



The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST
Chapter 14
“THREE VISIONS!”

~ **Introduction:** Chapter 14 is parenthetical passage; this speaks of several events that will take place within the “Great Tribulation” period. The order of events may not be chronological.

~ **Observe and understand THREE VISIONS:**

> **VISION #1 – A VISION OF THE 144,000! (v1-5)**

(v1) **Where are the 144,000?**

- They are on Mt. Zion (Jerusalem); who are they with? **The LAMB (JESUS).**

(v2-3) **What are they doing? Worshipping GOD!**

- **Dr. Henry Morris, the creation scientist writes,** “Although the words of the song of the 144,000 are not recorded, it surely dwells in part at least on the great truth that they had been **“redeemed from the earth.”** Although in one sense all saved people have been redeemed from the earth, these could know the meaning of such a theme in a more profound way than others. They had been saved after the rapture, at that time in history when man’s greatest persecution and God’s greatest judgments were on the earth. It was at such a time that they, like Noah (Gen. 6:8), had **“found grace in the eyes of the Lord”** and had been separated from **“all that dwell upon the earth”** (Rev. 13:8). Not only had they been redeemed spiritually, but precursively as it were, they had been redeemed from the very curse on the earth (Gen. 3:17), being protected from pain and death by the guarding seal. (Rev. 7:4; 9:4).”

> **VISION #2 – A VISION OF THREE ANGELIC PROCLAMATIONS! (v6-12)**

(v6) **First Angelic Proclamation:** **An angel proclaims the EVERLASTING GOSPEL to the entire world!**

C.I. Scofield once an attorney, later a Bible scholar, defines the “gospel” accordingly:
“The word *gospel* means good news. This is the good news that Jesus Christ died on the cross for the sins of the world; that He was raised from the dead on account of our justification, and that by Him all who believe are justified from all things.

It is described as the Gospel **“of God”** (Rom. 1:1) because it originates in His love; **“of Christ”** (2 Cor. 10:14) because it flows from His sacrifice, and because He is the object of faith; **“of the grace of God”** (Acts 20:24) because it saves those whom the law curses; **“of the glory of Christ”** (2 Cor. 4:4; cp. 1 Tim. 1:11) because it concerns Him who is in the glory and who is bringing many sons to glory (Heb. 2:10); **“of your salvation”** (Eph. 1:13) because it is **“the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes”** (Rom.

1:16); and *“of peace”* (Eph. 6:15) because through Christ it makes peace between the believing sinner and God, and makes inward peace possible.

The *“everlasting gospel”* (Rev. 14:6) is described as the announcement of divine judgment upon the wicked in the coming great tribulation. It is good news for the suffering believers as this angel heralds their coming deliverance and reward (cp. v12).”

(v7) In view of this those who “dwell on the earth” are exhorted to fear God and to worship Him, He who “made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water”.

The Bible declares that God *“made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water,”* whereas, the world says we evolved, along with the Catholic church and liberal theologians.

- Pope John Paul II addressed the question of evolution in a 1996 message to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences; John Paul II said: “Today, almost half a century after publication of the encyclical, new knowledge has led to the recognition of the theory of evolution as more than a hypothesis. It is indeed remarkable that this theory has been progressively accepted by researchers, following a series of discoveries in various fields of knowledge. The convergence, neither sought nor fabricated, of the results of work that was conducted independently is in itself a significant argument in favor of the theory.”

- On NBC News - Updated Oct. 28, 2014 – Pope Francis: Evolution and Big Bang Theory Are Real

Big Bang theory and evolution in nature "do not contradict" the idea of creation, Pope Francis has told an audience at the Vatican, saying God was not “a magician with a magic wand.” The Pope’s remarks on Monday to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences appeared to be a theological break from his predecessor Benedict XVI, a strong exponent of creationism.

- This false teaching follows the deceived mindset of the world according to Romans 1:18-32 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 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, 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. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed

forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

- In Psalm 19:1-4 it says, The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

- In Isaiah 40:21-26 we read, Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless.

(v8) Second Angelic Proclamation: An angel proclaims the destruction of Babylon!

- Babylon symbolizes evil and rebellion against God. In the beginning Nimrod founded Tower of Babel of which it has always existed as Babylon (the city) and mystery Babylon (spiritually influences the world). It has been the home of idolatry, immorality, and false religions. God confounded their languages at the Tower of Babel and they were scattered throughout the world and now we see it's culmination as a world empire ruled by Antichrist, empowered by Satan. The word "wrath" in Greek is "thumos" this means the world will be drunk with lust and passion of her fornication, in other words, the world will be intoxicated with immorality, idolatry and rebellion against God.

(v9-11) Third Angelic Proclamation: Announcing judgment to all who receive the mark of the beast!

- Did Jesus talk about Hell?

Jesus said in Matthew 18:1-14 - At that time, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore

whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:41 – Then He will also say to those on the left hand, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the EVERLASTING FIRE prepared for the devil and his angels. “

Jesus said in Matthew 25:46 – And these will go away into EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT, but the righteous into ETERNAL LIFE.

(v12) “Here is the patience of the saints” – Jude writes in verses 5-7 - But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

- What are the COMMANDMENTS OF GOD?

Turn to Mark 12:28-37 - Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?" Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 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. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as

oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him. Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Spirit:

*'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
Therefore David himself calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?"*

Jesus said in John 15:12 – *This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

- What is the FAITH OF JESUS?

1 John 5:3-5 declares, *for this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (v13) “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord”* – When a Christian dies they go home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul writes in 2 Cor 5:7-8 - *For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

Jesus said in John 14:1-4 - *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."*

Notice, also, that our “works follow us” faith produces works (James 1:18); and as we bear fruit in this life, our fruit remains (John 15:16).

> VISION #3 – A VISION OF ARMAGEDDON! (v13-20)

(v14-16) Jesus will reap the grain harvest!

– Remember what John the Baptist said in Luke 3:8-17 - *Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."*

So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?" He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you."

Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."

Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

Jesus said in Matthew 13:24-30 - Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

Jesus said in Matthew 13:36-43 - Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 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, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

(v17-20) An ANGEL will reap the grape harvest – This is the vision of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16). That battle will take place in the north of Israel on the Plain of Esdraelon near Mount Megiddo (about 60 miles north of Jerusalem).

It will range the entire length of Israel as far south as Bozrah in Edom, once again, Isaiah declares in chapter 63:1-6 - *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." Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? "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. For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come. 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. I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, made them drunk in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth.").

Joel 3:13-16 - Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow — for their wickedness is great." Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness. The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake; but the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Conclusion: Jerusalem will be spared to become the capitol of Christ's Kingdom. This event will take place at the Second Coming of Christ (Rev. 19:11-21).

Psalm 2:12 – Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!