**Revelation Chapter 14—The 144,000 and the Lamb (parenthesis section)**

**Chapter 14 outline:**

1. **The Lamb and the 144,00-verses 1-5**
2. **The Proclamation of the Three Angels, verses 6-14**
3. **Reaping the Earth’s Harvest, verses 14-16**
4. **Reaping the Grapes of Wrath, verses 17-20**
5. **Why is this chapter called “the prelude to the bowls?”**
6. **List the seven angels in Chapter 14.**
	1. **1st Angel with the Eternal Gospel**
	2. **2nd Angel: The Doom of Babylon**
	3. **3rd Angel: Fury on Beast Worshippers**
	4. **4th (Voice)—Angel: Righteous Dead**
	5. **Three other angels, 5th, 6th, and 7th, that call for the Grape Harvest**
7. **Who are the 144,000? Are these the same group from Revelation 7? Compare this to Jesus’ prayer to His father in John 17Daniel 3, the three young men in the fiery furnace, how many were lost? How many of the 144,000 are lost during the tribulation?**
8. **John is watching the 144,000 standing with Jesus. Where are they standing?**
9. **Where is John when this chapter opens?**
10. **What/ where is Mt. Zion?**
	1. **Read Hebrews 12:22.**
	2. **Psalm 48:1-3.**
	3. **Read** [**Philippians 3:20**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/3-20.htm)
	4. [**Isaiah 24:23**](http://biblehub.com/isaiah/24-23.htm)**.**
	5. **Read** [**2 Timothy 4:18**](http://biblehub.com/2_timothy/4-18.htm)
	6. **David captured from the Jebusites, 2 Sam. 5**
	7. **“A cup of trembling, a burdensome stone….” Zech. 12:2-3**
	8. **“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion,” Psalm 2?6**
	9. **Psalm 20, 48, 74, 76, 102, 110, 132, 133, 137, 146, 149—about Zion**
11. **In verse 2, who is the voice from heaven? Read Ezekiel 43:2; equate what “waters” defines. Read also Psalm 29:3,**
12. **Who are the “harpists?” Read Rev, 18:22.**
13. **What is the new song in verse 3?**
14. **Who are the 144,000? Describe them according to verse 4.**
15. **Why virgins? Read Jeremiah 16:1-4**
16. **Why are they first fruits? Is Jesus a first fruit? Read I Corinthian 15:20.**
17. **Could the “virgin reference” refer to spiritual fornication by idolatry? Read Ezekiel 16. Or, as the church is referenced “Chaste virgin to Christ?” Read 2 Corinthians 11:2.**
18. **In verse 5, explain “the spiritual purity” of these 144,000. Elaborate on the “The Proclamations of the Three Angels,” Rev. 14:6-13.**
19. **Who is the angel in verse 6? What is his purpose?**
20. **In verse 7, there is an emphasis here of God as a creator. Contrast that with the evolution theory and how it is debunked here.**
21. **What are other “gospels” in the Bible?**
22. **The creation orientation is evident in verse 7. Discuss this world’s “anti God” theory of scientific evolution. Refer to Col. 2:8 in contrast with Psalm 19 and Romans 1.**
23. **Who is the angel in verse 8? Discuss the task of this angel.**
24. **What does Babylon symbolize?**
25. **Why is the phrase, “is fallen” repeated twice? Read Jeremiah 51:6-9 and Genesis 41:12.**
26. **What did the third angel declare? Compare verse 8 with the Olivet Discourse, Matthew 24:13-14.**
27. **The emphasis in verse 11 is on the punishment of those that receive the mark. Is this a declaration about the eternal outcome of these earth dwellers?**
28. **There is a voice from the fourth angel, verses 12-13, which gives those who do not take the mark assurance of salvation. Comment on the promises implied.**
29. **What is the white cloud in verse 14-15?**
	1. **Often in the Bible, the “cloud” is known as the “Shekinah” from the Old Testament. When does it occur in the Bible?**
	2. **Compare with Daniel’s version in Daniel 7:13.**
	3. **Read Matthew 24:30. “**And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”
	4. **Read Luke 21:27, “**At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”
	5. **Read Revelation 1:7, “**Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”
	6. **Read Mark 13:26, “**"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”
	7. **Wilderness, Exodus 13:21-22, 14:19-24**
	8. **Manna, Exodus 16:10**
	9. **Giving of the Law, Exodus 19:9, 16, 18; 24:15-18**
	10. **2nd time, Exodus 34:1-5**
	11. **Tabernacle, Exodus 40: 34-35**
	12. **Mercy Seat, Numbers 9:16-22**
	13. **Seventy Elders Chosen, Numbers 11:25**
	14. **Filled the Temple, I Kings 8:10-11**
	15. **Departs from Israel, Ezekiel 9:3, 10:4, 18-19, 11:22-23**
	16. **Overshadows Mary, Luke 1:35**
	17. **Flocks of Shepherds, Luke 2:9**
	18. **Transfiguration, Matthew 17:5**
	19. **Ascension, Acts 1:9**
	20. **Rapture, I Thess. 4:17**
30. **The word “sickle” occurs several times in the scripture. Discuss its meaning.**
	1. **Read Deut 16:9, 23:25, Jeremiah 50:16, Joel 3:13, Mark 4:29**
	2. **Read the “seven times” sickle occurs in Revelation 14. Verses 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 19**
31. **“Ripe” is defined as “withered, over ripe, late” in the Greek language. How could this application make sense in this context**
32. **Section 17-20 is often labeled, “Reaping the Grapes of Wrath.” Discuss the grape harvest compared to the wheat harvest? Read Jeremiah 25:30 and compare with verses 17-20.two different reapings.**
33. **Read the Parable of the Sower and Reaper, Matthew 13. Does it allude to Revelations 14’s wrathful reaping?**
34. **Revelation 14:20 alludes to the Battle of Armageddon. Explain.**
35. **Compare the winepress and wrath to the upcoming period of carnage, worst judgment ever, Battle of Armageddon.**
36. **What does “earth’s vine” mean? Read Matthew 15:13, “**He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.” **And, John 15:1,** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.”
37. **Other scriptures pertaining to this battle.**
	1. **Read Revelation 16: 13-16.**
	2. **Zechariah 1:14.**
	3. **Zechariah 12:1**
	4. **Zechariah 14:1- 7.**
	5. **Joel 3:1-17.**
	6. **Isaiah 63:1-6.**
	7. **Micah 4:11-12.**
	8. **Psalm 2:1-12.**
	9. **Zechariah 12:11.**
	10. **Zechariah 12:6.**
	11. **Jeremiah 25:30.**
	12. **Hosea 5:15**
	13. **Read Isaiah 63:1-6.**
	14. **Revelation 15:1.**
	15. **Habakkuk 3:11-12…..Jesus is not done with His battle, so He tells the sun and moon to stand still. He tramples the wicked**
	16. **Hab.3: 2—prayer for mercy from the wrath.**
	17. **Exodus 15…..song of Moses….the people sing the song of deliverance**
	18. **Zechariah 14……the Lord Himself will fight as He fights in the day of battle.**
	19. **Micah 4…antichrist does not understand the counsel of the Lord**
	20. **This is Daniel 7 and Matthew 25 and Ephesians 6**
	21. **Revelation 19:11-18.**
	22. **Isaiah 16:1-5…..this is referencing the remnant being safe in Petra/Sela.**
	23. **When Jesus began His ministry, He entered the synagogue and read from Isaiah 61:1-2.**
38. **The distance from Petra to Megiddo is 1600 furlongs, 176-183 miles. How is this significant for the “finishing saga” of this final conflict?**
39. **Imagine blood up to the horses’ bridles, verse 20.**
40. **The Great Tribulation is the “pouring out of God’s wrath.” Summarize what you see in Chapter 14 concerning the massive “wrath of God.”**
41. **The Repetition of Revelation 5:6-11 in Revelation 14:1-5**

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| **Revelation 14:1-5** | **Revelation 5:6-11** |
| v. 1 *"..I saw Mt. Zion and standing on it the Lamb"*  | v. 6 *"..then I saw...a Lamb standing"*  |
| v. 2 *"..it was like the sound of harpists playing their harps."*  | v. 8 *"..each one of them was holding a harp."*  |
| v. 3 *"..before the throne they were singing a new hymn.."*  | v. 8 & 9 *"..the One sitting on the throne......They sang a new hymn:"*  |
| v. 4 *"...they follow the Lamb...redeemed to be the first fruits for God and the Lamb."*  | v. 9 *"You bought people for God of every race, language, people, and nation.."*  |

1. **The Law of Anticipation Theory**
2. These actions (visions) are anticipated in one chapter and revealed or paralleled in a following chapter:

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| Rev. chapter 13 (the 2 Beasts) is anticipated in:  | Chapter 11:1-13 (the 2 witnesses)  |
| Rev. chapter 17-19 (Babylon the great prostitute) is anticipated in:  | Chapter 14:8 (fallen Babylon)  |
| Rev. chapter 16 (the 7 cups of wrath) is anticipated in:  | Chapter 14: 10 (the cup of retribution)  |
| Rev. chapter 19:17-21 (defeat of the Beast) is anticipated in:  | Chapter 16:12-14 (Beast's forces preparing for war)  |
| Rev. chapters 21-22 (the New Jerusalem) anticipated in:  | Chapter 19:7-9 (the reign of the Christ)    |

1. **The Angels, Christ, and the Harvest**
2. Chapter 14:6-20 is divided into 7 sections, which is a vision of the glorified Christ who is flanked on each side by 3 angels.  This is the transition between the Trumpet-visions, which were the proclamations of judgment, and the Chalice-visions, which are the applications of God's judgment.

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| v. 6 Angel #1: announces the Gospel  |
| v. 8 Angel #2: announces "Babylon has fallen"  |
| v. 9 Angel #3: announces judgment against those who follow the Beast  |
| **v. 14 CHRIST: as seen in Daniel 7:13 but with a crown and a sickle in His hand**  |
| v. 15 Angel #1: shouts to Christ that the harvest of the earth is ripe  |
| v. 17 Angel #2: comes out of the Temple in heaven and carries a sharp sickle in his hand  |
| v. 18 Angel #3: in charge of the fire of God's altar shouts to the Angel with the sharp sickle to begin the harvest of the grapes of the earth from the Vineyard.  |

**Here’s your assignment for the next session:**

**Chapter 14 is a preamble to the last furies of God, the seven bowls of wrath, the seven last plagues that set the stage for Jesus’ second coming. Discover for yourself the theory of “eternal punishment,” and understand the purpose of this final stage of Earth. Read Chapter 15-16, seven times.**

**And, here’s the promise…**

**Psalm 86:5, (NKJV)**,**“For You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.”**

# 1 Peter 1:3, (KJV), ”Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

# 1 Thessalonians 5:9 (KJV), “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”