The Three Eternal Destinies #87Two Forevers: Good News for the Righteous

The word *everlasting* (or *forever*) in Dan 12:2 (everlasting life and everlasting contempt) means to last for an entire age. In this case the 1,000-year (millennial) period or age. Rev 19:3 — "forever and ever" means to last forever in the millennial age and forever in the eternal age — from age to age. So in Isa 24:5 the term *everlasting* covenant and in Rev 14:6 the term *everlasting* gospel mean the same thing: to last for an entire age. Gospel means "good news," but this is <u>not</u> the gospel of Yahshua, for it says it's the "everlasting" gospel (from the very beginning of this age until its end). IT'S GOOD NEWS!! — because this covenant (established from the very beginning of the fall to the end of this present age) is the way that a man (of the nations) can avoid the second death. He does this by living according to his knowledge of good and evil (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7,16). Every age has a *beginning and an end*, even as this present age (Gal 1:4) and the millennial age, but the age *after* the millennial age has <u>no end</u> (Rev 19:3 — forever and ever).

Rev 14:11 says, forever and ever — two ages. Rev 19:3 says, forever and ever — two ages. Dan 12:2 says, everlasting, which means, "age-lasting" — one age. Eph 3:21 says that the nations propagate life both in the *millennial and the eternal age* —"... to all <u>generations</u> forever and ever" (NASB), and the KJV says, "...throughout all ages, world without end." Heb 1:8 says forever and ever. Gal 1:5 says forever and ever. Dan 12:3 says forever and ever. Mt 25:41 — Remember that the word "everlasting" means lasting for an age. In the context here the word "everlasting" speaks of the eternal age (as does verse 46) — the everlasting, never-ending punishment of the eternal age (Rev 19:20; 20:10; 14:10-11; 19:3).

Christians who do not come out of "her" (Rev 18:4) will go to the Lake of Fire at the *beginning* of the millennial age. There will be no need for any Christian to go to the judgment seat (Rev 20:12-13) since they will have been judged *already* (Jn 3:18; 9:41). The beast and the false prophet are cast *alive* into the Lake of Fire at the end of this age, along with all Christians who do not obey the call of Rev 18:4. They will be tormented night and day, *forever and ever*, as will all other people at the end of this age who *heard* and *rejected* the gospel of Messiah and the everlasting gospel (Rev 14:11; Mt 24:14; Isa 49:6).

The Blessing or Curse ~ Doing His Will

Mt 25:31-46 gives an allegorical analogy or parable concerning the judgment of those who did *good* to the *brothers of Yahshua* and those who did *bad* to them. An allegory is a story with a meaning other than the literal one. It is a symbolic or figurative description of one thing using the image of another. This parable speaks of the <u>blessing</u> or <u>curse</u> of Gen 12:3, which comes whenever and wherever one encounters the true seed Abraham, even a sent one (Mt 10:42) or a righteous disciple (Jn 7:18). There is, however, no such *consequence* for rejecting a Christian — whether he be a preacher, prophet, evangelist, or missionary (2 Cor 11:3,4,13-15).

Rev 22:11 — The wordstill indicates that the Unjust and the Filthy are that way forever in the eternal age. Rev 22:5 — The citizens of the Holy City reignforever and ever, beginning in the millennial age, and on into the eternal age (Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6). Rev 2:26,27 — Whoever overcomes and keeps My works *un til the end*, to him will I give authority over the <u>nations</u> (Lk 19:13-23). Rev 3:4,5,20,21 — They who over *come* this way will sit on *His throne* (all over the earth, as Lk 19:17,19 indicate), even in the land of Israel (Mt 19:28) where the 12 Apostles of the first century were from (2 Tim 2:12; Rev 20:4; 2:11; 20:6). These things are granted to those who *keep My works* (Rev 2:26; Eph 2:10; James 2:14-26; Rev 3:2).

It says "*My* works" — the works He does through His disciples who love Him (1 Cor 16:22) enough to overcome (Rev 3:21,18,4,5) and be *refined and cleansed* (Mal 3:1-3). Authority over the nations is granted to those who keep *His works* (deeds that are expressions of *His will*). Eph 2:10 is His will. Rev 1:6 — The restoration of the edah, the twelve-tribed holy nation and royal priesthood is His will (Rev 5:10; Mt 21:43; Ex 19:6; 1 Pet 2:9). He has made *us* into a kingdom. Rev 1:6 speaks of the end-

time restored edah (Isa 49:6; Mt 21:43; 24:14; Rev 5:9-10).