



INTRODUCTION:

14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. John says he looked, and behold the Lamb standing on Mount Zion (Jerusalem) along with 144,000 (Jewish servants) who has the father's name written on their foreheads. Those sealed were 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel.

1. They will be with Jesus (v.1).
2. They will be sealed with God's name (v.1). The mark or seal identifies you!—who owns you.

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:— John now hears a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters (Satisfying); like the sound of loud thunder (Awesome). Then he hears the voice of harpists playing on their harps (Calming).

3. They will hear the very voice of God (v.2).

14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. Then there was singing! They were singing as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living beasts (creatures), and before the elders. But only the 144, 000 could learn the song whom God rescued/redeemed from the earth.

4. They will be uniquely privileged before all other beings (v.3).

14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. Here we see these 144,000 who had not defiled themselves with women; never slept with women for they were virgins, and they follow the Lamb wherever He goes. The Lord redeemed them from among men as firstfruits (like the first part of the harvest) unto God and the Lamb.

5. They be clearly identified (as pure followers) (v.v.4-5).

14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. There was no lie/treachery found in their mouths, for they were blameless before the throne of God.

LESSON:

I. REVELATION 14:6-7

14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to





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Write to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,—

The First Proclamation: Then *John saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, every nation, tribe, language, and people.* The Lord Jesus Christ is going to be victorious over the world! He is going to triumph over evil, and bring righteousness, and godliness to earth if, He has to use an Angel or mankind to do it! His method of getting the Gospel out is always His Way! **The message is that the Gospel must be proclaimed to the whole earth.** Not a single place must be missed. It must be proclaimed to (specified in verse 7).

14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. With a loud voice, the angel shouts *"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 sounds very precise to me! **Two messages:** 1. **Fear God, and give Him glory.** 2. **Worship God.** Few people fear God. God tolerates our rebellion, and denial of Him only for now, only to give us a chance to be saved, and escape the coming judgment. But this chance is going to soon run out. We must therefore repent, and fear God, give Him glory, and then worship Him!

II. REVELATION 14:8

14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. The Second Proclamation: Another angel followed, saying, *"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."* **This message is about the fall of Babylon, and the reason!** **Babylon** symbolized the political, economic, and religious center of a godless society! Here in Revelation, Babylon stands for the city of the antichrist, the capital of the world (the political, economic, and religious systems he established—all corrupt).

¹Babylon is like a woman who was guilty of sins of sex. She caused all the nations to sin in a similar way. It was as if she made them drink too much wine. This wine means the emotions that caused Babylon to sin.'

Babylon, the end time government will be like a prostitute who entices men into bed with her by giving them wine, and getting them so intoxicated that they can no longer resist her seduction. Or we can say, the antichrist will seduce the world to drink the wine of the wrath of her fornication; a utopian state; one-world government and religion that men have always dreamed about. This will surely bring the wrath of God!

III. REVELATION 14:9-11

14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,— The Third Proclamation: All these angels are sent by God, proclaiming to them who dwell on earth. Remember, with a loud voice to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. This is another angel saying, *"Anyone who worships the beast, and his statue, or who accepts his mark on the forehead, or on the hand..."* This mark will show that a person gives his first loyalty and allegiance to the state and secular society, and its leader, the antichrist. That means God is second, and God will not put up with it any longer! God says in **Exodus 20:2-3** *"I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of*

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bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” This mark will be on the forehead just as the Father’s name is sealed on the foreheads of the 144,000. That sounds like copycat to me. ²The beast would try to kill those who had not received his mark.

14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:— The angel continues: those who had received the mark of the beast, “...must drink the wine of God’s anger (the same fate as in verse 8). It has been poured full strength into God’s cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels, and the Lamb.” This message is about Judgment—God’s Wrath! ³When God punished the cities called Sodom and Gomorrah, He burned them with sulphur (Genesis 19:28). The pains of those who have the mark of the beast will be like that. This will be the fate of those who denied Christ. The Lamb and his angels will see them suffer.

The fire and sulphur (brimstone) is a description of the place of punishment. God will send the Antichrist and the false prophet there. All who follow the beast (Antichrist) will go there as well. “And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” “Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Rev.20:10, 15 NIV).

Today, right now is the day of God’s love and grace. Therefore, we must cast ourselves upon God’s love. We must heed the warning of fire and brimstone, and repent, and turn from our wickedness, and turn to God!

14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. The ungodly will be tormented forever and ever, and the smoke ascending will never end! (Mk.9:43-44). We are doomed if we reject the Lord Jesus Christ, for we will be without Him!

IV. REVELATION 14:12-13

14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Three things are said about the saints who escape the judgment of God:

1. He has patience that endures. 2. He keeps the commandments of God. 3. He keeps his faith in Jesus.

When you think you’re at the end of your rope, the beginning is just around the corner. It’s telling us to not give up. God’s people may suffer much here on earth, but the terrible pain of those who do not believe, and not have the patience will be far worse.

14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. John now hears a voice from heaven, saying “Write this: Writing it down keeps it alive! Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” Everyone must die, but death is not the end! Writing something down keeps it alive. You can always go back to it; look at it again. The ones

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Who die in the Lord; that received salvation are blessed. And the Spirit agrees with it. They are just resting from their labors on earth. The soul and the spirit never die. *"...To be absent from the body, and be present with the Lord."* God sees our works; the good we've done on earth, and it will follow us! That means our deeds/works follow us, and there will be rewards.

1. There is a reward of rest from earthly labor. And **2.** There is a reward of heavenly work to do.

SUMMARY:

John is on the isle of Patmos and still receiving visions from God. He sees three different Angels proclaiming three different messages of what will happen in the end times.

1. The First Angel proclaimed that the Gospel must be preached to the whole earth—every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. They were to fear God, and give Him glory, and worship Him! **(14:6-7)**.
2. The second Angel proclaimed the fall of Babylon because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. The political, economic, and religious centers will be a godless society! The antichrist will seduce all the nations to drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality (everybody got in the same boat). **(14:8)**.
3. The Third Angel proclaimed judgment with a loud voice that if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of God's wrath (anger). It has been poured full strength into God's cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. The smoke of their torment ascending up will never end! They are doomed if they reject the Lord Jesus Christ **(14:9-11)**.
4. In conclusion, three things are said about the saints who escape the judgment of God:
 1. He has patience that endures.
 2. He keeps the commandments of God.
 3. He keeps his faith in Jesus.

John now hears a voice from heaven saying "write this." Because writing something down keeps it alive. You can always go back to it. The ones who die in the Lord; that received salvation are blessed. And the Spirit agrees with it, *"they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."* That means their deeds/works follow them, and there will be rewards **(14:12-13)**.