

11172024 Revelation 14. In Revelation 13 we are introduced to The beast and the false prophet under the control of Satan... and the one world government and religion which will be instituted in the last half of the seven year Tribulation....This one world government is terrifying and powerful; even *making war against the saints and overcoming them* ([Revelation 13:7](#)).

[Revelation 14](#) will answer two important questions raised by [Revelation 13](#). **One...“Is the beast completely victorious over all God’s people?” the answer is emphatically says “no.”** The second question has to do with this Satanic dictator himself: **“What happens to the beast and his followers?”**

- Chapter [Revelation 14](#) will answer those questions. AnD will emphasize God's ultimate authority and the importance of maintaining faith and endurance, even amidst tribulation.
- It is a concise preview of what is to come....
- **The chapter begins with the vision of the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, when Jesus returns to earth accompanied by 144,000 Jewish believers who have lived through the seven year tribulation at Armageddon...and the Judgment begins...**

ESV Rev 14:1 **Then** I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice **from heaven** like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³ and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴ It is these who have not defiled

themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, ⁵ and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

- **These 144,000 were first seen in [Revelation 7](#), where they were identified as a group of Jewish believers who minister during the great tribulation and are given a seal of protection throughout that period. These two places are the only places they are mentioned in Revelation. Before the four angels effect nature attacking the enemies of God.. they are told , *ESV Rev 7: ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel***
- **Since they stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb, it shows that they emerge victorious from the great tribulation. This proves the power of God’s ability to keep those whom he seals!!**
- **They gathered on Mount Zion because Zion the ancient name for the hills that make up Jerusalem — is the place where the Messiah gathers His redeemed and reigns over the earth ... **So this is a preview of the end of the Tribulation** where Jesus stands victorious on the earth.**
- **Having Jesus and His Father’s name written on their foreheads**: The followers of Satan and the beast may have a mark on their hand or forehead ([Revelation 13:16-17](#)). But this mark is just a copy of the idea behind the identifying mark on the

foreheads of each one of the 144,000, showing that they belong to the Father.

- **Heard The voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder:** The voice of God ([Revelation 1:15](#) and [4:5](#)). proclaiming His approval of these 144,000 faithful servants
- **And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps And they sang as it were a new song before the throne:** the elders of [Revelation 5:8](#) have harps. and the 144,000 as they sing a **new song**, unique to them.
- **their praise takes them right to the presence of God, right before the throne.** In our praise and worship, we really can transport ourselves and be heard in heavenly places.
- **“Heaven is not the place to learn that song; it must be learned on the earth.**
- **And they are virgins:** The term **virgins** is a picture of purity in general, it reinforces the connection of the 144,000 with Israel. “Israel is referred to frequently in the Bible as ‘the virgin the daughter of Zion’ in the OT and we are called the bride of Christ...both Israel and the church is not to defile themselves with false gods...
- It isn’t hard to see that God would call these 144,000 to a literal celibacy for the kingdom’s sake during the great tribulation.
- **These are the ones follow the Lamb wherever He goes, and could not be without fault before the throne of God.**
- **Being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb: Why?** they themselves will be instrumental in God’s plan for bringing in describes an innumerable company saved out of the **Great Tribulation,**

- **An angel preaches the gospel.** *ESV Rev 14:6* Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”
- **This is the only place in the New Testament where we see angels preaching the Gospel. In God’s wisdom, He has chosen to give that responsibility to people alone, apart from the rarest of exceptions.**
- **This other angel joins in preaching to those in the latter part of the great tribulation., but also announces judgment (the hour of His judgment has come).**
- **Fear God and give Him glory: This is what the angel will tell the whole world to do. They can do this and give glory to God and worship Him willingly in this life, or be compelled to give glory to Him later.**
- **It is certain that one day all will give glory to God.**
Philippians 2:9-11 says, *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, To us so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
- **“Here is the bitter irony of their lot: though they damn themselves eternally by their refusal to face the truth, one day they will be forced to face it.**

- **And every nation, tribe, tongue, and people will get the message: This can be a valid fulfillment of Jesus' promise in Matthew 24:14** *ESV Matt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*
- ***** Then Another angel another announcement.**
ESV Rev 14:8 Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."
- **Babylon is fallen: More on Babylon will come in Revelation 17. For now, it is enough to see it representing mankind in organized rebellion against God.**
- **"Prophetically, 'Babylon' sometimes refers to a literal city, sometimes to a religious system, sometimes to a political system, all stemming from the evil character of historic Babylon."**
- **Because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication:** When we are told that **Babylon** has led all nations into **fornication**, the main idea is *spiritual fornication* — the worship of other gods.
- However, we are never surprised to see spiritual fornication accompanied with literal immorality.

A third angel warns of coming judgment.

⁹ And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger,

and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur 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, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

- **No one will casually or accidentally take the mark on their forehead or right hand. It is a declaration of allegiance and worship of the beast and his image .**
- The one who does shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation: Those who worship the Antichrist will be forced to drink the wine of the wrath of God.
- This cup of God’s wrath is like undiluted wine, mixed with spices to make it still stronger (full strength).
- The idea that God holds a cup of wrath, which He makes those under judgment drink is expressed more than **thirteen times** in the Bible ...an example

ESV PSA75 :8For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

- **This is also the idea behind the cup that Jesus wanted to avoid if it were possible (Matthew 26:39). Jesus willingly took the cup of the Father’s wrath that we deserved; here, the enemies of Jesus have no choice — the cup is forced upon them.**
- **The wine of the wrath of God... the cup of His indignation: The wine in the cup is associated with wrath (the ancient Greek word *thymos*), which describes a *passionate* anger.**

...you have defiled who I am, what I created, and my people made in my image

- Here, the fact of *eternal* torment is plainly stated; forever and ever means “forever and ever...Literally ‘into the ages of ages,’ the strongest expression of eternity of which the Greek is capable.”
- He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone: The suffering of hell is *real torment*, that it is *painful* and *repulsive*. “
- In the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb: This shows that God is not absent from hell. He is present in all His holiness and righteous judgment.
- Those who are in hell will *wish* God were absent, but He will not be. It is wrong to say that hell will be devoid of the presence of God; but it will be without any sense of His love.
- The presence of Jesus will be there, but only the presence of His holy justice against sin.

***** Until This happens**

ESV Rev 14:12 Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

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

- We see the strong contrast between the rest of the saints and the continual torment of the wicked
- The **rest** comes through patient endurance and faithfulness as they continue to keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

- **We can only imagine what courage and comfort this passage will give embattled, persecuted saints during the Great Tribulation. Clearly, God wants to encourage His people to be steadfast in times of trial, focused on what blessed rest and reward awaits them in eternity.**

Their works follow them: The patient endurance and work of these saints is remembered in heaven. Our work for Jesus and His Kingdom goes with us into heaven, giving dignity and significance to all work here below.

The Harvest of the Earth

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” ¹⁶ So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

- **WE see Jesus as the One gathering the harvest here.**
 - Having on His head a golden crown not the crown of thorns....:**
- The word used here does not usually refer to the diadem of power, but to the crown won in conflict; and it is very remarkable that it should be said that, when Christ comes to judge the world, he will wear the crown of victory,
- **The harvest of the earth is ripe: This ancient Greek word for ripe has a negative sense, “to become dry or withered.” The idea is of something that is *over-ripe*.**

- **This means that God will judge the earth only when it is *over-ripe* for judgment. He doesn't rush into judgment.**

*****The winepress of God.**

¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." ¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

- **Another angel who came out from the temple, who had power over fire:** "These allusions seem to indicate that the angel is acting in response to the prayers of the saints and the cry of the martyred for divine judgment on wickedness."
- **The sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe:** The image of the Second Coming of Jesus as a harvest is also communicated in. **Wheat and tares** *ESV Matt 24:30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.....* believers will not be separated from those who merely go to church until the final harvest.
- **Grapes are Ripe** "pictures grapes almost bursting with juice... The spurting of the grape juice in the winepress is

compared to the spurting of blood and speaks of the awful human carnage.”

- The heel of Jesus is upon them, and they can only break and sink beneath it.”

Blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred stadia: This describes

blood splattering up to the horses’ bridles, a picture of tremendous carnage in the battle of Armageddon described in [Revelation 16:16](#) and [19:11-19](#).

- The area covered, 1,600 furlongs, is approximately 200 miles, and specifies that the area within a 200-mile radius from Jerusalem will be gathered at the time of the second coming of Christ.”
- **In ancient times, a battle area extending 200 miles was beyond all known conflict — but not in modern warfare.**
- Revelation 14 is the perfect answer to Revelation 13
- At the end of Revelation 13, it almost seemed like Satan and the Antichrist might win. But [Revelation 14](#) shows who is really triumphant, powerful, and in control:
- God, His Messiah, and His people; not Satan, his messiah (the Antichrist) and his followers.

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