

Prophecy devo #28 – The judgments of the Tribulation (Revelation 14)

THE VICTORY OF THE 144,000 (14:1-5). The 144,000 will be sealed with the Father's name in their foreheads. They will be visible to the followers of the Antichrist, who wear the number or mark of the Beast. They will come through the Tribulation with a song (2-3). They will be kept morally from sexual defilement (4). They will follow Christ (4). They will seek the kingdom first and will be the firstfruits to God and the Lamb (4). There will be no guile in their mouth (5). They will be preserved through the Tribulation.

AN ANGEL PREACHING THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL (Revelation 14:6-7). This is the last invitation to be saved. God will send an angel flying through the midst of heaven, preaching to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." No person living on earth will miss God's final call. The message is simple and plain: "Fear God...and worship Him that made Heaven and earth, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." This is an invitation to worship the Creator. People who have "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator" (Romans 1:25), will be given one last chance to repent. This message is nothing new. John the Baptist preached it. Jesus preached it. The church preaches it. The 144,000 will preach it. An angel will preach it. Throughout the ages God has invited fallen humanity to come to Him. One day God's love will be extended not more. There will be no more invitations. Just eternal regrets.

A PROPHECY OF THE JUDGMENT OF BABYLON (8). Another angel announces that Babylon will be destroyed. Babylon represents Antichrist's religious and political system. It is possible the city of Babylon will be rebuilt and destroyed, but the point is that Antichrist's religious, political, and economic order will be destroyed.

A PRONOUNCEMENT OF JUDGMENT ON THOSE WHO WORSHIP THE BEAST (9-13). Another angel proclaims judgment on those who worship Antichrist and receive his mark. They will "drink of the wine of the wrath of God...be tormented with fire and brimstone...the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever.