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BIBLE LESSONS

INTRODUCTION

"The end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4:7).

he United Nations reported 7,348 natural disasters from 2000 to 2019, nearly double the amount of the previous two decades. Violence, both international and domestic, has increased, with the U.S. homicide rate jumping 28 percent in a single year from 2019 to 2020. Multiple studies have found more and more youth struggling with mental health in the 21st century. COVID-19 happened.

Have you noticed the world going downhill—rapidly? Are you apprehensive and perplexed about your future?

While some are skeptical, many are turning to the Bible to learn what's next on the prophetic timeline—realizing that our withering world will soon experience a total meltdown before God recreates it anew (2 Peter 3:10–13).

Yes, the Bible has the answers you are seeking! In fact, God, who is doing His utmost to save you (v. 9), gave the book of Revelation to reveal to us the "things which must shortly take place" (Revelation 1:1). This last book of the Bible explains in detail the most crucial answers: what still needs to happen before the end of the world at Christ's return and how you can be ready for it.

At Revelation's very core is chapter 14—what could arguably be called the pinnacle of prophecy an awesome springboard for studying the other truths you need to know to be prepared for the final countdown. And within this action-packed chapter is a last, urgent message from God that reveals how to live through the world's fiery finish.

> Billions of people worldwide do not realize they are standing at a final fork in the road to their eternal destiny. These lessons are designed to help you determine which path you want to take.

So, fasten your seatbelt as you begin your journey through *The Pinnacle* of *Prophecy*!

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Revelation 14:1–20

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all



nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment



ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" 'Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

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