

INTRODUCTION

1. Denial of, yet interest in hell. Rv 14:6-11 Crescendo - v9-11

1st: The Wine Drinkers

1. Defiant in refusing gospel summons - 2T3:1-4
2. Intoxicated w/ Bab's wine [v8]: worshipers of Beast - inclusio v9b & v11c. Three traits seen in 13:12; 13:14; & 13:16. Inhabitants of hell.
3. Drinkers of Bab's wine in this age, bec/ drinkers of God's wine in age to come

2nd: Two Cups of Wine

1. v9 is the protasis [If...] & v10 is the apodosis [then...]. Sow - reap [Gal 6:7-8]. FJ as harvest [Rv14:14ff]. The life we live has eternal consequences.
2. 2 wines - "thumos": *passion* [v8] & *wrath* [v10]. Lex Talionis: punishment fits crime. cf. Hab 2. Reject God - punished by God's rejection.
3. God's wrath: *mixed in full strength* - w/o dilution.
 - i. Ps 75:8-9 enemies drink wrath & Asaph's sings - as seen in Rv 14!
 - ii. Rv 14:10 *wrath* [rage] of God & *cup of His anger* [indignation] = *fierce wrath* - Rv 16:19; 19:15
 - iii. God's *wrath* will be executed by *Lamb* [Rv 14:10]
4. Rm 1:18 *wrath* - abandon: context of common grace: hell - no common grace. Rv 14:7 refusal of God as Creator - believe lie that sin is not punished [Rm2:3]

3rd: Unending Fiery Torment

1. Rv 14:10b *torment* [v11]. Rv 9:5-6 psychological suffering: Rv 18:15
2. *Fire / brimstone*: Gn 19:24, 28 & Lk 17:28-30. Ps 11:6

- i. Jdgmnt on Assyria - Isa 30:33; Edom - Isa 34:9; & Gog - Ezek 38:22.
- ii. *Lake of fire* - Mt 25:41; Rv 19:20; 21:8; 20:10

3. v11a,b torment that emits smoke: locusts emerge from smoke - Rv 9:2-3.
 - i. Isa 34:9-10 - Edom: smoking battlefield after conflict - gruesome scene
 - ii. Isa 66:24 Lex Talionis. Baal worship: burn children - Tophet [Isa 30:33; Jer 19]. Jer 7:30-33 - people worship at temple & sacrifice to Baal! Ancient abortions for promise of prosperity. Bab kills = God's wrath.
4. v11c *no rest day & night*. Contrast w/ 14:13. *Rest* - peace; related to Sabbath in Heb 4 [cites Gn 2:2]: Shalom - space & time. Isa 48:22. W/o ceasing.
5. Beale 764 - torment: ongoing eternal restlessness.

4th: Judged in the Presence of the Judge

1. v10d [Jn 6:60 - *difficult statement*], so too Rv 14:10d.
2. *in the presence of* [2x - *in the sight of*]. Lex Talionis - punishment is *in the sight of the Lord* since crimes were committed *in the sight of the Lord* [57x in OT]. Crimes committed while Lawgiver & Judge watches.
 - i. Flood - Gn 6:11. Assyrian invasion - 2Kg 17:16-17.
3. Jesus will return w/ His angels, agents of harvest [Mt 13:30] & witnesses of justice - Lk 9:26; 12:8-9. Parable of Minas - Lk 19:27.

Applic #1: Why Does John Show Us the Realities of Hell?

Why does Jn show us heaven? Why does Jn show us hell?

1. **Warn us**: Mt 10:27-28
2. **Inform our witness** - Hos 7:2. Doct of annihilation is a cruel lie.
3. **Appeal to all who are outside of Christ** - [Rv 14:6b]
4. A wrathful Lamb: Rv 6:12-17. Flee from the wrath to come!