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Twelve thousand feet above Phoenix, Arizona, in the United States, Debbie Williams and a half-dozen friends poised briefly in the open door of an airplane.



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They dove out into the clear blue sky. These experienced sky divers planned to link in a mid-air formation.



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A few seconds into her free-fall, Debbie went into a corkscrew, a fast dive to catch up with four others below her.

But she miscalculated her descent and slammed into another diver.

The 50-mile per hour impact knocked her unconscious. She bounced away, limp as a rag doll.



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Debbie was plummeting toward earth, with her parachute unopened, and no way to open it.



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She flew past instructor and jump-master Gregory Robertson. He noticed the blood covering her face.



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Immediately, Gregory forced his body into a “no-lift” dive, head tucked into his chest, toes pointed, and arms flat at his sides. Now he was diving at 180 miles per hour.



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When he looked up to check, Debbie still seemed to be falling away from him. But Gregory kept going, as the horizon came up to meet him, trying to dive faster, and faster.

He maneuvered his shoulders ever so slightly to guide his descent toward the unconscious young woman.

And then, he was there beside her.

Gregory reached out and grabbed Debbie’s reserve cord.

Yanking it hard, he quickly moved away. Her chute opened and she began drifting slowly toward the ground.

At 2000 feet, only 12 seconds from impact, Gregory opened his own chute.



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Debbie and her rescuer both survived.

Debbie would recover fully from her injuries and remain always grateful to the one who miraculously snatched her from a fatal impact.

We too are rushing headlong toward an impact with destiny. We are speeding toward a collision with the final events of earth’s history.



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Wars and rumors of wars keep rushing at us.

Devastating earthquakes have dramatically increased.

The social fabric of our society is falling apart.

Divorce is rampant and child abuse all too common.



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Violent crime is on the rise.
Sexual promiscuity is out of control.



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And the gospel is going to all the world, impacting whole nations where it once was banned.



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All these things are rushing at us with frightening speed.
They are signs that history is coming to a climax.



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We are plummeting toward ground zero, and a lot of people don't have a parachute.

Even more are simply unconscious; they don't realize that the horizon is rushing up to meet them.

They grow limp in the face of climactic, end-time events.

But even at this late hour, **God** has planned a **mid-air rescue**. That's right! He knows the human race is spinning rapidly toward its date with destiny.



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He knows the fate of millions will soon be decided forever.

So even as we fall headlong, seconds from impact, He has devised a way to help us pull our rip cord.

God's mid-air rescue is described in Revelation, the last book of the Bible.

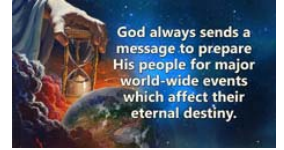
Revelation reveals God's last day message.



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God always sends a message to prepare His people for major world-wide events which affect their eternal destiny.



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There is a biblical pattern. God's message of warning is always sent before His judgments.

A loving God invites men and women to be saved before the coming calamity.



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In Noah's day God sent a message to prepare men and women for the coming destruction of the world by water.



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He longed for people to be saved, not destroyed by the flood.

God loved humanity so much He allowed Noah to preach for a hundred and twenty years—

120 years of mercy,

120 years of grace,

120 years of loving appeals.

A message of mercy and warning always precedes major biblical events.

It was only after the inhabitants of Noah's day rejected the message of mercy that God sent the flood.



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God revealed the same pattern in the days of Joseph. He raised up a man to prepare Egypt for the coming famine.



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A message of love was sent to Egypt before the calamity.

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This pattern was repeated again and again in the Old Testament. God sent His prophets to warn Israel before the impending doom.

In the New Testament God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the first coming of Jesus.



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It would be surprising then if God did not have a message of mercy to prepare the world for the second coming of Christ.

Wouldn't it be amazing if God changed the pattern in the last days?

All through history God has sent a message to prepare His people for great world-shaking events.

Once again today He has a special message to prepare them for the second coming of Christ.

This brings our theme in to sharp focus:

**If it's in the Bible, I believe it.
If it disagrees with the Bible,
It's not for me.**



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The message of God to prepare us for the second coming of Christ is something that is for us and for our children in these last days, don't you agree?

In the Bible's last book, **Revelation**, God has given us a message that is as significant for us to understand in our day as Noah's, Joseph's and John the Baptist's in their day.



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There is an urgent **end-time message** in the book of Revelation which has eternal significance for our world tonight.



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This message is as vital for us as John the Baptist's message was for people looking forward to the first coming of Christ.

It is found in the heart of the book of Revelation chapter 14

Let's read this end-time message directly from Revelation.

Revelation 14:6

“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel



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to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.”



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God's last day message is pictured as carried by angels in mid heaven.

It's an urgent message. The angels do not float, they fly. They carry the message rapidly. It goes swiftly, quickly to the ends of the earth.

It is **a universal message**. It goes to every kindred, nation, tongue and people.



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This message from Revelation is vital for us to understand in preparation for the coming of Christ.

There is no more important message for our day.

What event does this message prepare all humanity for?



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Revelation 14:14-16

"Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man,



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having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple,



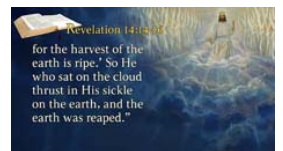
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crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, 'Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You[to reap,



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for the harvest of the earth is ripe. So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped."



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What is the meaning of Revelation's symbol of the harvest?



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Matthew 13:39

"The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels."



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Revelation describes the second coming of Christ with the symbolism of Jesus coming to reap earth's final harvest.



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The message of the three angels prepares men and women living in earth's last hour for the glorious, spectacular return of our Lord.

A new day will dawn. Christ will return.

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The heavens will be illuminated with the glory of God.

The reign of sin will come to an end.
Christ will come to take His people home.



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But before He returns He sends a message – a vital message to prepare His people to go home.
Here it is—

Revelation 14:6

“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel . . .”



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Revelation’s message is the message of the gospel.

The good news that through Jesus our sins can be forgiven. Our guilt can be gone.
The condemnation can be over.
The accusing voices can be silenced.



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The gospel is also the good news that the grip of sin on our lives can be broken.
The chains which bind us can be severed.
The prisons which enslave us can be unlocked.

Through Jesus we can be set free.

The apostle Paul describes this gospel in 1 Corinthians 15 when he says—

1 Corinthians 15:3, 4

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,



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and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”



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The Everlasting Gospel

1. Christ died for our sins.



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The gospel centers on the death of Christ.
Our hope is anchored in the cross of Christ.

Our faith depends on what Christ did for us, not what we do for ourselves.



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Through the cross, salvation, forgiveness, mercy, and grace are ours.

There was no other way to save the human race.

In the most familiar text of scripture Jesus declares—

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”



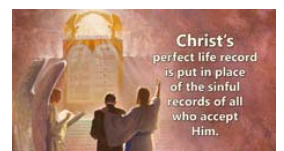
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2. Christ lived a perfect life.



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Christ's perfect life record is put in place of the sinful records of all who accept Him.



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He was perfect, we are imperfect.

Through His perfect righteousness, we stand before God's throne complete in Him.

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3. Christ rose from the dead.



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Jesus not only died for us He lives for us. We can bring to Him all of our heart's longings and desires.



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We can come to Him with all of our weakness and sins. We can bring to Him everything that troubles and confuses us. He is alive.

4. Christ ascended to the Father.



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The world's political leaders all die.

Nebuchadnezzar is dead. Alexander the Great is dead.

Caesar is dead. Napoleon is dead.

Hitler and Stalin are dead.



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But Jesus is alive!



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He ascended to the Father two thousand years ago and is before the throne of God at this very moment.

He knows your name. He understands your needs.

He longs to hear your prayers.

His greatest desire is to save you in His kingdom.

Deep within our hearts we ask, "**How can I find peace?** How can I be free from guilt? How can bad habits be changed? How can sins be overcome?"



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The Everlasting Gospel is the answer.

Jesus is the answer. He forgives. He still changes lives. His grace and power can be ours.



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And this gospel will be preached to the entire world before Jesus comes. Every individual will have the opportunity to respond to the claims of God's love.



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But there are certain facets of the gospel which the message of Revelation emphasizes at the end of time. These aspects have long been neglected in the Christian church.

Long neglected truths will be restored.



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Revelation's urgent end-time message is pictured by these three angels flying in mid-heaven.



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It is an urgent call to do three things.

First, it is a call to **obedience**. **Obedience is a neglected truth in some Christian circles today.**

Too many Christians emphasize free grace without paying attention to the importance of God's law.



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Revelation 14:7 says,

“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come;



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and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”



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What does it mean to fear God?



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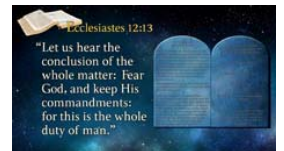
To fear God means to respect or reverence God by obeying Him.



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Ecclesiastes 12:13

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”



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Proverbs 3:1

“My son, do not forget My law, but let your heart keep My commands.”



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In an age of waning morality God is calling us back to obedience to His law.



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He's calling us to keep His commandments.

Revelation 14 describes God's end-time people this way:

Revelation 14:12

“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”



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Revelation 14:7

“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come.”

God’s last day message is a call first to fear or obey God.



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Secondly, it is a call to give **glory** to God.



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What does it mean to give glory to God?



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To give glory to God means to honor Him in our lifestyle.



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God’s last-day message is calling us to honor God in how we treat our bodies. This includes what we eat, drink and how we live.

1 Corinthians 10:31

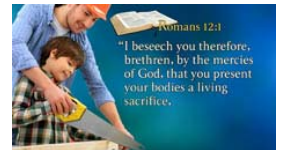
“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”



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Romans 12:1

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice,



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holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”



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Our bodies are not funhouses.
They are temples of the living God.

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So we have discovered what we are supposed to be doing.



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As Christians who have accepted the gospel and are saved by grace God appeals to us to lovingly obey Him and give Him glory in the way we live.

That's what it means to fear or respect Him.

He also appeals to us to give Him glory or honor in every aspect of our lives.

As we continue reading in Revelation Chapter 14 the scripture gives us this urgent message—

Revelation 14:7

“And worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”



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Who is this message calling us to worship?



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The Creator of the Heaven and Earth.

Here is an urgent message in the last days of earth's history calling us back to worship the Creator.



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In an age of evolution when millions have dismissed the idea of a creator God,



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Revelation 14:7 appeals to us to—

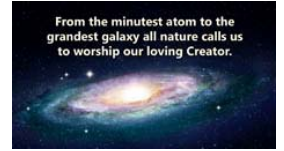
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Worship Him who made heaven and earth.



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From the minutest atom to the grandest galaxy all nature calls us to worship our loving Creator.



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The very basis of worship is the fact that God created us.



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Revelation 4:11

“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.”



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The final conflict between good and evil focuses on the issue of worship and specifically who we worship – **The Creator or the beast.**



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It calls us back to accepting God's sign of loyalty rather than the beast's mark.

3. Worship God

Revelation's final message calls us back to worshipping the Creator.



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So, through **the message of the first angel**, we have discovered as Christians **what we are supposed to be doing** – obeying God and giving Him glory in our lifestyles.



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We have discovered **why we are supposed to do it** – He is our Creator. He made us; so He is worthy of our allegiance.

Now let's discover **why** this message is **so critically important**.

Revelation 14:7

“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come.”



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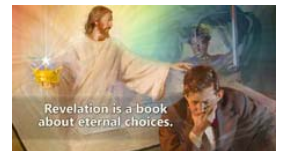
Revelation's final message does not say the hour of God's judgment will come, it says **The hour of God's judgment has come**.



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Could it be that we are living in the judgment hour. Could it be that the destinies of all humanity are soon to be settled by the choices we are now making? Before the coming of Jesus, heaven's final judgment will determine who will receive what reward when He comes.

Revelation is a book about eternal choices.



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Revelation 22:12

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”



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If Jesus is coming to give out His rewards, there must be a judgment preceding His return to determine who receives what reward when He comes.

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Revelation 16:7

“ . . . Even so Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”



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God never makes a mistake!

Earthly courts may make mistakes.
Earthly judges may make mistakes.
Earthly juries may make mistakes, but
God never makes a mistake.



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His judgments are true and righteous.

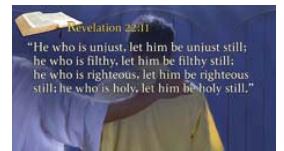
Revelation reveals that every human being alive when Jesus comes has already made their final decision for or against Christ.



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Revelation 22:11

“He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”



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The Christ of Revelation is appealing to you tonight.

He wants you to be saved.
He wants you to live in His kingdom forever.
He can't bear the thought of you being lost.



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More than anything else He desires to be with you forever so He has sent this urgent end-time message in Revelation 14.

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So there can be no mistake about its importance He pictures it as being sent by three glorious angels in the midst of heaven.



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Let's summarize this vital message.

The Message of the First Angel

A call to accept the everlasting Gospel.



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A call to loving obedience.



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A call to give glory to God in all our lives.



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A call to worship the Creator.



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An urgent call to live godly lives in the light of earth's final judgment.



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God's final appeal is an appeal for loyalty.
It's an appeal for commitment.
It's an appeal for obedience.

This urgent message of Revelation 14 reveals truth and exposes error.



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In the book of Revelation Babylon represents spiritual confusion.

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Just as God confused the languages at the tower of Babel, at end time, manmade teachings based on tradition would bring confusion in to the Christian church.

The message of the second angel in Revelation 14 announces that all manmade systems will not stand in the final crises.

Here's what God's word says in Revelation 14:8—

“And another angel followed, saying, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city,



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because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’”



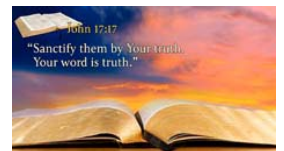
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False doctrines would come into the church through this false religious system called Babylon.

God is calling His people today back to His word.

The Bible is the foundation of the Christian faith.

Jesus said: **John 17:17,**
“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”



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The message of Revelation 14 leads God's people back to His truth at end time.

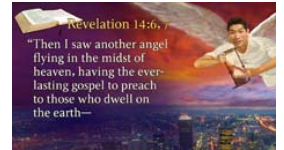
God is leading each of us back to His word today.

The central issue regarding the Mark of the Beast is worship.

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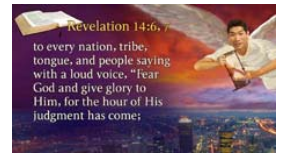
Revelation 14:6, 7

“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—



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to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people . . . ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come;



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and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.’”



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Here is a call to worship the Creator of heaven and earth. It is a call to true worship. The issue is over worship.

Revelation 14:9 says—

“Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice,



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‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,



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he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God...’”

The angel’s warning against receiving the Mark of the Beast is one of the most serious in the entire Bible.



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The messages of Revelation 14 and these three angels conclude with a description to the whole universe of those who are faithful at end time.

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Revelation 14:12

“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”



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Let's summarize. **Revelation 14:7** is a call to true worship - **worshipping the Creator**.



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Revelation 14:9 is a warning against false worship. **Revelation 14:12** presents the true followers of God.

The issue is worship. God will have a group of people who worship Him as Creator and Lord by keeping all His commandments.

God's last-day message warns us against the devil's deceptions in the last days.



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It's an appeal to surrender completely to God and commit our lives to following His truth.



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What is God's desire for His end-time people?
It is a heart loyal to Him. It is willing obedience.

Have you come to the place of your spiritual life where you have said,

“ Lord, I give all my life to you – all that I have and all that I am is yours.”

The story is told of a young boy who experienced a tragic accident. He was near death; his inner organs were seriously damaged.



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The doctors preformed delicate surgery.

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After surgery while the boy lay in the recovery room in a weakened condition the doctors ordered a blood transfusion.

They searched for a donor with the same blood type.
The boy's father responded.

In those days hospitals used direct blood transfusions.
Blood flowed directly from the donors arm to the patients.



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The nurse pricked the father's arm with a needle. The blood began to flow through the plastic tube directly into the boy's weakened body.

As the father looked at his son with tears in his eyes, he turned to the doctor and said

“Doctor, if you need to, take it all.”

On a cross called Calvary and a hill called Golgotha Jesus said, “Father, take it all. Take every drop of my blood.” And the Jesus who gave all invites us to give Him our all.



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The Christ who hung on the cross invites us to die on the cross with Him—

- to die to all of our selfish ambitions
- to die to our pride
- to die to our lust
- to die to our habits.

—to give Him our all, totally and completely.
Will you do it tonight? Will you give Him your all?

If you would, I would like you to stand while I pray?

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Our eternal destinies have already been decided by the death of Christ on the cross.

There is no reason for any one to be lost.
The choice is ours.

While we are standing, there are some here who have been thinking about being baptized. If you have been thinking about being baptized, would you just raise your hand? I would like to pray for all of you who have raised your hand. Would you just come forward? Just come on down front, come...come...we will pray together. Shall we pray.

(After prayer) Those of you who have come forward, please have a seat here on the front. We will pray for your special needs. (Get their names).
