



God's Revelation of the Future

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 - He is able to perform deceptive signs and miracles.
 - His powers allow him to be the “high priest” of the Antichrist cult, forcing the inhabitants of the earth to receive the mark of the 1st beast and to worship that beast and his image.

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 - This vision describes three angels, who, one after the other, proclaim a message to the those living during the 70th week.
 - These messages are followed by words of encouragement and blessing to the saints.

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This vision provides a graphic picture of God's judgment of man as the 70th week (and beyond) unfolds.

- In it we see God's judgment being executed as pictured in two harvests.
- As a result of these two harvests vast numbers of human beings are killed.

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- When do these two harvests take place?

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