

Revelation 14:9-20  
Rejecting the Message

Those who worship the beast (9-13) (Ephesians 2:2)

***If we are not serving Jesus, then we are serving the enemy – a tool in his hand***

Receiving the mark = receiving the fury of God (Ezekiel 9:4 / Revelation 7:3)

***God marks those who are rescued – the enemy's mark is for judgment***

Rising torment forever (II Thessalonians 1:8-9 / Revelation 19:20; 20:10)

***Forever separated from God – 1000 yrs. Is only the beginning***

Rest will never happen (Psalm 95:10-11 / Hebrews 4:10-11)

***If we continually go our own way, we will not enter His rest***

Remaining faithful (Hebrews 10:23)

***Holding unswervingly to our hope***

Requires patient endurance (Romans 5:3-5/James 1:2-4/I Corinthians 10:12-13)

***It is the path to maturity in Christ – learning to remain under - waiting***

Rest is found in death (Isaiah 57:1-2)

***To be with Christ is better by far (Philippians 1:23)***

Thrown into the winepress of God's wrath (Revelation 5:6-7 / John 5:22-23)

***All judgment is in the hands of Jesus – He oversees all.***

***(perhaps the one like a 'son of man' is Christ Himself)***

The harvesters – God's angels (John 14:1-3 / I Thessalonians 4:16)

***The override & withered – this is not His church, we are called by Jesus***

The gathering – grapes that are ripened

***Ripe for judgment – at the pinnacle of rebellion***

The trampling – God's winepress (Jeremiah 25:15-17)

***Those who drink the Cup of His Wrath – all the nations will drink***

The overflow – gruesome amounts of blood (Joel 3:13-14)

***From Bozrah (Isaiah 63:1) to Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:4) is about 180 miles***

Discussion questions for Revelation 14:9-20

How are we marked? (Ephesians 1:13-14) Why are some marked for destruction? (John 3:36 / II Chronicles 36:16 / II Thessalonians 2:10-12) ***We are sealed with the Holy Spirit, so that our redemption is guaranteed. Those who refuse to believe in Jesus, those who continually ignore God's warnings and go their own way, those who refuse to love the truth – they will harden their hearts to the point of no return.***

Why is it so important for us to learn patient endurance? (I Peter 1:6-9 / Romans 5:3-5 (Psalm 27:11-14) ***Trials are the means by which our faith is tested. Trials are used to mold our character. Trials teach us to wait upon the Lord and to find our strength in Him. Knowing that God has a plan in having us endure trials, we have the opportunity to be a witness to others because we have hope. (I Peter 3:15)***

How should we respond during trials? (Acts 5:41-42 / I Peter 4:12-19) ***To suffer disgrace for the Name of Christ is an honor, that we would be considered worthy to suffer for Him. Knowing His suffering for us and His plan for us in our suffering, we came rejoice in what He is accomplishing in our own lives and in the lives of others. There is no honor in suffering for our own sin. (I Peter 2:20)***

In what way is wrath a necessary characteristic of a God who is love? (Jeremiah 50:11-14; 29 / Matthew 18:5-6) ***God loves us and He knows the destructive power of sin and rebellion. (I Samuel 15:23) God's wrath is always for a purpose – giving the judgment deserved for those who refuse His love and for drawing others toward Himself that they might know His love. (Psalm 76:10) When you truly love and care for someone, especially innocent children, your wrath is aroused by those who would seek to harm them. God's wrath and anger are always subject to His love and control – not so with man. (James 1:19-21)***

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