

REVELATION "Voices of Victory"

Revelation 14:1-13

Chapter 14 stands out in bold contrast to chapter 13, in which was seen the Antichrist ruling the earth. . Just as the blackest night will show the brightest stars, so the darkest period in the world's history has its Light shining on the horizon. . from time to time the Holy Spirit sets forth in outline a panoramic view of things to come, and then He goes on later to fill in the details. . chapter 14 contains anticipative visions which set forth the end, for the comfort of the saints. In place of the wicked beasts, the Lamb comes into the view. In place of a multitude of people worshipping the Antichrist, there appears a host of redeemed ones praising and following Christ."

"The Book of Revelation" Lehman Strauss p.261

What does John see? vv.1-12

THE LAMB vv.1-5

Standing _____
With Him _____
Had _____
Like that _____
Sang _____
These _____

"not defiled by women" . .the 144,000 will have not only resisted the perverse system of Antichrist, but they will have also resisted all temptations to illicit sex. . ;are unwavering loyal to Him, whatever the cost."

"The MacArthur Bible Commentary" p.2020

ANOTHER ANGEL vv.6,7

Flying _____
Had _____
Said in a loud voice _____

"The message of the everlasting gospel is. . .God is Sovereign, and true happiness comes to those who recognize His sovereign right in the earth. The **Creator** only, and not the creature, must be worshiped. The everlasting gospel is a warning of impending judgment against the Antichrist and all who worship him; This is God's last call to a wicked and apostate world, for the hour of judgment has come.

"The Book of Revelation" Lehman Strauss p.266

A SECOND ANGEL

Followed and said _____
Made _____

"Here is a preliminary announcement of the final overthrow of the false and seductive religious system of the end time. It is a mere prophetic glimpse of that which is described fully in chapters 17 and 18. The first Babylon mentioned in the Bible was a city founded by a God-defying rebel named Nimrod. It grew into the first great Gentile world power that oppressed the nations. . a stronghold of pride and idolatry. Her doom is so certain that she appears here as already 'fallen'."

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A THIRD ANGEL vv.9-11

If anyone worships _____

Will drink _____
Will be tormented _____
No rest _____
Calls for _____

"The severity of this judgment cannot be fully imagined. . .does not fall upon men without their being told first that it is coming."

"The Book of Revelation" Lehman Strauss p.270

What does John hear? v.13

A voice _____
The Spirit says _____

"The third message is directed especially to those who are deciding about following 'the beast'. It is a warning that 'the easy way is really the hard way', that to 'go along with the world' means to go away from God. Some people ask 'How can a God of love actually permit His creatures to suffer eternal torment?' But we must keep in mind that God's love is a **Holy** love, not one based on sentimentality and therefore He must justly deal with sin; We may not like the word torment, but it is here just the same. We must also keep in mind that God has repeatedly warned sinners and given them opportunity to repent. The first angel invited sinners to turn to God, and the second one warned that the whole Babylonian system would be destroyed.

John intended for his readers to see the contrast: no rest for the wicked, but eternal rest for the saints. Better to reign with Christ forever than with the Antichrist for a few short years! Better to endure persecution patiently now than to escape it and suffer throughout eternity!"

"Be Victorious" Warren W. Wiersbe p. 140

