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Rev 14: 6-8

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- In the first part of this chapter (Vs 1-5) we are seeing the reward of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists
  - These are the “super missionaries” to the world
  - While they are ministering on the earth……this occurs
  - Satan was cast out heaven “having great wrath” (Rev 13)
  - The two witnesses have died and resurrected (Rev 11)
  - The seal judgments have passed…..(Rev 6)
  - The trumpet judgment have come and gone (Rev 9)

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- The beast and the false prophet……
  - Are preforming great signs and wonders (Rev 13)
  - No one can buy or sell without the mark of the beast
  - Israel has fled away into the wilderness (Rev 12)
- And now an angel appears in mid-heaven
  - This is the second time the title *mid-heaven* is used
  - (Rev 8: 13) is the first occurrence (KJV)
  - A great eagle is declaring to the earth……
  - The 3 “woes” or last 3 trumpets are coming…..

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- Rev 14: 6….introduces us to an additional 6 angels…. (Vs 8-20)
  - The first is flying in *mid-heaven* having an eternal gospel to preach……..
  - This is the only angel with "good news"……
    - He is given the task of fulfilling the "Great Commission" given to Christ's followers
      - Mark 16: 15…."go into all the world and preach the gospel"
      - I Cor 9: 16…."woe unto me if I do not preach the gospel"
      - II Tim 4: 2….."preach the Word"

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- Why is this task now given to an angel?
  - Perhaps a couple of reasons….
    - The 144,000 could be restricted from any media??
    - They could b hated by most of the world????
    - There are only 42 months left before the end???
    - Most people would not want to be associated with the 144,000 because of the ramifications
    - The two witnesses are now gone to heaven
    - Earth has experienced judgments like never before
      - Yet men “repented not of their sorceries” etc….

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- What are we seeing then with this angel?
  - II Pet 3: 9…. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (KJV)
  - Note this is an everlasting gospel…..
    - Just pure gospel (good news)
    - Gal 1: 8…. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (KJV)
    - I Cor 15: 1-4……

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- We must take note that (Rev 14: 6) is the last time in the Bible where the word “gospel” is used….
  - The first time it is used is in Matt 4: 23….
  - Matt 4: 23…. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the *gospel of the kingdom*, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
  - This ”gospel” was looking forward to that great day when Jesus will be proclaimed “King of Kings and Lord of Lords”

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- Now in the last use of the word “gospel”
  - We are to look back to creation….. (Vs 7)
  - ”Who made the heavens and earth and sea…etc.”
  - Why would we do so?
    - Col 2: 15-20…..by Him all things were created
    - Heb 7: 25…Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (KJV)
    - Heb 1: 2…in these last days has spoken to us in *His* Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

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- Question on which we must thoughtfully ponder……
  - Which is easier??
  - To raise Jesus from the dead????
  - Or to create the universe???
- Question……
  - If the One who made the universe has the power to create the Sun, Moon and all the stars…….
  - Why would we ever question our salvation??

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- Why is it important for us to know these things
  - Two reasons
    - First….the Creation is the foundation of the gospel
    - Eph 1: 3-4……Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him *before the foundation of the world,* that we should be *holy* and *without blame* before him in love:
    - The gospel message started in the Garden of Eden

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- Rev 21: 1-7…..the coming day….
  - The blessed hope of the Church of Jesus Christ
  - Starts with the horror of the cross
  - The darkness of the tomb……
  - And ends with…..“And His face was like the sun shining in all it brilliance” (Rev 1: 16)
  - I John 3: 2-3…….
- The glory of the Gospel is enshrined in these words….
- “Whosoever will may come!!!!!” (Rev 22: 17)