

Book of Revelation

Chapter 14:

- The Lamb and the 144,000 (1-5)
- Three Angelic Messages (6-13)
- The Harvest of The Earth (14-20)

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Purpose of Revelation 14

- Acts as a bridge or link between
- Midtribulational events of Rev 10-13
- And events of second half of Tribulation found in Rev 15-16
- Most of Rev 11-13 dealt with activities of counterfeit trinity
 - Attempts to usurp God
 - Destroy those who those who persist in worshipping God

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Purpose of Revelation 14

- Provides 7 proclamations from God
 1. To predict the failure of program of counterfeit trinity
 2. To announce results of approaching last 7 judgments (bowls)
 3. To give assurance, encouragement and comfort to the saints living in 2nd half of tribulation

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First Proclamation - Revelation 14:1-5

- ¹ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. ³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God. (NKJV)

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First Proclamation: Revelation 14:1-5

- First verse appears to be a millennial scene
- 144,000 Jews of Rev 7 now with Lamb on Mt. Zion
- They have the Name of God on their foreheads
- This Name protected them from death (Rev 7:3-4)
- This proves Satan's attempts to destroy all Jews fails
- This proclamation will provide comfort to Tribulation believers

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Second Proclamation - Revelation 14:6-7

- ⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— ⁷saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”
- Final call to the world to accept the Gospel in light of Rev 13 (Antichrist declares himself to be god, etc)
- In essence, humanity is to choose between Antichrist and Christ
- An announcement of the coming final series of judgments

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Third Proclamation: Revelation 14:8

- And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”
- This proclamation announces fall of political Babylon (Revelation 18 also)
- The worldwide capitol of Antichrist is due for destruction

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Fourth Proclamation: Revelation 14:9-11

- ⁹Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall 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 ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

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Fourth Proclamation: Revelation 14:9-11

- Taking the mark of the beast is THE point of no return
- Salvation will be available if mark is not taken
- Accepting the mark means
 - Accepting Antichrist as true god
 - Forfeiture of any further opportunity to be saved
- No one will take the mark out of ignorance
- Angels states what will happen to those who take the mark (vv 10-11)

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Application of Revelation 14

- God is GOD and there is no other!
- If God controls all things including the rise of the final kingdom, the defeat of Satan & Antichrist, He can be sovereign over every aspect of our lives!
- As the 144,000 and angels in Revelation 14 worship, praise and sing to God, do WE spend enough time doing that?
- What can we be thankful for that we find difficult in our lives now?
- How can we praise God above all things in spite of difficulties in life?

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Application of Revelation 14

- Is there room to give God more of ourselves?
- Put another way, is God KING over everything in our lives?
- Like the 144,000 will we follow Jesus wherever He leads us?
- Do we know Him as much as we would like?
- Do we know Him better today than yesterday?

- Finally, what are some ways we can further our relationship to God?