The Book of

Visions of the Holy War

14:6-13 THE THREE MESSAGES

Intro: The first 5 verses of this chapter were meant to be an encouragement to believers of the time, These next eight verses are a warning to unbelievers.

Though this angelic action of giving a message is a phenomenon, Angels have been very active in God's overall economy. We have seen them:

- 1. Ministering God's will,
- 2. Fighting hoards of demons,
- 3. Enacting judgments.

Jesus tells us they will be reapers of the elect for salvation and of unbelievers unto damnation.

I. Worship God

These three messages show us God's heart.

There are three points to the first Angel's message:

- A. It is an eternal Gospel
- **B.** The entire world will be the recipients,
- **C.** The particular message is to worship God.

The Angel gives two specific reasons to worship God:

- 1. Because His judgment has come. It is eminent
- **2.** Because He is the creator of Heaven and Earth.

This fact sets Him apart from all other gods.

II. Stay Clear of Babylon

The name in Revelation refers to a demonic system of gov't and religious worship.

Ancient Babylon was the site of the beginning of idol worship.

This Angel warns that Babylon will be destroyed and those who align with her will be destroyed with her.

This warning is also for the church today:

John warns us to stay away from the world (Babylon) and its evil desires. 1 John 2:15-17.

III. Hell is for Eternity

By now the choice between the Beast and the Lamb is clear. It will be a conscious decision to follow the beast. The world would say that Hell:

- 1. Isn't real,
- 2. It's a metaphor, or, if it's real,
- 3. It's only temporary,

But this Angel says that Hell:

- A. Is the destination of those who reject Jesus Christ,
- **B.** That it is eternal; the smoke of their torment goes up forever,
- **C.** They will be tormented in view of the Angels and the Lamb.