

d) Announcement of Salvation and Judgment: 14:6-20

1) Three Angels: 14:6-13

1. We now see three angels. The first one proclaims 'an eternal gospel'. To whom does he preach this, and what is the content of the Gospel?
2. The second angel announces the fall of Babylon. In the Old Testament the 'first fall' of Babylon was described in vivid terms, see for instance Isaiah 21.9 and Jer 51.7-8. What evil did Babylon (Rev 14.8) do?
3. This is the first time the name Babylon is mentioned by John. More is to come in Rev 17-19.
4. The third angel announces the wrath of God. What people will be subject to God's punishments?
5. Note that God's wrath will be poured out 'in the presence of the Lamb'. (Rev 14.10) Note that the unbelievers 'have no rest' (Rev 14.11) while the believers 'rest' (Rev 14.13)
6. A call to endurance (Rev 14.12): Would this be the intention of the Revelation God gave to John? What is the mark of the saints? Discuss the words 'from now on' (Rev 14.13).
7. Seven benedictions in Revelation: 1.3; 14.13; 16.15; 19.9; 20.6; 22.7; 22.14.

2) Harvest Time: 14:14-20

1. Harvest-time in Rev 14.14-20. We see two different harvests. What do they signify? Who is doing the harvesting?
2. Notice the altar where the second harvest begins. What does this signify?
3. Where is the second harvest located? Why?
4. What does 'the city' signify, in Rev 14.20? Compare with Rev 14.8 and Rev 11.8.

