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Angel with the Gospel Revelation 14:6-7

* The angel declares to those on earth the “eternal gospel”
  + This is the **Good News** of salvation by and through Jesus Christ by grace through faith as a free gift
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* Babylon is symbolic in Revelation of the world-wide system of **indulgences** of all the heinous sins of the world
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The Blessed Reward of Christ Followers Revelation 14:12-13

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