

Chapter 14

Recap and overview for where we are in the study:

Chapter 1 – John's Vision – Jesus in Glory – The one who keeps the lamb stands burning - What he sees

Chapters 2-3 - Church Ages – History - The Things that are

Then, the Things after these Things:

Chapter 4 - Throne – Some Say the Rapture? No further reference of the church. Great Worship – 4 creatures because of Who Jesus is & the 24 elders for what he has done.

Chapter 5 – Lion and the Lamb, The Title Deed Book for earth, Redeemer, initially seated then Standing in Judgment.

Chapters 6 – 18 – The Great Tribulation -

- Opens with 7 seals (including 144,000 – 12 tribes)
- 7 trumpets (including 2 witnesses)
- 7 Bowls of Wrath
- Babylon Falls - First and Last Judgment of Babylon Gen 11 & Rev 17-18

Chapter 19 – Armageddon - Wedding Supper & Great Supper of God

Chapter 20 – Millennium, then Satan and the Dead's final Doom

Chapter 21 - New Earth and Heaven

Chapter 22 – Closing

Introduction: Remember, this chapter is still in the explanation section between the 6th and 7th trumpet. Once, the 7th trumpet blows, the seven angels with the seven bowls will pour out the final judgments ending the Great Tribulation and bringing about the return of Christ. As mentioned before, there are certain sections of the book of Revelation that are not in chronological order. The reason for this is God is foreshadowing a coming event and/or giving encouragement to the martyrs that are crying for justice. God being omniscient looks at the future as so certain it is seen as past tense or already happening.

Rev 14:1-5 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as first fruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

This is forward looking to the Millennium Kingdom when Heaven and Earth are in synch or Harmony.

What is the significance of the Mount Zion (Psalm 2:6) reference?

Mount Zion is a clear reference to Jerusalem. The Lamb (Jesus) is with the 144,000 singing and the harpists are playing in Heaven around the throne of God. Ruling in the Millennium is a specific promise to Israel.

Why is it critical that His sealed 144,000 (Chapter 7) are mentioned here again after the severe tribulations? Are they alive still?

The 144,000 sing the redemption song from earth while the Church (24 elders) and the four creatures are in Heaven. This song is set apart for only those who go through the tribulation can sing the song. These

144,000 were sealed that is how they made it through and can sing this special song. The mixed multitude, the elders, the angels, the four living creatures, no one sings this song other than the 144,000.

How does this apply to me? Remember, Jesus is the great Shepherd. He started with 144,000 and He will finish with 144,000 – not one sheep lost. No matter what you are going through, Jesus will get you through. **Scripture is clear if you are one of “His sheep”, He will make sure you are accounted for. None of His sheep are lost.**

What does it mean that the 144,000 are purchase by God and not defiled by women, this can be taken literal or spiritual or both?

Literal – This is an extraordinary time of Judgment and for that reason God demands call for an extraordinary restriction. There is precedent for this Jer 16:1. God restricted Jeremiah not to marry because of the time of Judgment much like this event. Jesus spoke of this time in Matthew 24:19 pronouncing a woe to those with child.

Spiritual – Idolatry is mentioned many times in the Old Testament as spiritual fornication. Ezekiel 16. Remember, you can't serve two masters. If you worship an idol, you are unfaithful to God. No lie was found in their mouths. It could mean literally no lie ever; however, this most probably is a reference to the 144,000 not being deceived by the great lie of the Antichrist.

What is meant that the 144,000 are the first fruits?

God always demanded the first fruits – Israel is the first fruit. As such, it is set apart, unblemished in God's eyes and sealed for this very event to give Him Glory.

Rev 14: 6-7 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

What is the significance of angels carrying the message of the gospel?

Angels are indestructible. At this point, the 144,000 and the two witnesses are no longer carrying the message. In the Old Testament, angels and man carried the gospel message, but in New Testament man has had the sole responsibility until this time. This denotes a major transition.

What does this tell you of God's heart and mercy?

God's grace and opportunity is still present even with his wrath. He sends the very Angels so that everyone hears Him knocking and has the opportunity to open the door. (Rev 3:20)

Rev 14:8-11 A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,” which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.” A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”

The 2nd and 3rd Angels - spoken in the perfect prophetic tense. Meaning this is so sure that it is spoken of in past tense even though it technically has not occurred yet.

Why is Babylon mentioned?

Babylon is the devil's headquarters. Idolatry began with Babylon. For example, Samaritas the wife of Nimrod (may have been his mother marrying her own son) introduced Goddess worship (Historical Literature says she took the title of the Queen of Heaven - See Jeremiah 44:15-21). She claimed she came out of an egg in Euphrates River. Cracked it and stepped out fully grown. She was the root of Greek and Roman Goddesses. Drunk with her adulteries speaks of the sorcery (Pharmaceuticals) and immoralities of unparalleled.

What causes the God's full wrath of Judgment? Do you see the contrast between what the future holds by whom you decide to worship?

Judgment comes for receiving the mark of the beast. As stated in Hebrews 2:2-3, ***How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?*** If you take the mark of the beast, you choose to worship and believe the resurrection of the Antichrist and reject Christ's very death for you on the cross! This apparently will be the last straw for God. Notice: Christ and His Angel see what is going on in the Earth, but it is not said that the 24 elders see.

What is meant by the cup of wrath?

1. [**Isaiah 51:17**](#)[The **Cup of the LORD's Wrath**] Awake, awake! Rise up, Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD the **cup** of his **wrath**, you who have drained to its dregs the goblet that makes people stagger.
2. [**Isaiah 51:22**](#)This is what your Sovereign LORD says, your God, who defends his people: "See, I have taken out of your hand the **cup** that made you stagger; from that **cup**, the goblet of my **wrath**, you will never drink again.
3. [**Jeremiah 25:15**](#)[The **Cup of God's Wrath**] This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from my hand this **cup** filled with the wine of my **wrath** and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it.

In general, the cup is being compared to the bowl filled with blood that the High Priest once a year would offer as atonement on the mercy seat in the holy of holies. This practice would offer a temporary cover the sins of Israel each year. Now, the book of Revelation shows us an unrepentant people steeped in their sin that reject the Lord and choose the Antichrist instead. Therefore, they spiritually speaking show up in the presence of God at the Holy of Holies with empty bowls where God waits patiently as the cup is filled to the brim with wrath before it is pressed against the unbelievers' lips. Frightful!

Rev 14:12-13 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Which group of saints is God referring to when He says this calls for patient endurance?

1. The 24 elders either having to view this or knowing it is going on and being shielded.

2. The remaining tribulation saints on earth that hopefully respond to the Angel's proclaiming the message of Christ.

What is meant by blessed are those who die in Lord from now on?

Works will follow. This speaks of a special reward. To die as a martyr, it is unnatural to want to die. Only a rare person looks at the prospect this way. As Paul put it in Phil 1:23, to die is gain, but staying is better for you!

Knowing that your deeds in this life follow you, does that change your perspective? Since Salvation is not deeds, what is referenced here?

Rev 14: 14-20 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. 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." So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

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

This is a foreshadowing of the Millennium, the paradigm shift in carry the message of the Lord and Salvation, and the foreshadowing of Armageddon. Understand that God's prophesies are so true and trustworthy that they are mentioned in past tense yet they have not happened yet (written in the perfect prophetic tense). Chapter 19 is Armageddon which ushers in the Millennium. The winepress is used as a visual for the direct Judgment of the Lord is referenced both in Jer 25:29-33 and in Revelation 19:16. The "Sickle" is mentioned twelve times in the bible and seven times in this section. Sharp is mentioned seven times in Revelation and 4 times here.

What is our job as believers today? We are called to sow not harvest. Scatter seed, water, prepare the soil the hearts and leave the harvest to the Lord. Jesus explains this clearly in the parable of the tares (Matthew 13:37-43).

Chapter 15

This chapter will cover the seven Angles that have the seven bowls. The Purpose of Wrath is Judgment for the Wicked not purification of the church - By Grace not by works. You are told about it in great detail so you can make sure you do your part to make sure the seed is scatter. This is the most intense of all judgments. These bowls end the Great Tribulation!

The order here is not chronological but logical. It is here where; we will go back and cover something that has already happened with new detail and explanation. This is the same method used by God since Genesis and

Bitterness – Deep Thoughts (Hebrews 12:15)

In Chapter 14, the 144,000 were singing. Stop and ponder on that a minute. Many were likely killed as martyrs, and they were undoubtedly persecuted to a level we will never know being spared the Great Tribulation - yet they were singing.

Now, what about your trial in that light? **Do you have any reason to be bitter that it is not going as you planned?** Oh that, all of us made be given eyes to see His purpose and not our circumstances and fall to bitterness.

creation and through new testament (4 Gospels to Cover Jesus). Judgment is by God – not Antichrist or anyone else this is direct action by God.

Revelation 15:1-5 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested." After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

Have we seen the sea of glass reference before? If so, how is this different, where is it, and what is the significance?

Glassy Sea mingled with Fire; this is a picture of how grim the picture is on earth with the Judgment. This why Jesus said in these days, if you give a cup of cold water, you will be remembered.

Why the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb?

Song of Moses (Ex. 15:1-21 and Det 32:1-43) Song of Lamb (Rev 5:9-12) - The song of Moses celebrates God's miraculous rescue of Israel from Egyptian slavery, and the Song of the Lamb speak to Christ's ransom and victory over Satan. This book is centered on Christ. Don't be distracted on the wild events and lose focus on Christ - The Author and finisher of our faith, Lord and Savior – King of the Ages... Christ is Love but He is

a Light also. He is a Holy GOD! Fearing God is beginning of all knowledge. Phil 2:9-11 God...exalted Him...Every tongue, every knee will bow, in heaven, in earth and under earth.

Why is the temple referenced and not the Church or Churches?

Church or Churches are referenced 19 times in Revelation. 18 occur in the first three chapters. Then in chapter 4, there is a trumpet sound and reference to the seven lamps in Heaven with the 24 elders. Temple on the other hand is referenced 15 times in Revelation (14 times after Chapter 3). Only one people (The Jews) were given instructions by God on Earth to build a temple. There is no temple in New Jerusalem where the Church is going. Temple is for Old Testament believers. The angels departing from the temple signifies them moving from the mercy seat to the judgment phase. Gold indicates they are coming under Christ Authority.

Is there precedence for Rapture?

Enoch was taken out prior to the flood, but Noah was sealed so he could go through it. 144,000 from the 12 tribes was sealed and possible others are sealed in the Temple on Earth.

Revelation 15:6-8 And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

What is the symbolism of the angels dress? Why is there a reference to the Tent of Meetings or Tabernacle? Do you see the parallels from Exodus? What would the bowls be filled with in Exodus for atonement?

Bowls were used in Temple Service – Blood used for atonement but now because the bowl containing the blood of Christ was denied by man, so God will fill it with wrath! Seven is the perfect number. It denotes completeness of wrath and the last of the Great Tribulation. In His perfect justice, God's power and might is on display and even His temple had become so Holy no may enter it until the judgment has past.