

"The Advance Team"

Preparing the Way

Beyond the Apostles

1. The **SITUATION** of the mission (v. 1-2)
 - a. The harvest is **PLENTIFUL**.
 - b. The harvest is **READY** to be harvested.
 - c. There is a need for **MORE** workers to bring in the harvest.
 - d. The property **OWNER** coordinates the laborers and oversees the harvest.
 - e. The property Owner sends out additional help at the **REQUEST** of the laborers.
2. The **SPIRIT** of the mission (v. 3-7)
 - a. The task will require proactive **EFFORT**.
 - b. The task will involve significant **OPPOSITION**.
 - c. The task is to be carried out with a sense of **URGENCY**.
 - d. The task is inherently **POSITIVE**.
 - e. The task should be conducted **HONORABLY** and without manipulation.
3. The **SERIOUSNESS** of the mission (v. 8-16)
 - a. We are to call people to a **DECISION**.
 - b. Those who reject Jesus will stand to receive **GREATER** judgement.
 - c. The pronouncements of Jesus' representatives will be **RATIFIED** in heaven.
4. The **SUCCESS** of the mission (v. 17-20)
 - a. The mission of the kingdom resulted in **JOY**.
 - b. The mission of the kingdom resulted in **SPIRITUAL** victory.

Revelation 12:7-11 (ESV) - ⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered

him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

- c. The mission of the kingdom is about **ULTIMATE** joy in a restored relationship with God.

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