

An Angel Preaches The Gospel

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven He told His disciples to preach the gospel to the entire world:

Mark 16:15: “And he said unto them, Go ye into **all the world, and preach the gospel** to every creature.”

Preaching the gospel to the whole world is quite a big job. However, it's not a hopeless task. The reason we know this is because Jesus *also* told His disciples that before He returned the gospel would be preached to the entire world:

Matthew 24:14: “And this gospel of the kingdom **shall be preached in all the world** for a witness unto all nations; and **then shall the end come.**”

This has led some people to believe that the Rapture will not happen until everyone has heard the gospel. This sounds plausible, but it is wrong. The return that Jesus was speaking of was the Second Coming, *not* the Rapture. The Rapture is a signless event; it can happen at any time. Nothing else needs to happen before the Rapture takes place. The Rapture and the Second Coming are two different things – but that is beyond the scope of this book.

It is true that the gospel will be preached to the entire world before the Second Coming (which will take place at least seven years *after* the Rapture), but the Church is not the one who will finish that monumental task. Instead it will be done during the Tribulation by an angel:

Revelation 14:6: “And I saw another **angel fly** in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel to preach** unto them that dwell on the earth, and **to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,**

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

Notice the clarity of this passage! The preaching (and the passage *does* use the word “preach”) is being done *by an angel*, not by the Church. The passage is also clear that the angel is preaching the “everlasting gospel”, and that this gospel is being preached to “every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people”.

The Church was given the task of reaching the world with the gospel, but that job will actually be finished by an angel, not by us. After the angel has finished its task, Jesus will return and the end will come.

We don’t often think of angels preaching the gospel, and rightly so; that task has been given to us in this age. But one day the Church will be gone and an angel will preach the gospel to the entire world.