

Revelation 14:6-20 - APRIL 8, 2018 - Study 48- Six (6) Angelic Announcements

Angel Message #1-Sharing the gospel!

Rev 14:6-7 6 Then I saw another angel #1 flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth; to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people; 7. saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

- In light of the lies of Satan, the False Prophet & the Antichrist, God now adds His personal Angelic Air-force.
- This is what Jesus spoke of when he said: Mat 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”
- Worship God....NOT the IMAGE! Worship the creator, not the creation!

Angel Message #2 Not the gospel/good news, but gloom or doom

Rev 14:8 And another angel #2 followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

The message is this: if the Babylon you are trusting in is some pagan religious system, or a political system, or some world-wide power- STOP trusting in them....They have all fallen.

Angel Message #3! Not the gospel/good news, nor gloom or doom but damnation

Rev 14:9-11 9 Then a third angel #3 followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10. He himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

- Failing to align with the Antichrist as Supreme Ruler, by receiving his mark on their hand or forehead, and worshipping his image, will suffer physical death at the hands of the False Prophet:
- Aligning with the Antichrist as Supreme Ruler by receiving his mark on their hand or forehead, and worshipping his image will suffer eternal damnation by the eternal God. **Mat 10:28 Fear Him-destroy both soul & body in hell.**

Rev 14:12-13 12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 13. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”

- A word of encouragement to the blessed the saints, in the midst of the Great Tribulation.
- Those who die in the LORD will receive ETERNAL REST & REWARDS knowing their works follow them.

While we are saved by grace through faith and not of works, God’s saving grace works in our life to produce His fruits/or works that show evidence that we are saved.

Rev 14:14-16 14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. 15. And another angel (4th angel) came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” 16. So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

- For the harvest of the earth is ripe: has a negative sense, is over-ripe, rotten, of no value.
- Aligns with the Second Coming of Jesus in Matt 13:24-43 with the parable of the wheat and the tares.
- Jesus spoke specifically of this day when He will judge the earth. John 5:22 NKJV
- When Jesus returns, He will be carrying a sharp sickle, NOT an olive branch,
- He will wear a victor’s crown, NOT a crown of thorns,
- He will return as a King, NOT as a poor carpenter in an obscure town,
- He will come to judge and sentence the lost, NOT to seek and save the lost. He will come to reap; NOT sow.

Rev 14:17-18 Then another angel (#5) came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18. And another angel (#6) came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.

- This is the idea of this harvest. It isn’t just the removal of the ripe grapes, it is the total destruction of the grapes.

Rev 14:19-20 19. So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

- They are not only harvested, they are thrown into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
- The spurting of the grape juice from under the bare feet of those treading the grapes in the winepress is compared to the spurting of blood and speaks of the awful human carnage.”
- The angel thrust his sickle in the earth, speaking of God’s judgment on the earth.
- The people are like grapes in God’s winepress, and He is doing the stomping.
- The wicked will be completely annihilated, totally consumed! The human carnage will be immense.

Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Joe 3:12-16; Isa 63:1-4; Rev 19:11-19

1600 furlongs = about 200 miles. Many believe that the 200 miles refers to the distance between the valley of Armageddon, and the city of Bozrah, former capital of Edom, located southeast of the Dead Sea.

Jesus Christ himself will tread “the winepress of the fierceness and the wrath of Almighty God”. His personal involvement in the final judgment of the nations who come against Jerusalem is unmistakable. The Son of Man has blood all over his garments.

Heb 2:3 NKJV 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

Escape what? Escape your judgment! The tribulation is judgment. The way out is to except Christ.