

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for February 2, 2014**

**An Angelic Proclamation Concerning Babylon**  
**Revelation 14:8**

I. John reveals the courier of this proclamation (Revelation 14:8).

A. The courier's essence is revealed (cf. Revelation 7:2, 8:3, 10:1, 11:15, 12:7; 14:6).

John refers to this angel as the second one in order to differentiate him from the angel in verse 6.

B. The courier's errand is revealed (cf. Revelation 14:6).

Remember that the term "mid-heaven" (MESOURANEMA) is a later Greek word, which referred to the point in the sky where the sun reaches its apex or high point at noon.

II. John remembers the crowd of this proclamation (cf. Revelation 14:6).

The fact that this second angel follows the first implies that his proclamation is made to the same audience as the first angel in verse 6.

Remember that John does not use the typical term for live in Revelation 14:6, rather he uses the word sit (KATHEIMAI), which pictures mankind in general, as sitting upon the earth in rest.

Remember that the four additional terms of verse 6 are placed together as an emphatic way of expressing the entire world.

III. John reveals the content of this proclamation (Revelation 14:8).

A. The collapse of Babylon is revealed.

The repetition of the verb, "fallen" gives this proclamation the feeling of a funeral dirge. It underscores the finality, certainty, and comprehensive nature of Babylon's judgment (cf. Isaiah 21:9).

Babylon may refer to a restored city of Babylon that will function as Antichrist's capital city; however, it also refers to the worldwide political, economic, and religious empire of Antichrist during the Tribulation period.

B. The character of Babylon is revealed.

Passion (THUMOS) speaks of strong, consuming, lusts and desires. As a result of their passions, these unbelievers will engage in rebellion, idolatry, and hatred of God.

The immorality spoken of here is spiritual prostitution to Antichrist's false religion. It pictures unfaithfulness to God.

In light of this proclamation of judgment, my prayer is that we have embraced the gospel and demonstrate a commitment to faithfully serve God.