



Faithful to Him not them

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Revelation 14:1-13 Douglas Translation

¹Then I looked and - Behold! - the Lamb standing on Mount Zion. There were 144,000 with Him who had His name and His Father's name inscribed on their foreheads. ²I heard a voice from heaven. It was a voice that sounded like many waters and great thunder. The voice I heard also sounded like harpists playing their instruments. ³They are singing a new song before the throne, the four living creatures, and the elders. But no one was able to learn the song except the 144,000 who had been ransomed from the land. ⁴These are the ones who had not been desecrated with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who continually follow the Lamb wherever He may lead. These are the ones who were redeemed from humanity as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. ⁵No lie could be found in the their mouth. They are morally blameless.

⁶Next I saw another angel flying in midair. Having the eternal Good News, the angel sought to share the Good News to those who dwell upon the earth - to every nation, tribe, linguistic community, and people group. ⁷In a booming voice it declares: "Fear God! Give Him glory! It must be so because the hour of His judgment has come. Bow down in worship to the One who created heaven, the earth, the sea, as well as the wellsprings of water!"

⁸Then, another angel, a second one, followed the first, declaring, "Fallen! Babylon the great, who made all nations drink of the wine of her passionate immorality, has fallen!"

⁹Yet another angel, a third one, followed after the previous ones, declaring in a booming voice, "Anyone who worships the beast and its image or takes a mark upon their forehead or hand ¹⁰will drink of the wine of God's passionate anger, which has been mixed to full strength in the cup of His wrath.

They will be tortured by fire and sulphur in the presence of holy angels and the Lamb. ¹¹The smoke of their torture rises forever and ever. The ones who worship the beast and its image or anyone who receives the mark of its name will have no reprieve, day or night!" ¹²These circumstances call for fortitude from the holy ones, those who keep God's commands and their allegiance to Jesus.

¹³Then I heard a voice from heaven declare, "Write this: 'Blessed are the dead, the ones in the Lord who are killed from this point on!'"

"Yes, indeed," says the Spirit, "because they will find rest from their toil, for their works go with them!"

R = REVERENCE

E = ENDURANCE

A = ASSURANCE

L = LOSS

This is what REAL faithfulness looks like.