

GOOD NEWS IN THE MIDST OF TRIBULATION  
REV. 14:6-11

Introduction:

- A. We have been studying the great tribulation.
  - 1. The time of Jacob's trouble.
  - 2. A time period of 7 years, 2 X 42 months.
  
- B. We are made more conscience of God's great love and mercy.
  - 1. Israel as a nation is converted.
  - 2. The everlasting gospel is proclaimed.
  - 3. The dead in Christ rest from their labor.

I. A CALL TO WORSHIP GOD, GOOD NEWS. V6,7

- A. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."
  - 1. mid-heaven = mesouranema - above the earth.
  - 2. everlasting = aionion - an eternal, ages on ages.
  - 3. dwelling = kathemai - to sit down, sit.
  - 4. preach = euaggelizo - good news, good tidings.
  
- B. "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and sea, and the fountains of waters."
  - 1. fear God = phobeomai - to fear, show reverence.
  - 2. give glory = didomi - to give.
  - 3. judgment = krisis = judging.
  - 4. God basis this on His creative powers.
  
- C. This chapter is an overview of the world as the great tribulation ends. These verses tell us that the earth may once again resume its worship of God. There are two reasons that this is true.



1. Mystery Babylon is overthrown.
2. The beast and his worshippers are no longer in power

## II. BABYLON IS FALLEN, GOOD NEWS. V8

A. "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wrath of her fornication."

- 3 1. Rev. 16:19, 17:5.
2. fallen = pipto == fall down.
3. fallen = ekpipto == to fall out of.
4. wrath = thumos == the rage of the mind.
5. fornication porneia == to be wholly given to fornication. The relationship of apostate Christianity (Rome) with the politics of the world.

## III. THE WORSHIPPERS OF THE BEAST ARE JUDGED, GOOD NEWS. 9-11

A. The doom of beast worshippers.

1. v9, identified.
2. v10, objects of God's wrath.
3. v11, length of punishment.

## IV. THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN PATIENCE. V12

A. "Here is the patience of the saints." "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

1. patience = hupomone == a remaining under, a bearing up under, patient endurance, enduring.
2. keep = tereo - to watch over, take care of, keep an eye on, observe attentively.
3. Upon the basis of all these things, let all the saints patiently endure all persecution, and so doing keep the commandments of Jesus.

- B. Some may call this a mean and unChristian motive. God's Word teaches us to be angry with those who blaspheme His name and His Christ.
  - 1. We must be angered by sin.
  - 2. We must rejoice when God punishes sin.

#### V. THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEATH. U13

- A. "And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."
  - 1. write = grapho - to form letters, grave.
  - 2. blessed = makarios = happy.
  - 3. henceforth = apo - from, hapti = now, just now.
  - 4. This refers to those dying in or near the end of the great tribulation period.
  
- B. "Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."
  - 1. rest = anapauo - to rest one's self, to take rest, enjoy rest, (the idea of previous toil or suffering being included.)
  - 2. works = ergon - work, deed, result of work or hard labor.
  - 3. follow = akoloutheo - to follow one, to be a footman, to follow.

#### VI. IS THERE ANY GOOD NEWS IN YOUR LIFE?

- A. What are you talking about?
  - 1. New house.
  - 2. New car.
  
- B. Something more basic, moral.
  - 1. New relationship, marriage.
  - 2. Children.
  
- C. Some good news, spiritual.