

Proclamations of the Three Angels Revelation 14: 6-13

SCRIPTURE

Chapter 14

⁶ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

⁷saying with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

- ⁸ And there followed another angel, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."
- ⁹ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, ¹⁰ the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and 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 ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."
- ¹² Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
- ¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

COMMENTARY

Three angelic messengers now appear on the scene. Each one has a proclamation for the residents of the earth.

The first angel declares the everlasting gospel, and that the hour of judgment is come.

The second angel foretells that Babylon is fallen. Babylon is the Antichrist's political and commercial empire. Commercial Babylon's destruction is described in Chapter 18.

The third angel proclaims a solemn warning to anyone who worships the beast, or his image, or receives his mark. They will never be saved from God's wrath, and will be tormented forever and ever.

This horrible declaration should remind us, that today in the age of God's grace, we still have the opportunity to escape God's judgment for sin. God, in His love, sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on a cross to pay the price of our sin. He died there in our place, as our substitute. He only asks that we put our faith in what Christ did for us on that cross, to assure us a home in heaven. How foolish to reject such a gracious offer. God is telling us that we have been warned. Please don't make the eternal

mistake of ignoring His warning, and rejecting His love.