

A SPECIAL COMMISSION FROM HEAVEN

(Revelation 14:6-13)

- I. Proclamation Concerning BELIEF from the First of Six Angels (14:6-7)
 - A. The NATURE of this message
 - 1. URGENT in its sounding
 - 2. ETERNAL in its significance
 - 3. UNIVERSAL in its scope
 - a. Proclaimed to EARTH-DWELLERS in general
 - b. Proclaimed to EVERY CATEGORY of people
 - B. The NEWS of this message
 - 1. Involves CONVICTION: fear GOD
 - 2. Involves CONVERSION: give God GLORY
 - a. Proclaim God's GLORY
 - b. Prepare for God's JUDGMENT
 - 3. Involves CONSECRATION: WORSHIP Him
 - 4. Invokes CREATION: acknowledging CHRIST as CREATOR
- II. Proclamation Concerning BABYLON from the Second of Six Angels (14:8)
 - A. Foretelling the DESTRUCTION of the corrupt CITY
 - 1. Possibly figurative reference to revived ROME
 - 2. Probable literal reference to restored BABYLON

- a. Site of first great REBELLION (Gen. 11:1-9)
 - b. Source of foremost counterfeit RELIGION (Jer. 51:7)
 - B. Foretelling the DOOM of the corrupt CHURCH
 - 1. Influence over ALL NATIONS
 - 2. Imbibing of “the PASSION of her IMMORALITY”

- III. Proclamation Concerning the BEAST from the Third of Six Angels (14:9-13)
 - A. The DOOM of those who DEIFY the Beast
 - 1. UNDILUTED torment
 - a. From an ANGRY GOD
 - b. For worshipping the BEAST
 - c. Involves FIRE and BRIMSTONE
 - d. Observed by the HOLY ANGELS and the LAMB
 - e. Untempered by MERCY and GRACE
 - 2. UNDYING torment
 - a. ETERNAL duration
 - b. EVERY-MOMENT consciousness
 - B. The DESTINY of those who DEFY the Beast
 - 1. Will be RESISTED
 - a. Characterized by PERSEVERANCE
 - b. Characterized by PERSECUTION
 - 2. Will be REWARDED
 - a. BLESSING pronounced from HEAVEN
 - b. REST promised by the HOLY SPIRIT