

## REVELATION CHAPTER 14

### Verses 1 – 5 The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion

Vs 1           The Lamb was standing on Mt Zion  
Heb 12:18-24; Isa 4:2-6; Micah 4:1-7; Rev 21:2-5,9-27  
With Him 144,000                   Rev 7:1-8  
His Name and the Name of His Father – they belong to both  
(Some believe that the time John is seeing is after the  
Tribulation and Millennial Kingdom.  
Others place them on the earth during the Tribulation because  
Of John's experience recorded in vs 2 & 3.

Vs 2 & 3       If the 144,000 are on earth, then those singing in Heaven may  
be the multitude who were martyred during the Trib.  
It would follow that only the 144,000 could learn the song  
reserved for those in Heaven.  
Because the information contained in this section is not in chronological  
sequence, a number of possibilities exist.  
NOTE:  
1. In Rev 5:9-10 the four living creatures and the elders sing a new song.  
2. In Rev 14:3 the 144,000 sing an unknowable song before the four living  
creatures and the elders.  
3. As stated before, some think the 144,000 are being seen after the Trib  
has come to completion.

Vs 4           The 144,000 live their lives in separation unto God.  
1 Cor 7:32-35  
They are called the first fruits because they were the first  
humans saved after the Rapture.  
Rev 7:1-8  
Again, to belong to Christ is to belong to the Father and visa  
versa.

Vs 5           No lie is found in them.  
Jn 8:44; Rev 21:27; 22:15  
They are blameless – untarnished from the world they are in.  
  
NOTE: Fitting in with the idea that John is seeing the 144,000  
after the Trib has concluded.  
1. They are living, natural men who will continue throughout  
the 1,000 year kingdom.

2. They will spend the entire Kingdom Age in the presence of the Lamb, following Him wherever He goes.

Vs 6-7 The Angel flying in Mid-Heaven

Vs 6

Another Angel (one of ten)

1. Rev 7:2-3 Led in the sealing of the 144,000
2. Rev 8:3-5 Stood at the altar holding a golden sensor...  
Filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it  
to the earth.
3. Rev 10:1-2 He had in his hand a little book.
4. Here in Rev 14:6-7
5. Rev 14:8 Proclaims the fall of Babylon
6. Rev 14:9 Warns mankind not to receive the mark of the  
beast.
7. Rev 14:15 Calls for the sickle to reap
8. Rev 14:17,19 Joins the one who sat on the cloud in the  
reaping.
9. Rev 14:18 further described in Rev 16:8-9
10. Rev 18:1-3 Has great authority and is illumined with his  
glory

Having an Eternal Gospel to preach – Matt 24:14

“Gospel of the Kingdom”

The world will hear the message.

Vs 7

The context of the message is given – The hour of judgment

Has come!

Why is this “good news”? Because the reign of God is in  
Preparation!

Vs 8

The Fall of Babylon is proclaimed (in Heaven).

I. As to its political position on planet earth:

Gen 10:8-11; Micah 5:6

The city of Babylon, capitol of the Gentiles’ kingdom  
reign upon the earth

Its destruction was prophesied and its judgment carried  
Out in OT Times.

Dan 2:26-45; Isa 13:1-22; Jer 51:59-64

Commercial Babylon (world system) will be  
destroyed at the Return of Christ.

Rev 18; Rev 19:17-21

(Both Egypt and Babylon are used in the Bible as the world, operating without input from its Maker.)

II. As to its religious meaning, its beginning is found in  
Gen 11:1-9

Extended Notes on Babylon and Its Symbolism

1. In Nimrod's system there was the Supreme Father God, who was not worshipped.  
His wife was the mother goddess, the human queen, Semiramis.  
She and her son were both worshipped

2. Building on the promise of Gen 3:15, Semiramis bore a son, whom she declared was conceived miraculously.  
His name was Tammuz.  
From these two was introduced the mystery religion of the "Mother-Child".

3. From Babylon this mystery religion spread to all the surrounding

nations.

- a. Egypt – the mother goddess was Isis the son-god was Horus
- b. Greece – the mother goddess was Aphrodite the son-god was

Eros

- c. Rome – the mother goddess was Venus the son-god was Cupid

In all of its forms the symbols were the same, the image of the queen of heaven with a child in her arms.

4. Linked with this central mystery were countless lesser mysteries:

- a. purgatorial purification after death
- b. salvation by sacraments
- c. the offering of round cakes to the queen of heaven  
Jer 7:17-18; 44:15-25
- d. Temple virgins (prostitutes)
- e. weeping for Tammuz for a period of 40 days, ending with Semiramis receiving back her son from the dead.

Vs 9-11 The End that awaits the worshippers of the Beast

(There is no promise that the end of their suffering has come.

Rev 7:16-17 – There is no end!)

If anyone "worships the beast and his image"

Rev 13:15-18

Remember, if you didn't worship – you died  
Rev 13:15

What is physical death when compared to the 2<sup>nd</sup> death?  
Rev 20:5-6; Mt 10:28

The wine of the wrath of God is said to be “unmixed” or full-strength – not diluted with either mercy or the grace of God.

Tormented in the Lake of Fire (Gehenna)

1. in the presence of the holy angels (1 Tim 5:24)
2. in the presence of the Lamb
3. smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever
4. no rest day or night  
(without Christ, God has no ability to do otherwise)  
Rom 3:21-26

Vs 12            Perseverance and the Faith of the Saints  
Rev 13:10

1. who keep the commandments of God  
    1 Jn 2:3-11
2. keep their faith in Jesus

Vs 13            I heard a voice from Heaven  
Rev 10:4,8; 11:12; 14:2; 18:4; 21:3

Can it be that direct communication is taking place between God and man; that no intermediate means is used?

In this verse it is the Spirit speaking.  
The blessing is pronounced upon a specific group of people!  
They may rest...their deeds follow with them.

This is the Second of the Beatitudes in Revelation 1:3, here,  
16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7,14

Vs 14-20        There is a Two-Fold Harvest Taking Place  
First One: vs 14-16

1. Many believe the One settling on the cloud is Jesus Christ.
2. An angel delivers the message

3. This may be a harvest of believers.

Rev 14:13; 6:11

Second One: vs 17-20

1. An angel

a. came out of the Temple

b. He has a sickle similar to the first one

2. Another angel comes out from the altar and tells the first angel to reap.

“ripe” – in their prime, almost bursting with juice

The angel swings his sickle and throws the clusters into God’s wine press.

Rev 19:15

This may chronologically be the time following Christ’s Return.

Isa 63:2-6

The wine press is outside the city of Jerusalem and the blood flow rises to the height of a horse’s bridle for a 200 mile radius!