

CAN WE KNOW OUR FUTURE?
Rev. 14:6-13 / 1-9-19 / WED

I. WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF TRIBULATION SINNERS?

- A. These tribulation sinners continue to reject the gospel-vv. 6-7.
 - 1. After the 144,000 evangelists are martyred, only angels will be left to share the gospel—1 Peter 1:12.
 - 2. God is still extending an invitation for people to be saved-2 Peter 3:9.
 - 3. Even then, with an angel sharing the gospel, it will be rejected-Luke 16:31.

- B. These tribulation sinners, along with the Antichrist, will lose everything they have-v.8.
 - 1. Historically, Babylon was the capital city of the O.T. kingdom by the same name.
 - 2. Some think it refers to Rome-I Peter 5:13.
 - 3. Others think John used the name Babylon to refer to the economic and religious kingdom used by the Antichrist.

- C. They will personally face God's judgment-vv.9-11.
 - 1. This is a picture of hell.
 - 2. Jesus' parable of the Weeds also portrays this-Matthew 13:36-43.

II. WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF TRIBULATION SAINTS?

- A. First, they are to remain faithful to God until He returns to complete all things-v.12.

- B. Second, they will be blessed even in death-v.13.
 - 1. We think of death as a curse.
 - 2. God thinks of death as a blessing—Rev. 22:3-5.

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3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.