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“Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh and his servants, and it was changed into a snake. Pharaoh, in turn, summoned wise men and sorcerers, and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did likewise by their **magic arts**.”
(Exodus 7:10-11)

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“There were seventy priests of Bel, besides their wives and children. When the king went with Daniel into the temple of Bel, the priests of Bel said, “See, we are going to leave. Do you, O king, set out the food and prepare the wine; then shut the door and seal it with your ring. If you do not find that Bel has eaten it all when you return in the morning, we are to die; otherwise Daniel shall die for his lies against us.” They were not perturbed, because under the table they had made a secret entrance through which they always came in to consume the food.” (Daniel 14:10-13)

Stamped Image

An anti-type to the seal of the Holy Spirit (14:1)

“Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest. Bind them at your wrist as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-8)

Chapter Fourteen

The Lamb and the 144,000

Mount Zion and the Remnant

- ◆ “Then everyone shall be rescued who calls on **the name of the LORD**; For **on Mount Zion** there shall be **a remnant**, as the LORD has said, And in Jerusalem survivors whom the LORD shall call.” (Joel 3:5)
- ◆ His name (3:12)
- ◆ New hymn (5:9)

Not defiled with women...

“For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God, since I betrothed you to one husband to present you as **a chaste virgin** to Christ.” (2 Cor 11:2)

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself **the church** in splendor, **without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.**” (Eph 5:25-27)

The Three Angels

1st Angel

Good news begins with “repent” for God’s judgment is at hand. Give God what is his as creator (Romans 1:18-23)

2nd Angel

The future judgment of Rome is as sure as the past judgment of Babylon.

3rd Angel

It is better to die here in faith than to accept the beast and suffer judgment after death.

The Harvest

- ◆ The wheat is gathered by “one like a son of man” (Matthew 12:30, 39-43)
- ◆ The winepress of God’s fury (Isaiah 63:3-6)
- ◆ Joel sees both as God’s judgment (4:13)