusters of the grape, we're talking about something inward.

We're talking about within the space of the mind, the space of the heart, the space of a 1,600 furlongs. If I took 1,000 and went back to the Hebrew, the Strong's number is [505]. This is the word 1,000. But when I look this up in the ancient Hebrew, the actual

meaning of this word is "guide, to guide." The concrete meaning is "a yoke," and the abstract meaning is "to learn."

So, looking at putting these three things together, the word means "to learn." See, look at the three things: Actual meaning - guide, concrete - yoke, abstract - learn. So this is translated "to learn," but it's also translated "thousand." It's translated as "an ox," and "thousand." Compare this to an oxen, or to guide, a yoke, and learn. "Thousand" simply means to be yoked together.

It's a picture of what you're learning. It's a picture of how you're being led. These people have a space in their mind that is yoked to 600 furlongs. What does 600 mean? Six hundred, knowing that these people are wicked, that this represents wickedness, then I began with the number two, because two is the first number that can be divided.

I've learned that when a two fits into a series of numbers, it means the opposite, or it means something that's negative and wrong. So I have 2 times 10, times 6, times 5 is 600. Ten is to understand the way God sees it. Six is man's understanding, and five is grace.

If I say two times God's understanding, man understanding man, and understanding grace, I see the wicked. Now, whether or not 1,600 furlongs means that what I'm saying is true. Wicked people in the space of their mind are yoked to a wrong explanation, to an inaccurate understanding of God, man, and God's grace to man. They don't understand any of that.

When I talk to people about the love of God, I'll say, "God is love. He doesn't make a record," and sometimes they will answer back, "Yes, but he's just." See, they don't understand the grace of God. They don't understand Christ being on that cross in the very midst of being murdered, saying these people don't know what they're doing, and forgiving them. See, that doesn't add up in the mind of the Universal Church. How could he do that?

I want to ask you to turn to Deuteronomy 32. I want to start reading at verse 28.

Deu 32:28 For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them.

That word understanding is [8394], and it refers to God's understanding.

Deu 32:29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

Deu 32:30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

Deu 32:31 For their rock is not as our Rock, ...

Who is our rock? Our rock is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4 says,

1Co 10:4 They drank of the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

So here, in Deuteronomy 32:31, their rock is not our rock. The way we express Jesus and believe in Jesus and understand him to be the only begotten Son of God, coming into this world in the flesh, having no understanding of God, emptying himself... their rock is not our rock. Remember the apostasy. They deny the Father and Son. They deny he came in the flesh.

Deu 32:32 Their vine is the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah ...

Our vine, John chapter 15, verse 5, Christ said,

Jhn 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches ...

Their vine is not our vine. Their rock is not our rock. Deuteronomy 32:32, *their vine is the vine of Sodom*. That's not our vine. That's not how we see it. Sodom and Gomorrah have no righteousness. There is none righteous in it.

Deu 32:32 ... Therefore, the grapes from their vine are grapes of gall. Their clusters are bitter.

Deu 32:33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

This is why, when you look at Revelation 14, he uses the vine, the clusters of grapes, as an expression of what's going to happen to the wicked. Let's read this.

Deu 32:34 Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?

Deu 32:35 To me belongs vengeance and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Deu 32:36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

Deu 32:37 He'll say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,

See, we could keep going on here. The point I want you to see is that the wicked people are carrying a space in their hearts of being yoked to a lack of understanding of God, man, and grace. They don't understand the God they claim to serve. They don't understand man. They don't understand the grace of God toward man.

This is one thing that when you come to the cross ... and remember, Jesus said this at the last supper: *"This wine, wine is my blood, and the bread is my body. I'm breaking my body for you."* Well, if I look at the wine, the blood, I cannot have blood without a broken body. The broken body was broken to show you iniquity, the result of iniquity, and how to overcome it. That is why the body was broken.

The Universal Church, whose wine, or vine, is of Sodom, they don't see it that way. They say his body was broken to pay a penalty. Therefore, they have no bread to eat that's been broken for them. There is no explanation of the crown of thorns, the stripes on the back, the nakedness, the darkness that covered the land. They have the wine or the venom, we could just say of Satan and the devil.

They have no understanding of why the blood is being spilled. The body's broken... well, that'll pay a penalty. But the true church is harvesting the grains of the earth. Grain is how you make bread. The true church will have bread to eat.

The false church has the wine of confusion, of dragons, of serpents. What is the difference? Because if I understand the true blood, if I understand the truth of his death, the death points me to the broken body. I can't have blood without a broken body. Looking at the broken body, I can then eat the bread of Christ.

I want to read something to you in 1 Corinthians chapter 10, verse 16.

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is that not the communion of the blood (which is the death) of Christ? The bread which we break, isn't that the communion of the body of Christ?

1Co 10:17 For we being many are one bread, and one body (we are one bread): we are all partakers of that one bread.

1Co 10:18 Behold (literal) Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

1Co 10:19 What am I saying then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

1Co 10:20 But I say, that the things the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God: and I wouldn't that you should have fellowship with demons.

1Co 10:21 Ye cannot drink the cup (or the experience) of the Lord, and the experience of demons: you can't be partakers of the Lord's table, and that of demons.

That is the difference between the righteous and the wicked. The wicked are welded to, they're yoked to, a wrong understanding of God, man, and grace. They don't get it because they see God as wanting to kill you if you sin, set you on fire if you sin, let you burn forever and ever and ever. It's coming from clusters of the vine of Sodom and Gomorrah. There is a text in Isaiah 63, starting at verse 1.

Isa 63:1 Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? (Now what's Bozrah? Well, that was a city of Edom. It means sheepfold.) This, that is glorious in his apparel, he's traveling in the greatness of his strength. He says, I that speak in righteousness, I'm mighty to save. (and they ask)

Isa 63:2 Why are you red in your apparel, and your garments are like someone who treads in the winefat (or the winepress)?

This word "winefat" is [1660], and this is used in Matthew 26:36 as the word "Gethsemane," but it's only half of the word Gethsemane. Gethsemane is this word, [1660] translated "winefat or wine press," combined with oil. But in this verse we're reading, there is no oil. It's just the wine press. There's no Gethsemane here. He's treading in the wine press. And he says,

Isa 63:3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people (let's say of that sheepfold) none of them were with me: I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

Isa 63:4 For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

Isa 63:5 I looked, and there was none to help; I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my fury upheld me.

Isa 63:6 And I will tread down the people in my anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

Hence, another messenger. It's the same person, Christ, who will raise the righteous and who will raise the wicked. But the way it's put to us in Revelation 14, it is another messenger.

They have the wine of Sodom, the doctrine of Sodom and Gomorrah, the doctrine of

devils, the doctrine of the dragon. So when you read this, I want to read it again, Revelation 14, verse 19.

Rev 14:19 The messenger (Christ) thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Now, a wine press is actually a trough, and you would put the grapes in it. It would have a grated bottom, and as they would tread the grapes, the wine or that doctrine would come through the bottom of that trough into a second trough.

Rev 14:19 ... The vine of the earth, he'll cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

This is what these people believe. They believe God is angry, and he is going to kill us all. They have a wrong understanding of God and his grace. They don't understand man. They don't have a clue about iniquity.

They have rejected why Christ died. They have rejected who he is and why he died, and how he came. They have rejected Christ totally, and they preach a gospel that's another gospel. He will tread that winepress, their grapes of wrath.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden outside New Jerusalem (because nothing that tells a lie, nothing that believes a lie is going to be in that city), and the blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Why horse bridles? Psalm 32, starting at verse 8.

Psa 32:8 I will instruct you (or I will help you comprehend unto success), I will instruct you and I will teach you in the way you shall go: I will guide you with my understanding, with my eye.

Psa 32:9 Don't be like the horse, or the mule, who has no understanding (who won't consider): whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near (lest they resist and fight against you). Their mouth has to be held in with bit and bridle.

What is "bit and bridle"? It's the law. You have to hold them in using the law. So in Revelation 14, what do I see? This blood from the wine, this doctrine will come up to the horse's bridles, to their understanding of the law. They are condemning themselves with what they teach and with what they believe.

I want to read something to you in the Gospel of John, chapter 3. Let's start at verse 14.

Jhn 3:14 As Moses lifted up the serpent (as a symbol of iniquity) in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (Because he was in the likeness of sinful flesh. He was expressing iniquity and how man is.)

Jhn 3:15 That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (If you can believe in that, if you can see what he's doing on that cross and get it.)

Jhn 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jhn 3:17 God didn't send his Son into the world to condemn the world; he wanted the world to be saved through Christ.

Jhn 3:18 He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is already condemned, because he hasn't believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

What do you mean you're already condemned? You're doing it to yourself. If you understood the truth, you would understand that God does not hold you responsible. He is willing to forgive you. He has been forgiving you because he knows you know not what you do. But as long as you hang on to your lie and you're yoked together to a wrong understanding of God, man, and grace, you're not going to make it. You're already condemned. You're already carrying the condemnation.

Jhn 3:19 This is the condemnation, light comes into the world, but men love their darkness rather than the light, because what they're doing is evil.

Jhn 3:20 Every one who is doing evil hates the light (they don't want to be reproved by it), they won't come to the light, lest their deeds should be reproved.

Jhn 3:21 But a person who wants to do the truth will come to that light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they're wrought in God.

One more verse, Gospel of John chapter 9, the last three verses.

Jhn 9:39 Jesus said, For judgment I've come into this world, so that they which see not might see; and they which see might be made blind.

In other words, the people who don't understand would have a chance to see the truth. And the people who think they understand it could be made blind. He could show them, you're actually blind. Just like he told Laodicea, *"You're poor, wretched, blind, and naked."*

Jhn 9:40 Some of the Pharisees which were with him, when they heard these words, said, Are we blind too?

Jhn 9:41 Jesus said, If you were blind (if you realized you didn't know), you wouldn't even have sin: but you say, we get it. (We understand God.) Well, therefore, your sin remains (because you're yoked to a wrong understanding of God, and as long as you remain in that place and you refuse to be made blind, your sin remains on you.)

Father, we worship you. We ask for your leading and grace, and mercy. I just pray that your truth come alive to all of us and that we glorify you in Jesus' name. Amen.