

MESSAGE NOTES

Series; How close are we to the end?

Message: Saved, Sealed, Sanctified and Sent

PASSAGE: Rev 14

INTRO:

In the movie Star Wars: A New Hope, Obi-Wan Kenobi looks down distastefully upon the Mos Eisley spaceport and says, "You will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy. We must be cautious."

The key word in chapters 14-16 is "v _____"- used 11 times.

Chapter 14 lifts us from the d _____ of chapter 13 into the d _____ of chapter 14.

14:1

We first saw these 144,000 in Rev 7-all Jews, all virgin men, all converted to the true Messiah after the rapture, morally pure, tell the truth, live blameless lives

During the Tribulation, they are witnessing about Jesus to unbelievers left behind after the saints are caught up into heaven.

This is an assurance that we are winning in the end; that everything is moving to a final conclusion where God is seen as Lord over all.

14: 2-3

As John observes this gathering, music begins to pour from heaven understood only by these 144,000.

They are not only standing, but they are also s _____.

14: 4

First fruits= carries the idea of an expected h _____.

On the Feast of the First fruits, the priest waved the sheaf before the Lord as a sign that the entire harvest belonged to Him (Lev. 23: 9-14).

14: 6

Now another announcement is made: the eternal g_____ calling all people to worship the Lord rather than satan whose judgment is nearly here.

It is a gospel that states:

*we were created by God for intimate relationship which was broken by our sin

*we are each broken by sin, separated from God and helpless to heal ourselves.

*Jesus did what we could not do for ourselves- He sacrificed his life for our sin

*By our acceptance of Christ and what he did on the cross I am made right with God eternally

*I was left on earth after my salvation to share my Christ story with others and invite them to receive Christ.

14: 7:

Humanity nearly as a whole feared the beast, but the call goes out now to fear only the Lord. He alone is the Creator, the Lord and the Supreme Ruler over all creation. He alone deserves worship and honor from His creation.

Prov 9:10, "The fear of the Lord is the source of wisdom."

14: 8 the second pronouncement is j_____

Babylon is the name for the world system- the political-economic arena he rules over.

The Third announcement is d_____ : 14: 9-11

Fourth announcement: b_____ 14: 12-13

SMALL GROUP LESSON

LOOK BACK: Describe what you think the regards for faithfulness to Christ will be in heaven.

LOOK UP:

One: How does it make you feel to know that one day evil will be finally and fully judged and erased once and for all?

Two: How do you hold on when times get tougher than your spirit can handle?

Three: What do think is happening in heaven right now, especially with those who have died in Christ?

Four: How can you encourage hope to hang in there to those who have become wearied by tragedy, loss and pain?

LOOK FORWARD:

You have been called and sent by God to share the gospel with those you know and whom God places in your path. Right now, ask the Lord for two names of people whom you will share your Christ story and the gospel with this week:
