

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 14

Revelation 14

¹ Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. ³ And they *sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.

⁴ These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they

THE LAMB AND HIS 144,000 ON MT. ZION

- Who are these...?
 - The Lamb
 - The 144,000
 - "...having _____ name and the name of _____ written on their _____."
 - Where do we find this before in Revelation?
 - Literal or metaphorical?
 - Mt. Zion
 - What does Mt. Zion stand for in this context?
- "And I heard a _____ from heaven..."
 - _____ the sound of many _____ (explain)
 - and _____ the sound of loud _____, (explain)
 - and the voice which I heard was _____ the sound of _____ playing on their _____. (explain)
 - And they * _____ (αδουσιν, a cappella) a _____ (καινην, new kind) _____ (ωδην, ode)
 - Those who argue for instrumental music in worship will often cite instrumental music out of this passage, but what does the actual Greek really say?
- Who is doing the singing? _____
 - _____ from the earth

have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

- who have not been _____ with _____, for they have kept themselves _____.
- What does this mean?
- These are the ones who follow the _____ wherever He goes.
- These have been _____ from among men as _____ to God and to the Lamb.
- What does this mean?
- And no _____ was found in their mouth;
- What does this mean?
- they are _____.
- Why only them?

⁶ And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; ⁷ and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”

⁸ And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality.”

THREE ANGELS WITH THREE TERMINAL MESSAGES

- **ANGEL #1**
 - What is the message, this eternal gospel?
 - What is this gospel mostly about?
 - Why is it called eternal?
 - Since “gospel” literally means “good news”, where’s the good news?
 - What is the significance of it being preached to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people? (hint: Matt. 24:14)
 - What is the meaning of this angel’s appearance?
- **ANGEL #2**
 - What is this “Babylon the great”?
 - What did “she” do?
 - “Made all the nations drink of the _____ of the _____ of her immorality”

- What does this mean?
- NIV translates: “the _____ wine”
- Are we speaking of literal sexual immorality (Greek: πορνεία)?

⁹ Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ “And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” ¹² Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Write, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.”

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was

• ANGEL #3

- What is the destiny of those who worship and receive the mark of the sea-beast?
- What does it mean to drink the wine of the wrath of God, mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger?
- Drinking Babylon’s wine leads to deception and folly, but drinking God’s wine of wrath means...
 - “...he will be _____”
 - “...the _____ of their torment goes up _____ and _____”
 - “...they have no _____ day or night”
- Will the world listen to these angels?
- Why does the section end with “Here is the perseverance of the saints...”?

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD

- Who are the dead who die in the Lord?
 - When is all this (vv. 1-13) apparently happening?
 - So, what does it mean “from now on”?
- What is in their future?
 - What does “rest” mean?
 - Why will they rest?

THE HARVEST OF THE WORLD

- What are sickles and what are they used for?

one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.” ¹⁶ Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷ And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.” ¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses’ bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

- Who is holding the sickle, and how do you know?
- Where is the angel coming out from? What does this imply?
- What is the angel’s message?
 - What is this harvesting really all about?
 - Who is getting harvested?
 - What is meant by the harvest of the earth is “ripe”?
 - What does this imply about the occasion of the judgment — date or depravity?
- What happens when Jesus swings His sickle?
- Another angel swings a sickle to harvest what this time?
 - Yet another angel appears from where?
 - What has happened at the altar before? (Rev. 6:9 / 8:3-5 / 9:13)
 - What was this angel/voice asking for during these earlier chapters?
 - What is this voice from the altar now calling for?
- When these “grapes” are harvested, they are thrown into the great _____ of the _____ of God.
 - Where?
 - What comes out of the wine press?
 - How extensive?
 - Meaning?