

Revelation 14 Last Call

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 14

- Lamb and First Fruits
- Everlasting Gospel
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- Harvest of the Righteous
- Harvest of the Wicked

I. Lamb and the First Fruits

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.

Jesus Returns: Standing with 144,000 on Mt. Zion

- Father's Name on their foreheads
- Kept safe from Antichrist for 3.5 years

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.

John sees view on earth...now John hears heaven

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| 1. God speaking | from Heaven |
| 2. Harpists playing | in Heaven... [Elders of Rev 5:8] |

³ They [144,000 on earth] 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.**

Music now filling Heaven and Earth

Music from Heaven reaching earth... Singers on Earth reaching Heaven [NJC]

- **New Song:** To/For Jesus the Lamb their Redeemer
 - 1. Song only 144,000 could learn
 - 2. Song unique to their experience during Tribulation:

"Heaven is not the place to learn that song; it must be learned on the earth. You must learn here the notes of free **grace and dying love**; and when you have mastered their melody, you will be able to offer to the Lord the tribute of a grateful heart, even in heaven, and blend it with the harmonies eternal." [Spurgeon]

⁴ These [144,000] 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.**

144,000 standing with the Lamb: Mission Complete

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| ▪ They were Pure before Jesus | Blessed are pure for they shall see God [Mat. 5] |
| ▪ They were Free to serve Jesus | No immediate family/Divided commitments |
| ▪ They were Followers of Jesus | Wherever the road may take them |
| ▪ They were Sold-Out for Jesus | Forsaking all even in Tribulation [Luke 14:26] |
| ▪ They are Redeemed by Jesus | Bought back/Brought back in right relation God |
| ▪ They are First-Fruits of Jesus | First of Jews/Great Multitude [Rev 7] |
| ▪ They are Blameless before Jesus | Well done, good and faithful servant. [Mat 25] |

SUMMARY Lamb and the First Fruits They are with Jesus the Lamb on earth at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Mission complete. Deep breath/Time to reap eternal rewards

NOTE: Here to end of Chapter: Details of what took place before Jesus Return in vv 1-5

II. Everlasting Gospel

6 Then 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—

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| ▪ Another Angel? First in Rev. 8:13 | Woe Angel |
| ▪ First of Six Angels in this chapter | Grace Angel |

Preaching the Gospel to person Jew or Gentile...For God so loved the world

Matthew 24:14 ...this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. [2 Witnesses/144,000/Angel]

What is the Everlasting Gospel...It is the Only Gospel [Good News]

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from **Him who called you** in the **grace of Christ**, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is **not another**; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach **any other gospel** to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, **let him be accursed.**

1 Corinthians 15:1 ...I declare to you **the gospel** which I preached to you **3...** that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that **He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...**

**Jesus died, Jesus was buried, Jesus rose again...All Jesus! All Grace. Free Gift.
Jesus plus nothing equals Salvation**

Acts 20:24 ... [I] to testify to the gospel of the **grace of God.**

- Angel preaching the Gospel of Grace to every single person on earth...

7 ... saying with a loud voice, "**Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come**

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| ▪ Fear God | Beginning of Wisdom |
| ▪ Give Glory to God | Humble yourselves |
| ▪ Worship your Creator... | Don't listen to false professors but instead... |

7b... worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Denial of God as Creator will bring God's Judgment to Earth

Romans 1:18 ...the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for **God has shown it to them.** ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Satan uses false-theory of Evolution to deceive the whole world

Revelation 12:9 ...Satan, who deceives the whole world...

- Did God really say...Yes, He did really say

Exodus 20:11 ...in six days **the LORD made the heavens and the earth**, the sea, and all that is in them...

Denying Creation is denying the Creator.

John 1:3 All things were made through [Jesus], and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Matthew 10:33 ...whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

SUMMARY Everlasting Gospel Fear God and give Glory to Him by worshipping Him as our Creator

III. Babylon is Fallen

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.**"

- **Angel's proclamation:** Babylon IS fallen

Two Babylons...Both will Fall

- Two False-Gospels perpetrated on the world by the world
 1. **Religious:** Unitarianism, Environmentalism, Spiritualism
 2. **Commercial:** Die with the most toys and win?

Post-flood people immediately rebel against God seeking life without God Through Religious and Commercial endeavors

Genesis 11:4 "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them."

- **LORD confused language**
- **LORD scattered the people** in hope that they would see their desperate need...

Acts 17:26 [God] has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the **boundaries of their dwellings**, 27 so that they should **seek the Lord**, in the hope that they might **grope for Him and find Him**

Internet is the New Tower of Babel: Bringing all languages together

Q. What happens when sinful men get together. **A.** They sin

SUMMARY Babylon is Fallen Angels Proclamation...Everything the world puts their hope in...All going to burn

IV. Two Eternal Destinies

⁹ Then 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.**

Third Angel's Pronouncement

Eternal Judgment for worshipping the Beast and his Image

- **Most important question:** What must I do to be saved?
- Intellectualism can't save Salvation is not an Intellectual Pursuit
- Religions/Cults can't save Appearance of wisdom/of no value against sin
- Anti-Christ certainly can't save May spare body...not lose the soul

Only Jesus can save. Someone has to pay for our sin. Someone already has

Isaiah 53:10 ... the **LORD was pleased To crush Him** [Jesus His own Son], putting Him to grief; **If He would render Himself as a guilt offering...**

- Jesus took the cup of God's wrath...

Matthew 26:39 [Jesus] fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, **let this cup pass from Me**; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice ... **"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"**

Those who allow the Mark will receive God's Eternal Wrath

10b... He [those who take the Mark...] 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."

- **Denying the Mark** Physical death but Eternal Life
- **Receiving the Mark** Physical Life but Eternal Death

Luke 12:4 "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who **kill the body**, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵But I will show you whom you should fear: **Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell**; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

- **Eternality of Hell:** Torment Forever and ever

"...the strongest expression of eternity of which the Greek is capable." [Walvoord]

Matter and Energy can change form but neither can be eradicated. Soul/Spirit i.e. the "image of God" in man cannot be destroyed... they will exist forever...somewhere. [Morris]

- **Tormented with fire and brimstone:**

1. In presence of the Lamb Jesus who came to save them
2. In the presence of the angels who were amazed at God's Salvation

Angels look with amazement at those who refused God's Salvation...

1 Peter 1:12 —things which angels **desire to look into.**

**Smoke of their torment rises forever...and ever
No rest day or night. No annihilation. No debate.**

Matthew 25:46 And these [Goats] will go away into **everlasting punishment**, but the righteous [sheep] into **eternal life.**"

- **Everlasting/Eternal:** Same word; gr. i.e. *ī-ō'-nē-os* lit. *without end*
- Cults deny eternity of Hell. Cults deny deity of Christ

12 Here is the patience of the saints...

- **Patiently waiting for Jesus to return:** Continuing to obey during hard times...

12b... here are those who **keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.**

What Commandments?

- **Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment...**

Mark 12:29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall **love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind**, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' There is no other commandment greater than these."

- **Love God. Love your Neighbor**

Notice: Neither is one of the Ten Commandments

- Ten Commandments [and all others] are fulfilled in the **Royal Law**

Romans 13:9 For the [10] commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**"

Galatians 5:14 ...all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

James 2:8 If you really fulfill the **royal law** according to the Scripture, "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself,**" you do well

Our power and strength over tribulations come by resting in the finished work of Jesus

Christ loving through us as we love others

- How do we keep the commandments of God and show our faith in Jesus?

John 13:35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love for one another.**"

- **Believing we keep the Big Ten is legalism....**

1. **Legalism** Reveals and Competes [Courson]
2. **Grace** Restores and Completes

Tribulation Saints wait patiently for Jesus by obeying Jesus commands
Love God by Loving One Another

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, **"Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"**

- **Second of Seven Beatitudes in Revelation** [1:3, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14]

At this point...You will be more blessed by dying than living

13b... "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors

Holy Spirit speaking: 1 of 2x the **Spirit speaks directly** [apart from the 7 Churches]

- **Rest** From hard labor of this life for those who die...
- **Reward** For the hard labor of this life done for the Lord...

13c... and their works follow them."

Matthew 6:20 Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...

1 Corinthians 3:8b ... each one will receive his own reward **according to his own labor.**

1 Corinthians 15:58 ... be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that **your labor is not in vain** in the Lord.

- Millennial Kingdom Rewards when we return with Jesus...

Luke 19:17 'Well done, good servant; because you were **faithful** in a very **little**, have authority over **ten cities.**'

SUMMARY Two Eternal Destinies Eternal torment for wicked who reject the Lamb.
Rest/Reward for the righteous.

V. Harvest of the Righteous Mt. Zion

1. Harvest of the Righteous vv 14-17
2. Harvest of the Wicked vv 18-20

Matthew 24:30 Then the sign of the **Son of Man will appear in heaven**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will **gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

Jesus will gather the righteous to Himself at Mt. Zion when He returns

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in **Mount Zion** and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, **a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man**, having on His head a **golden crown**, and in His hand a **sharp sickle**.

- **Jesus coming on a Cloud**

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| 1. Son of Man | Term used by Jesus of Himself <i>most frequently</i> |
| 2. Golden Crown to Reign | Crown of thorns long gone |
| 3. Sickle to Reap | Harvest of the Righteous |

¹⁵ And **another angel came out of the temple**, crying with a loud voice to **Him who sat on the cloud**, "**Thrust in Your sickle and reap**, for the time has come for You to reap, for the **harvest of the earth is ripe**." ¹⁶ So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Angel Four comes out from Earthly Temple
Pleads [not a command] with Jesus regarding the righteous...

Please get our guys out of here!"

¹⁷ Then **another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven**, he also having a sharp sickle.

- **Jesus gives angel thumbs up:** Get em' out

Angel Five comes out of Heavenly Temple
Move the Righteous to Jerusalem!

- **Righteous Transported** out of way of Jesus wrath to Mt. Zion vv 1-5

1. 144,000
2. All living Tribulation Saints
3. All those who came back with Jesus

Jude 1:14 Now Enoch... prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

- We come back with Jesus /Jesus does the work [Isaiah 63]

SUMMARY Harvest of the Righteous

VI. Harvest of the Wicked Armageddon

Matthew 13:41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

The ungodly will be drawn to Armageddon for Supper

Revelation 19:17 ...I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, **"Come and gather together for the supper of the great God..."**

- **Wicked drawn:** Demonic siren call to Valley of Armageddon to fight Jesus

¹⁸ And **another angel came out from the altar**, who had **power over fire**, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, **"Thrust in your sharp sickle** and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."¹⁹ So the angel **thrust his sickle into the earth** and gathered the vine of the earth, and **threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.**

- Godly kept safe on Mt. Zion waiting for the Lord

Angel Six with power over fire comes out from the Altar on Earth as did Angel Four
"Reap the Harvest of the Ungodly for it is ripe"

Romans 2:5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are **treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath** and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶who "will render to each one according to his deeds": ⁷eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—**indignation and wrath...**

- **Rebellion not forgotten:** Wrath stored for this day
 1. I believe in science
 2. Don't ram that stuff down my throat
 3. I don't care what God says...It's my life
 4. Man wrote the Bible
 5. What is truth?
 6. It's my choice
 7. All religions are the same

Matthew 12:36 ... I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

²⁰ And the winepress was **trampled outside the city**, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

- **180 Miles Long:** Blood up to the Horses Bridle
- **Trampled outside the outside Jerusalem:** This is Armageddon...

Revelation 16:16...they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

- Godly on Mt. Zion see Jesus coming back from Judgment and say...

Isaiah 63:1 Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— " I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." ² Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³ " **I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And**

trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. ⁴ For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come. ⁵ I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me. ⁶ I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth."

Better to enjoy the Marriage Supper of the Lamb than be the Supper of the Great God

Revelation 19:9 Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!

SUMMARY Harvest of the Wicked

Aerial View Revelation Chapters 1-14

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