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Revelation's Most Thrilling Message

An End-time Message for the 21st Century



The book of Revelation is one of the most important books in the entire Bible. Its main theme, or central focus, is the return of Jesus Christ.

Revelation unmasks the deceptive plans of Satan. And it unfolds the plans of God for these last days.

In Revelation 14 Jesus Christ is clearly pictured as the Son of man coming on a cloud to reap the harvest of the earth (verses 14-16). Before He returns He sends a special message to prepare a people for His coming. We find this message in verses 6-12.

Revelation unmasks the deceptive plans of Satan.

1. In Revelation 14:6-12 Jesus reveals His special message to prepare His people for earth's last hour. Who bears this message to earth? Revelation 14:6

The Bible answer: _____

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Throughout the book of Revelation angelic messengers are pictured as bearing a message to earth. The fact that angels are pictured as bearing this message reveals its urgent heavenly importance. Jesus commissioned His angelic messengers to impress the mind of His prophet John with heavenly visions of end-time events. John wrote these messages down in the Bible's last book, Revelation.

2. How universal is this message? Whom is it for? Revelation 14:6

The Bible answer: _____

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The apostle John saw an angel flying swiftly in the heavens quickly carrying God's last-day message to the entire world. Noah preached a message of urgent importance for men and women soon to face a universal flood, and God sent a message through Joseph warning of an Egyptian famine. The messages of Noah and Joseph were sent by a loving God to prepare His people for overwhelming events that would profoundly affect millions. Once again in our day God has a special message for His people. It is a message of urgent importance.

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plagues. The other group, sensing it is the judgment hour, loyally stand for their Creator. Through faith in Jesus they keep the commandments of God. They flee from the falsehoods of spiritual Babylon and are protected from the plagues.

12. What promise does God give to those who study the prophecies of Revelation? Revelation 1:3

The Bible answer: _____

In each of our future lessons we will especially study God's urgent last-day messages for today. Each study in the series is a vital link in a connected chain to prepare us for the coming of Jesus. Why not open your heart to God right now and tell Him that you hunger after the truth of His Word? John the revelator promises that we will receive a triple blessing from reading, understanding, and following Revelation's teachings. God has a special blessing in store for us in the next few lessons.

MY DECISION

❒ *I long to know Jesus' truth, and I choose to open my mind to His guidance. Lord, wherever You lead me I will follow. I will seek Your will and Your truth always.*

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3. What is the central feature of God's final loving appeal before He returns? What is this universal message that is to go to "every nation, tribe, tongue, and people" (NKJV)?* Revelation 14:6

The Bible answer: _____

The heart of God's last-day message is the "everlasting gospel." The gospel is the good news about Jesus. It is the story of the cross. It is the story of Jesus' love, His forgiveness, His grace, and His mercy. The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16). It speaks of a love that transforms our lives and makes us into new persons in Christ.

4. What particular time period does this message draw our attention to? Revelation 14:7

The Bible answer: _____

Notice the tense of the verb describing the judgment. The text clearly says, "The hour of [God's] judgment HAS come!" (NKJV). Some translations declare, "The hour of [God's] judgment is come." In other words, it is here. It has arrived.

5. What did Jesus and the apostle Paul declare regarding the timing of the judgment?

a. In Matthew 12:36 Jesus says, _____

b. In Acts 24:25 the apostle Paul says, _____

Jesus speaks of the day of judgment in the future. Paul describes "judgment to come" (NKJV). In the days of both Jesus and Paul the judgment was certainly a future event. Revelation's urgent message for us today is "the hour of [God's] judgment is come." It is here.

6. What two classes are developed before Jesus comes? Revelation 22:11, 12

The Bible answer: _____

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Jesus is coming to give rewards. A judgment must precede His coming to determine who receives what rewards when He comes. The destiny of all men and women must be decided before He returns. The reason for this judgment is not because God does not know who is saved or lost. He certainly knows. Remember, a rebel angel has challenged God's character. Lucifer has claimed God is unfair and unjust. He has charged God before the whole universe. The judgment reveals God's character of love before the whole universe. It shows that anyone who is lost is lost because of their own choices. God has done everything He could to save them. When did this judgment begin? What is the nature of the judgment? How can you and I have assurance in the judgment? These and many other questions will be answered in the next two studies. However, there is more to the message in Revelation 14 to survey in this study.

7. Whom is this message a call to worship? Revelation 14:7

The Bible answer: _____

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In an age when the evolutionary hypothesis has captured the scientific world, God invites us to worship Him as the Creator. We did not evolve. We were fashioned by a loving God. We are His. The reason we worship God is precisely because He made us. The basis of all worship is simply this. He is our life-giver. Revelation gives an urgent, last-day call to worship Christ as Creator. In a future lesson we will discover God's end-time sign of last-day allegiance, the symbol of His creative power.

8. What important announcement does the second angel make? Revelation 14:8

The Bible answer: _____

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9. What call does God give to people in Babylon? Why? Revelation 18:4

The Bible answer: _____

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Who composes Babylon? What does Babylon stand for? The city of Babylon was built on the site of the former tower of Babel where God confused the languages. In Revelation's prophecies, it is a symbol of religious confusion. Revelation's spiritual Babylon represents false religion. It symbolizes a departure from Bible truth. In a future lesson we will discover just how error has slipped into the Christian church and God's call back to truth.

10. What issue does the third angel deal with? Revelation 14:9-11

The Bible answer: _____

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11. How does Revelation describe God's people just before the return of our Lord? Revelation 14:12

The Bible answer: _____

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As a result of proclaiming the message of Revelation 14, two classes are developed. One receives the mark of the beast. They persecute and oppress the true people of God. Ultimately they receive the seven last