

# UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF REVELATION THROUGH BIBLE PROPHECY

## 5 Revelation's Most Amazing Message

Take note of what John saw happening near the close of time: "I saw another angel flying in mid-air, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people."-**Revelation 14:6**.

What a dramatic picture! God attempting to rescue every person on planet Earth from sin! This angel is the first of three angels John saw who issue loud proclamations over the earth. These are God's final, last-day messages. God has always sent messages to warn His people. Revelation sends a message that something big is coming. What is this big event? Look carefully at Revelation 14 and you see that the third angel ends his message in verse 13. Then verse 14 describes the next event: The Son of Man returns with a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. This is the Second Coming, the final judgment, when history climaxes and all human destinies are sealed.

Look again at the angel's message: "I saw another angel flying in mid-air, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people."-**Revelation 14:6, NIV**. Who is this message for? Is it aimed only at Canadians or those who speak Spanish or those who live in big cities? No, it's for everyone, it's a universal message for the whole world.

The angel is preaching "the everlasting gospel." The gospel doesn't change. The good news that saved Paul is the *same* good news that will save the last person on earth. We're sinners, both in nature and in behavior. If we don't understand our fall from grace, we won't see the day of final judgment rushing up to meet us.

The angel continues in **Revelation 14:7**: "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." This message has *four parts*. First, "**Fear God.**" To *fear* means to stand in awe, deeply admire, reverence, or respect. Those whom we respect we long to please and obey, and fearing or respecting God and obeying Him are linked together. **Ecclesiastes 12:13** says, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Second, **Revelation 14:7** says, "**Give glory to Him.**" Giving God glory means honoring Him in everything we do. Glory is a word reserved for the highest form of adoration. To give God glory means our entire lifestyle is surrendered to His will. **1 Corinthians 10:31** says, "Therefore whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." **1 Corinthians 6:20** adds, "For you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." Glorify God in all your actions. You don't glorify God by placing abusive substances in your body or by polluting your mind with this world's filth. You do it by saying, "Lord, my body, mind, and spirit are all Yours."

Third, **Revelation 14:7** says: "**Worship Him who made** heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." Why should we *fear* and *glorify* and *worship* God? One good reason the Bible gives is that He's the Creator. We worship the true God, the One who created us. **Revelation 4:11** echoes: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things and by Your will they exist and were created."

Fourth, **Revelation 14:7** says, "**The hour of God's judgment has come.**" Here is a double meaning: Certainly God will execute judgment and put an end to sin. But in another sense He Himself is the subject of judgment. Remember that at the beginning of time, a rebel angel challenged God's character. Lucifer claimed that God was unfair, unjust. He made

these accusations before the whole universe. Now, ages later, God wants to clear His good name and vindicate His actions. The universe has seen the results of Satan’s evil work as well as all God has done to save us. The judgment proves God has been fair with each individual. His character is vindicated. At the end of time, the whole *universe* will joyfully proclaim in one chorus of praise, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”-**Revelation 16:7**.

A second angel follows the first angel with a brief message, “Babylon is fallen.” **Revelation 14:8**. This is not literal ancient Babylon. That had already fallen in 539 B.C. Rather, ancient Babylon is used as a symbol. Babylon was originally the site of the tower of Babel. It’s founder was Nimrod, whose name in Hebrew means, “rebel.” Indeed, Babel was rebellion against God. He had said that there would never be another global flood, but they chose not to believe God’s word, but to believe in their leader and in their man-made attempts to outwit God. So, God brought judgment on them in the form of confusing their languages. That why we sometimes tell a person to stop “babbling” today. Babylon is therefore a symbol of religious confusion, of false worship and of man-made traditions. God warns us that these man-made systems will fail and be brought under judgment.

Finally, a third angel follows with one of the most urgent messages of the entire Bible. It’s a message that those who worship the beast and receive his mark will end up facing the wrath of God. **Revelation 14:9** calls us to *avoid* worshipping the beast. These two worships—of the Creator or the beast—form the heart of a titanic struggle between good and evil. The coming economic boycott, the enforcement of the Mark of the Beast, the mysterious number 666 all have to do with this final battle over worship.

But, there is a group of people who will remain faithful to God. This group, known as the “saints” are those who have “patience” and who “keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” **Revelation 14:12**. Those who stand for God. Those who refuse to give up on Him. Those who have the faith of Jesus to hold them through the storm, these will be God’s people in the last days.

When Jesus comes back, there will be just two groups. Those who follow the lamb and those who follow the beast. One group will come under the judgment of God and one will come under the care of the lamb.. While God wrote judgment against King Belshazzar, his finger of judgment brings “no condemnation” to those in trust in Him (John 8:12).

- Revelation 14:6-12** God’s urgent message in earth’s last hour is His final call to a dying planet.
- Revelation 14:6** (first part) The “everlasting gospel” never changes—it’s always new, always true.
- Revelation 14:6** (last part) This message is to go to all the world, to everyone everywhere.
- Revelation 14:7** (first part) God calls us to “give glory to Him” in every aspect of life.
- 1 Corinthians 10:31** Paul says we can glorify God in what we eat or drink or whatever we do.
- 1 Corinthians 6:20** Since Jesus bought us—ransomed us—with His blood, we should glorify Him.
- Revelation 14:7** (middle) The angel announces that the hour of God’s judgment has come.
- Ecclesiastes 12:14** God will bring every secret thing into judgment.
- 2 Corinthians 5:10** We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
- Romans 14:12** Everyone must give account of himself to God.
- Revelation 14:7** (last part) Heaven’s final message calls all humanity to worship God as the Creator
- Revelation 4:11** The very basis of all true worship is the fact that God *created* us—He’s our Maker.
- Revelation 16:7** All God’s judgments are righteous and true.