

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Enmity of 2 seeds. Saw 144K in heaven, now seed of serpent on earth.
2. We pray for "persecuted church:" - Ps 73:17.
3. 14:6-11 - 3 angels proclaim judgment to mankind - thu church-age, pressing us up against Final Judgment [FJ].
  - i. v6-7 1<sup>st</sup> angel issues gospel warning of coming jdgmnt by Creator
  - ii. v8 2<sup>nd</sup> angel announces judgment on Babylon [culture of AntiChrist]
  - iii. v9-11 3<sup>rd</sup> angel announces arrival of FJ & eternal wrath
  - iv. v12-13 - warnings are heeded by saints: given to encourage us to persevere

**1st: The Angelic Preacher - v6a**

1. *And I saw... another angel* - last angel was 7<sup>th</sup> trmpt [11:15].
2. Rv 8:13 similar angel w/ similar message - *flying in midheaven*

**2nd: The Gospel Preached - v6b**

1. *preach & gospel* - verb & noun: good news. v7 = consists of sober summons to *fear God, give Him glory & worship*. No cross, resurrection, forgiveness, imputed righteousness - Beale [748]: "the judicial side of the gospel"
2. 2C 2:15-16 judicial hardening - Isa 6:10 describes ministries of Isaiah, Jesus & Paul. Either receive or reject: no middle ground - Mat 12:30.
3. Rv 10 Jn recommissioned: *gospel preaching* [v7] - v9-11 gospel gerd
4. Rv 11:4-6 2 Witnesses - prophetic judgments on unbelief [Elijah, Moses]

**3rd: A Message for Mankind - v6c,d**

1. *to those who live on the earth* - 11x in Rv: unbelieving - 13:8,12,14
2. Hope? an angel preaching gospel - *among those who are perishing*.
3. *peoples & tribes & tongues & nations*: out of which God's elect are called [Rv 5:9; 7:9]; also = population that kills the 2 Witnesses in Rv 11:9-10.
4. God's Word accomplishes His purposes - Isa 55:11. Gospel message is for mankind. Are 2 Witnesses & 1<sup>st</sup> angel preaching the right message?

**4th: The Summons - v7**

1. *He said* - "saying": avoid judgment or arrival of judgment?
2. 3 imperatives calling men to respond: 1] *fear*; 2] *give glory*; & 3] *worship*. In salvation or at point of execution of judgment? Josh 7:19 - judgment.
  - i. Rv 15:3-4 *fear, glorify, worship*.
  - ii. Phil 2:9-11 every knee bow & confess: the saved & the damned
3. You are in this scene - 2C 5:10. How are you responding?

**5th: The Hour of Judgment Has Come**

1. A final hour - Rv 3:10 *about to come*. In 14:7, *hour of His judgment has come*.
2. Jesus' return: when? Labor-pains. Mt 24-25; 2Ths 2 - Mt 24:14. Urgency - Mrk 1:15 *at hand*: come near, has arrived [same verb]; Jms 5:9; 1Jn 2:18.

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**6th: Prepare to Meet Your Maker**

1. Rv 14:7 - our Maker: Creator who *made* all creation [judged by 7 trmpts].
2. Rm1:20 general revelation of God thru *what He has made*. Rm 1:32 men *know the ordinance of God* - sinners *worthy of death*. Creator is Lawgiver & Judge to whom men are accountable. Satan's strategy: slander Creator & deny accountability - Rm 2:3
3. Angel in Rv14:6-7 compels acknowledgment that *Jesus is Lord* [Phil 2:9-11]

**Applic #1 Time is Running Out - Repent Now**

1. FJ looms nearer & nearer - Rv 10:6 *here will be delay no longer*. We need to feel the urgency! *Today is the day of salvation* [2C5:20; 6:2].
2. Time is running out. You cannot be neutral. Respond to this angelic summons in repentance and faith in Christ - now!