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## Universalism

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### TODAY'S READING: Revelation 14

In Revelation 14:6-13, angels proclaim God's judgement, the fall of Babylon and that God's wrath will be poured out on those who worshiped the beast. Every nation is commanded to praise God and give Him glory. Christian, do not lose hope when you see how our nation and nations all over the world are not honoring Christ. Stand strong and keep the faith and remember, one day every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Christ is Lord!

In Revelation 14, it is too late for those who have worshiped things other than God because His judgment has arrived. Revelation 14:8 tells us that the "great" nations and governments who celebrated sin and led people into sexual immorality have fallen and are no more. In Revelation 14:9-10 we have a clear picture of what will happen to those who have the mark of the beast. Church, this is not popular and many people do not want to talk about it, but those who have not trusted in Christ will experience real torment in a real place called hell for all eternity. Many people want Christianity, but they want to believe hell is not real or a literal place. People like Rob Bell have led many astray by teaching that a loving God would not send people to hell and that eventually, everyone will be saved. This is called *universalism* and it is a lie. Because God is just and righteous, He must punish sin! We are called to endurance in Revelation 14:12. What does this endurance look like? Endurance is keeping God's commandments and keeping the faith in Christ. John 8:31 reminds us that if we continue in God's Word, we really are His disciples! Endurance during difficult persecution is not how we are saved, it is evidence of our salvation. In Revelation 14:13 we are reminded that Christians who have died are blessed because they have ultimate rest for all eternity with God. Warren Wiersbe once said, "better to reign with Christ forever, than to reign with Antichrist for a few years."

**PRAYER:** Father, thank You for saving me and sustaining me. Give me endurance and an eternal perspective to see that this life is short. Help me be intentional each day to share the gospel. Thank you for sparing me from your wrath through Christ.

### TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 15

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