**Revelation 14:8-20**

**Victory Part 2**

1. **The Second Angel Announcement: verse 8**
	1. Babylon has fallen
		1. In Revelation Babylon is the name for all the enemies against Christ and His Church on earth.
			1. Babylon = the harlot (religious beast) + the political beast (beast of the sea)
2. **The Third Angel Announcement: verses 9-11**
	1. This angel announces the judgment of all who worshipped the beast and took the mark.
		1. God’s anger and wrath are directed toward those who have fallen to the beast and the mark form Revelation 13:15,16
			1. Literal mark
			2. Hands and mind as metaphors:
				1. Hand = working for the devil.
				2. Minds = your thoughts are under his control.

2 Corinthians 10:4:5

* + - 1. Revelation 13 and Ephesians 6:11,12
				1. There are visible enemies of the church

False teachers (Rev. 13 beast of the earth)

Oppressive government (Rev. 13 beast of the sea)

* + - * 1. Flesh and blood are not the real enemy. The real enemy is the devil who summoned the two beasts of Revelation 13.

We should view such “flesh and blood” enemies more as victims in need of rescuing.

* + - * 1. We are in a grand spiritual battle.

Never forget your position as a Christian.

Ephesians 2:4-6.

* 1. The significance of wine
		1. Wine can be used as a metaphor for God’s judgment.
			1. Jeremiah 25:15,16
			2. Psalm 75:7-8
1. **Call and Blessing: verses 12 and 13**
	1. The endurance of the saints
		1. A godly characteristic of believers is patient endurance especially as it pertains to God’s judgment and His execution of it.
	2. Abiding in God’s Word and keeping the faith
		1. John 15:7-10
	3. Revelation’s Beatitudes
		1. This is the second blessing that we have come across in Revelation.
			1. There are 7 in total: Rev. 1:3; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14.
		2. This blessing is a great comfort for those who died or will die for the Lord’s sake.
			1. It is in contrast to the judgment we read in verses 9-11.
			2. The godly works of Christians will follow them when they enter in to their rest.
				1. Ephesians 2:10
2. **The Harvest at the End of the World: verses 14-20**
	1. The appearing of the Son of Man: verse 14
		1. The significance of the cloud
			1. Jesus was lifted up in a cloud. See Acts 1:9
			2. In Exodus the cloud was a visible sign of God’s awesome presence especially as He spoke
				1. Exodus 19:9; 24:15-18; 34:5-7.
			3. It was through the cloud God spoke on the Mount of Transfiguration
				1. Matthew 17:5
			4. Revelation begins with the promise that Jesus is coming in the clouds
	2. The sickle: verse 14
		1. Jesus is coming to reap and gather the harvest.
			1. The sickle separates the wheat from the weeds.
	3. Reaping the harvest: verses 15 and 16
		1. The harvest and judgment are executed by Jesus because He has won that right by His death and resurrection.
			1. John 5:19-23
		2. The Heavenly Father is the One who sets the exact time for the harvest/judgment.
			1. Mark 13:32
		3. Urgency for missions
	4. Gathering in the vintage: verses 17-20
		1. This gathering emphasizes the judgment and punishment for unbelievers.
			1. Shift in imagery
				1. In verses 9 and 10, unbelievers drink the cup of wrath. In verses 17-20 unbelievers are the trampled grapes.
				2. The prayers of God’s martyrs from Revelation 6:9-11 are answered in God’s final act of judgment and punishment.
				3. So terrifying is this judgment that blood comes out of the winepress up to the bridles of horses 184 miles away.

16000 stadia

This number is a multiple of 40.

It can be divided evenly by 4.

Perhaps the four corners of the earth.

God’s judgement and punishment is total and severe as well as horrific.

Hope lies in repentance and faith in Jesus who suffered the wrath of God on the cross for our sins.