

The choice

This amazing plot will prove the ruin of many, but there is hope for all. Just a few verses later, hard on the heels of the economic decree in Revelation 13, comes an appeal to worship the God of the universe. In quick succession, three angels make loud announcements to the citizens of planet Earth. The first angel of Revelation 14 distinctly calls people to worship God. "Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water' " (Revelation 14:6, 7, NKJV). This appeal is immediately followed by a warning that those who ignore this invitation will suffer destruction with the false earthly power. " 'If anyone worships the beast and his image . . . he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation' " (verses 9, 10, NKJV).

As the incredible drama unfolds, truth becomes unmistakable. The world arrives at a crossroads with eternal consequences. There can be no doubt about the message. Everyone will make a choice—a choice for God or a choice for self-preservation. Some will follow the path of least resistance and say, "I choose to buy and sell, even if it means breaking God's commandments." But others gladly respond, "I choose to trust God completely, knowing that He will supply all of my needs. By His power, I will keep the Ten Commandments." These loyal people are described as "those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (verse 12, NKJV). Which side will you choose today?



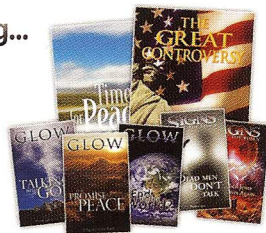
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