

POWER HOUR

4/13/2025

Lesson Text:
Revelation 14:6-13

Background Scripture:
Revelation 7:1-10

Devotional Reading:
Revelation 13:1-18; 18:1-24

“BABYLON IS FALLEN”

NLT TRANSLATION

Golden Text: *This means that God’s holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus.* Revelation 14:12 NLT

Time: about A.D. 96

Place: From Patmos

Revelation 14:6-13 NLT

6 And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. 7 “Fear God,” he shouted. “Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.” 8 Then another angel followed him through the sky, shouting, “Babylon is fallen—that great city is fallen—because she made all the nations of the world drink the wine of her passionate immorality.” 9 Then a third angel followed them, shouting, “Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand 10 must drink the wine of God’s anger. It has been poured full strength into God’s cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. 11 The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name.” 12 This means that God’s holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!”

INTRODUCTION

This week's lesson text revolves around three angels seen by the apostle John in his heavenly vision. The first angel had a message of judgment to preach to all the people on the earth. It is called "the everlasting gospel" (Rev. 14:6), but it is not the same as the gospel of grace being preached today, which emphasizes salvation.

The second angel had a somber message announcing the fall of the great city of Babylon, the name of the antichrist's capital in the end times. Much more detail regarding this event may be found in Revelation 17 and 18.

The third angel had an ominous message warning the antichrist's worshippers of their awful destiny. The description of torment by brimstone and fire is frightening.

At the end of the three angels' messages, John had words of encouragement and comfort for all saints, or true believers. They were commended for their patience in enduring all the horrible events of the end times.

Added to this was another comment from heaven. A voice instructed John to write that those who died in the Lord from that point on would be blessed. The Holy Spirit explained that these faithful ones would rest from their labors.

1. The everlasting gospel (Rev. 14:6-8).

God's plan has always been the same. He wanted to bring people to Himself, so He provided the way through His Son. This, then, is the gospel, the good news. It is, in fact, great news! God the Father, the Creator of all things, wants to have a personal relationship with you. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be the bridge that makes this possible.

The gospel will never disappear from this earth. God's good news is so powerful that it overcomes all opposition.

Someday in the future, the Bible tells us, every person will bow down to God, either willingly as His children or under compulsion. Those who do not follow Christ will also have to bend their knee, acknowledging that He is indeed the Lord and Savior.

2. The defeat of evil (Rev. 14:9-11).

As we live here on earth, we see so much evil around us. We measure the world around us against the standards of Scripture and easily see how opposed the world is to the Bible.

Increasingly, we see wrong being touted as right, and right being scorned or called wrong. The Bible tells us that this trend will continue and even accelerate as

the antichrist takes over.

The Lord will allow evil to reign for a while, but in the end He will overcome Satan's grasp on the earth. God will be the supreme judge. He will mete out punishment. Satan and his followers will be sentenced to the lake of fire, where they will be tortured eternally.

3. The reward of those who endure (Rev. 14:12-13).

Just as the long-distance runner needs to keep going, so Christians also must not give up. God has promised to always be with us to help us overcome obstacles. With strong faith, we will live happy, blessed lives—not carefree, but fulfilled lives, pleasing to Him.

Are you weary? God will be there for you. Are you heavy laden? He has promised to give you rest. Do you feel defeated? Jesus is the Victor. He knows the end from the beginning. He wins in the end!

Run the daily race with Jesus. Build up your spiritual endurance. Then you will indeed cross the finish line with Christ. Unlike footraces, where there is only one winner, with God each one who finishes the race wins the crown of life.

POINTS TO PONDER

Believers should take seriously God's command to spread His gospel to the ends of the earth (Rev. 14:6; cf. Matt. 28:19-20).

There is judgment coming; therefore, let us proclaim God as Creator and Lord (Rev. 14:7).

God's children should unashamedly serve Him, for He will ultimately triumph over the evil one (vs. 8).

Knowing the ultimate end of unbelievers should motivate us to share the gospel without hesitation (vss. 9-11).

It is incumbent upon us as believers to bear out our faith by living obedient lives (Rev. 14:12; cf. I John 1:3-6).

Whatever we accomplish for God on earth has eternal value (Rev. 14:13).

CONCLUSION

The content of this week's lesson has come from the proclamations of three angels in Revelation 14. They announced that the time of God's judgment had come, that

Babylon had fallen, and that those who received the mark of the beast would be tormented forever.

Sinful humanity has mocked God for millennia. As sin reaches its climax, God's unrelenting wrath and judgment will be poured out. Those who accept the mark of the beast will be consigned to everlasting torment. Only those who are saved during that time will receive rest and be rewarded.

How wonderful it is to be able to accept Christ in His day of grace and be delivered from the wrath that is to come!

QUESTION(S)

1. To whom was "the everlasting gospel" of Revelation 14:6 specifically directed?
2. Why did the first angel say God should be feared, given glory, and worshipped?
3. Which "Babylon" did the second angel say had fallen?
4. What was the reason for Babylon's destruction?
5. Who is the beast mentioned in verse 9?
6. How does the false prophet get people to worship the image of the beast?
7. Who will have to drink of the cup of God's wrath?
8. Where will fire and brimstone torment those who receive the mark of the antichrist?
9. What is meant by the "patience of the saints" (vs. 12)?
10. What blessings will those who die in the Lord enjoy?

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week's lesson is *"Jesus Fulfills the Scriptures"*

Lesson Text: **Luke 24:32-49**

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