

Burglar - Parrott - Jesus - STORY

Revelation is *Not Always Chronological*

THERE IS a GENERAL Series of Events thru Revelation
But It is NOT ALWAYS Chronological

What helps us in this Dilemma - is to be constantly reminded
of the PURPOSE of the Book of Revelation

The Purpose of the Book of Revelation
is THE REVEALING of Jesus Christ

Revelation is - THE REVEALING
of the person & work of Jesus Christ

& So - our Ch today - DOES NOT FIT perfectly
into a Chronological timeline

But it DOES MAKE - the Most Important Point - Perfectly Clear

& The M.I.P. (Most Important Point) of Rev Ch 14 is this

REMEMBER, JESUS WINS !!!

Let's Pray

In Rev Ch 14 - we're going to see a series of 7 VISIONS
that all have ONE THING in Common

They all show the GUARANTEED VICTORY of Jesus Christ
over SATAN - &
over the WORLD System in the Tribulation

We've seen A LOT of death & destruction
from the Satanic Trinity - in Ch's 12 & 13

& so - in CH 14 - God stops - to REMIND US
Jesus ABSOLUTELY WINS in the end

& WE need to Remember that today

We WILL see Evil Escalate on the Earth

Satan WILL - for a Time - SEEM to be winning
Especially during the Tribulation

but we NEED to HEAR *loud & clear* -
Jesus Christ WINS in the End

We need to HEAR it

We need to REMEMBER it

We need to LIVE according to it

Our Ch today - is in DIRECT Contrast
to the Deception & Destruction of Ch's 12 & 13

& AS a Direct Contrast - Ch 14 is a VIVID Reminder
God is STILL in Control -
Jesus Christ IS going to WIN - &
WE ARE More than Conquerors - IN CHRIST

JESUS WINS

& if we are WITH HIM - we WIN
& if we are AGAINST HIM - we LOSE

THAT - is the Most Important Point today

So - The 1ST VICTORY we see - is the Victory of the 144,000
Who have been BROUGHT THRU the Tribulation

Revelation 14:1 (NLT)

1 Then I saw the Lamb (Jesus) standing on Mount Zion
(Jerusalem), and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his
Father's name written on their foreheads. (God's Seal)

This is an Awesome - Picture of VICTORY

Jesus is Standing - On Mt Zion - with the 144,000
Who have come thru the Tribulation - Victoriously

Isa Ch 2 says the **Lord will Reign** on Earth **From Mt Zion**
During the time of the **Millennium**

& Thu-out the **Bible - MT ZION** is **the PLACE**
where **God DWELLS with** His **people**

God is **showing us** the **ULTIMATE VICTORY**
For those **SEALED by Him** in the **Tribulation**

But - Eph 1:13 says
When we **put OUR FAITH** in **Jesus** as **OUR SAVIOR**

We ALSO - are SEALED with the **Holy Spirit**
As a **Guarantee** of **OUR Eternal VICTORY** & **Inheritance**

& Jesus says in John 10:28 (NLT)
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,

THAT is **TRUE** for the **144,000**

& if **YOU have put your Faith** in **Jesus** today - **as Your Savior**

Then that is **Just as True - FOR YOU!!**

& **the VICTORY CELEBRATION Continues** in

Revelation 14:2-3 (NLT) → →

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2 And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of mighty ocean waves or the rolling of loud thunder. It was like the sound of many harpists playing together.

3 This great choir sang a wonderful new song in front of the throne of God and before the four living beings and the twenty-four elders. No one could learn this song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

**THIS is an Absolute Assurance of Victory
for those who are SEALED by God in the Tribulation**

**HEAVEN is singing like *the roar of mighty ocean waves*
*or the rolling of loud thunder***

**& they are singing a NEW SONG - before the Throne of God -
that no one could learn but the 144,000**

& NOTICE - In V.3 - WE are THERE!

**Remember - the 24 ELDERS mentioned here in V.3
we see as THE CHURCH taken up in the Rapture**

**So WE are there
in this Great Victory Celebration for the 144,000**

**But then we see - That Those Sealed by God
Also HAD A ROLE in their VICTORY**

Just as You & I have a ROLE - in OUR VICTORY

Revelation 14:4-5 (NLT)

4 They have kept themselves as pure as virgins (referring to spiritual purity), following the Lamb (only the Lamb) *wherever he goes. They have been purchased from among the people on the earth as a special offering to God and to the Lamb.*

5 They have told no lies; they are without blame.

These 144,000 Have been Sealed by God

& they have also been PURELY Devoted to Jesus

They have not committed Spiritual Adultery

with the False Religion of the World

They have been PURCHASED BY GOD

AS a special offering to God and to the Lamb

They have been Sealed - BY God

They have lived Devoted - TO God

They stand in Total Victory - WITH God

& THAT is the WAY it's DONE

Be Sealed BY God

Be Devoted TO God

Stand in Victory WITH God

NEXT - More Victory

& it's Covering the Entire Earth Now

Revelation 14:6-7 (NLT) → →

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6 And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people.

7 “Fear God,” he shouted. “Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.”

**At This Point - The Eternal Good News
will COVER the Entire Earth**

The Gospel Msg - of God’s Grace - & God’s Mercy

**Will Reach Every Nation - Every Tribe -
Every Language - & Every People**

**The World Will HEAR - one last time
(or maybe for the First Time)**

The Gospel Msg that brings Salvation & Eternal Life from God

**& Because of How CLOSE the End is
This Message will be is VERY DIRECT**

Fear God & Give Him Glory

Because the Time has come - when he will sit as JUDGE

**So - Make your Choice
Before it’s too late**

God **ALWAYS Sends** - His **Mercy & Grace** - **BEFORE**
His **Required Judgment** - **MUST fall**

& **here** in **Vs's 6-7** - **Is The Final CALL** to **WORSHIP God**

Jesus said in Matthew 24:14 (NLT)

14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

God **ALWAYS Sends** His **Mercy & Grace** - **BEFORE**
His **Required** Judgment **MUST** fall

NEXT - we see **VICTORY over**
the **FALSE RELIGION** of the **World**

Revelation 14:8 (NLT)

8 Then another angel followed him through the sky, shouting, "Babylon is fallen—that great city is fallen—because she made all the nations of the world drink the wine of her passionate immorality."

Now - **We don't** even **Read about Babylon** - Until **Ch 17**
Where she is **called** - **The Great Prostitute**

So here - God is **Guaranteeing the VICTORY**
Before we even **Meet the Enemy** - (*which is what God does*)

Here - **Babylon** - **the Great Prostitute** - is **referring to**
the **Apostate Church** that **becomes** the **World Religion**

& the WINE of her Immorality
WILL HAVE - a PHYSICAL Side to it

But again - this is referring to the Spiritual Adultery
of the Apostate Church
& The Final World Religion that Worships the Antichrist

& in the End - the World's FALSE Religion
With its Leader - The False Prophet - WILL BE JUDGED

& Jesus Christ ALONE - will be Worshipped

<p><u>Jesus WINS, in the End</u> & <u>Those</u> who <u>WORSHIP Him</u> - <u>WIN With Him</u></p>

NEXT - LEADING UP to the VICTORY
For those who DO NOT Worship the Beast

FIRST - We see the JUDGEMENT
For those who DO Worship the Beast

Revelation 14:9–11 (NLT)

9 Then a third angel followed them, shouting, "Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand
10 must drink the wine of God's anger. 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.

11 The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name.”

Those who CHOOSE The Antichrist - OVER Jesus Christ

Will bring upon themselves - God’s Full Wrath

**& their Torment will Rise Up forever & ever
& they will have No Relief - Day or Night**

THAT is the Bible’s Description of HELL

**& THAT - is what Jesus Christ Came
to Freely OFFER YOU VICTORY OVER**

The BIBLE SAYS - the ONLY way to that Victory

is to RECEIVE by FAITH - the Full Payment Jesus made
on your Behalf - For Your Sin

He Faced YOUR Hell - On YOUR Behalf

**So You could Live in HIS Heaven
For Eternity - with Him**

& The <u>Bible is CLEAR</u> - Putting your <u>FAITH</u> in <u>JESUS</u> is the <u>ONLY WAY</u> to <u>Receive this Victory</u>

& In Contrast to that Eternal Judgment

In Vs's 12-13 - there is a Call to Endurance
AND - another PROMISE of VICTORY

For those who HAVE PUT their FAITH in JESUS as Savior

Revelation 14:12-13 (NLT)

12 This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"

This is a Guarantee of Victory

for those who Endure The Tribulation
& HOLD ON to their Faith in Jesus

Yes - they will DIE at the hands of The Devil

But they Will Be BLESSED for Eternity - because of their
Faithfulness & Endurance for Jesus

& Thankfully - Altho we are not facing
the Mark of the Beast today

THIS SAME VICTORY Is Reserved for US

**AS WE Endure the tribulations of this world
BY Holding On to OUR FAITH in Jesus**

**So - Run the Race with Endurance
HOLD ON to your FAITH in Jesus**

**& KNOW - that your VICTORY
Is Guaranteed - BY GOD HIMSELF**

**We've seen Victory for the 144,000 on My Zion
We've seen Victory in the Heavenly Praise for them
We've seen Victory in the Gospel Covering the Earth
We've seen Victory over the False Religion of Babylon
We've seen Victory for those who Refuse To Worship the Beast**

**& NOW - We see VICTORY
In the FINAL TWO HARVESTS - of this world**

THIS - IS WHAT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO

**ALL that will matter - for ETERNITY
is WHICH SIDE of this Harvest - YOU will be on**

The FIRST HARVEST - is the HARVEST OF BELIEVERS

Revelation 14:14 (NLT) → →

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14 Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

This - is Jesus Christ - Preparing for the Harvest of Believers

Revelation 14:15 (NLT)

15 Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, "Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe."

**This - is a Message from the Father
It is TIME - the Hour has Come**

Revelation 14:16 (NLT)

16 So the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the whole earth was harvested.

THIS is the Final Harvest - THIS - Is The FINAL VICTORY

It's NOT actually HAPPENING Here in Rev Ch 14 (Chronologically)
It's Being Promised, It is Being Guaranteed here

**SO THAT we will know FOR SURE
JESUS WINS in the End !**

**& then - we see the OTHER SIDE of this FINAL HARVEST
THIS - is the Judgment Side → →**

Revelation 14:17–18 (NLT)

17 After that, another angel came from the Temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.

18 Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, “Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment.”

Th word for RIPE here - Means OVER Ripe - It is PAST TIME

Revelation 14:19 (NLT)

19 So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God’s wrath.

This is the Final Harvest of Judgment on the Earth

This Final Harvest - is the Removal of ALL SIN

AND - All those who have Rejected God’s Salvation

**Which Prepares the Way - for the Millennial Reign
of Jesus Christ ON the earth**

& How great is this Final Victory over Sin on the Earth ?

Revelation 14:20 (NLT) → →

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20 The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles long and as high as a horse's bridle.

In Israel - 180 Miles is a LONG WAY

From **the North** to **the South** of **Israel**
Thru the **Valley of Megiddo**

BLOOD will flow in a STREAM - as **high** as a **horse's Bridle**

THIS is a **reference** - to the **Final Battle** of **ARMAGEDDON**

<p><u>WRITE JOEL 3:1-16</u> - In <u>your Margin</u> - & <u>Read it</u> later It is a <u>Prophetic Commentary</u> on <u>these Vs's</u></p>

Guys - I want you to HEAR today - JESUS WINS
& I want you to ALWAYS REMEMBER - JESUS WINS

I know that sounds simple

But - when the World starts getting you
to DRIFT AWAY From God

& when you know you are walking the line
Trying to play BOTH SIDES of this Eternal Battle

I want you to always Remember - JESUS WILL WIN

& if you will HOLD TIGHT to Jesus

& Run the Race with Endurance -
TRUSTING HIM - & FOLLOWING HIM

YOU WILL WIN - WITH HIM

Let's Pray