

## Revelation 14

### VISIONS & VOICES FROM HEAVEN

- Rev. 14 consists of a series of forecasts and visions assuring believers that Christ will ultimately triumph and judge the wicked
- Rev. 14 emphasizes 2 truths:
  - The 144,000 will be preserved through the Tribulation
  - Pronouncements of divine judgment upon the wicked
- Though the saints may suffer, and even be martyred, God's ultimate justice will triumph. The Wicked will be judged & the saints will be rewarded
- The visions in Rev. 14 summarize events that will be described in detail later

#### 1. VISION OF THE 144,000 (read 1-5)

- a. Singing about redemption
- b. Unmarried & pure
- c. Loyal to the Lamb
- d. Firstfruits to God & the Lamb - 1<sup>st</sup> of many saved during the Tribulation
- e. Speak God's truth without compromise

#### A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS:

- a. Testimony of redemption
- b. Morally pure
- c. Follow Christ
- d. Faithful to the Word
- e. Practice what they preach

#### 2. VISION OF ANGEL #1 (read 6-7)

- a. Preaching the Gospel to everyone who has not heard
- b. What he preaches: Fear God & worship Him. Judgment has come

*This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).*

### **3. VISION OF ANGEL #2 (read 8)**

- a. Announcing the fall of Babylon
  - Babylon is the source of Antichrist's religious & political ideas (Nimrod)
  - Religious Babylon will be destroyed in Rev. 17
  - Political Babylon will be destroyed in Rev. 18

*Babylon...shall be as when God overthrew Sodom & Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch his tent there; neither shall shepherds make their fold there (Isa. 13:19-20).*

- b. Antichrist's religious, political, economic system will be destroyed

### **4. VISION OF ANGEL #3 (read 9-13)**

- a. All who worship the beast will experience the wrath of God (9-10)
- b. The beast will be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:1-15)
- c. This judgment is a reward for those who kept (and keep) the Faith
- d. Believers who die from now on will not miss the blessings of the kingdom

### **5. VISION OF THE SEPARATION OF THE TARES FROM THE WHEAT (read 14-16)**

- a. A description of Matthew 13:36-43, 49-50
- b. Good seed separated from bad seed. Tares burned. Wheat saved

### **6. VISION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF ARMAGEDDON (17-20)**

*I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come (Isaiah 63:3)*

### **CONCLUDING THOUGHTS:**

(1) All Judgments proceed from the justice of God.

(2) John Calvin: "I would rather be on the side that seems to be losing today but will win finally than to be on the side that seems to be winning today but is going to lose eternally."

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