

The Gospel Time

Rev. 14:6-10

Introduction

1. The gospel is God's means of judgment on the earth.
2. There is a gospel "hour" (time or period).

14:6 An eternal gospel preached to the earth.

1. Another angel has an eternal gospel to preach to the earth.

2. When did the gospel begin to be preached on the earth? Luke 2:9-10

3. What is the scope of the audience? Rev. 5:9

14:7 The gospel comes with a warning.

1. Fear God. Heb. 2:1-4

2. Give God glory - _____ . Rev. 16:9

3. Why?

1. Because in the _____ that one hears the gospel, God's _____ has come.
John 3:19-22; 12:31; John 16:8-12
2. Because God is the _____.
 1. Heaven
 2. Earth
 3. Sea
 4. Springs of water Ps. 107:35; Is. 35:7; Is. 49:10; Is. 12:3

14:8 Babylon has fallen!

1. Note the contrast between the Kingdom of God and Babylon, the kingdom of this world.

2. When did Babylon start falling? John 12:31; 1 John 2:16-17

3. Babylon figuratively represents

1. The _____.
2. The _____ of power that consists of the idols of the world.
4. Any time someone looks to something in the world for power, significance, wealth, or happiness, they are committing _____ with Babylon. Jer. 51:7-8
5. Babylon, the dwelling place of _____, has fallen! Rev. 18:2, 10

14:9 Who are Babylon's citizens?

1. Those who worship the idol of _____.

2. Those whose thoughts and actions bear the mark of _____.
3. More thoughts/questions regarding the interpretation of the beast.
 1. Which interpretation is a questionable occurrence or eventuality?
 2. Is it more reasonable to adopt an interpretation that is questionable as to its occurrence than one that is certain?
 3. Are we going to say Babylon is literal or figurative?
 1. If we're going to say literal, then what are the probabilities of someone actually making everyone get a mark on his forehead or hand and that be the litmus test for judgment? Certainly there will be some who are isolated and avoid the mark, not out of faith in Christ, but simply because they are unreachable and outside the range of the world system.
 2. If we are going to say it is figurative, then why not be consistent and say the mark is also figurative.
 1. 1 Cor. 15:22
 2. Rom. 5:12
 3. The mark of _____ clearly is the mark of the citizens of Babylon-the world system.

14:10-11 What are the consequences of rejecting the gospel

1. He will drink the wine of _____.
 1. God's wrath is surely in the future.
 2. However, God's wrath is also revealed now! In the hour of judgment. How?
 1. Their _____ reveals it. Rom. 1:18-22 (Marked on their foreheads).
 2. Their _____ reveal it. Rom. 1:24-25ff (Marked on their hands)
2. He will be tormented in the presence of the angels and the Lamb.
 2. Is. 50:11 Those who live by their own devices will never rest-always tormented.
 3. Rev. 9:5 The citizens of Babylon are tormented by the demons/doctrines of demons.
3. He will be tormented forever.
 1. Luke 16:23
 2. Rev. 20:10

14:12 The saints love God and each other and hold fast the gospel.

1. Note the contrast: The citizens of Babylon _____ the gospel and the saints _____ to the gospel.
2. The commandments of God. 1 Jo. 4-5:
3. How does one overcome the world? 1 Jo. 5:4-5

14:13 What are the consequences of holding fast to the gospel?

1. They are blessed from now and forever. Luke 16:22
2. They have an eternal rest. Heb. 4:9-11; 2 Cor. 5:8
3. Their deeds will not be burned up. 1 Cor. 3:11-15

What affect did this have on the 7 churches? On us?