

Revelation 14:1-12

The pause in the narrative (Revelation 11:19-Revelation 15:5) contains important background information and justifications for the events of the last 3 ½ years of the Seventieth Week of Daniel.

1. Chapter 12 gave a brilliant summary of the age-long battle between important personages – The Woman clothed with the Sun (Israel), the Great Red Dragon (Satan), the Child (The Messiah, Jesus), Michael (an angel), and the Remnant of the Woman’s Seed – Israel not in the Safe Spot.

2. Chapter 13 gave a description of the Beast out of the Sea (the Antichrist) and the Beast out of the Earth (the False Prophet). A pseudo trinity consisting of Satan (the father), the Beast out of the Sea (the Antichrist), and the Beast out of the Earth (the Anti-spirit) will rule a worldwide government and religion in order to root out believers and take vengeance on them (Revelation 12:17).

3. Chapter 14 peers into the last days of the Seventieth Week of Daniel and gives a description of the triumphs and judgments yet to come.

Revelation 14:1-5

The scene John sees is on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. The 144,000 sealed by the Lord in Revelation 7:1-8 (a seal of preservation) stand triumphantly with the Lamb (the Lord Jesus) at His return. They survived the Tribulation and triumphed not only in their physical preservation but also in their moral purity during a time of great temptation and deception.

Revelation 14:6-7

The first of three angels mentioned in Rev. 14:1-12 conducts worldwide “evangelism” with the “everlasting Gospel.” This does not appear to be the same message as the Gospel of the Kingdom or the Gospel of Grace. Instead, this is more like Jonah’s message to Nineveh. It is a message of warning and looming judgment.

Revelation 14:8

The second angel speaks of the fall of Babylon at the end of the Seventieth Week of Daniel. This destruction is described in greater detail in Rev. 18.

Revelation 14:9-12

The third angel gives a blunt and terrifying warning to individuals who worship the Beast out of the Sea (the Antichrist) or the image of the Beast. Eternal torment will be the result of taking the mark. Since the Church is not present during the Seventieth Week of Daniel, there is nothing currently found that is equivalent to the mark. Knowing the final chapter of the Tribulation will help those experiencing it to endure.