

**“Re-evaluating Reality”
Discipleship For Today, Part 18**

Revelation 14
June 27, 2010

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... **every Babylon will fall** (vs. 8)

A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.” (vs. 8)

... **we must decide to follow Jesus** (vs. 9-12)

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... **salvation and judgment are real** (vs. 14-20)

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