



W E L C O M E

— THE STUDY OF —  
**REVELATION**

WHICH IS, WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME

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## Revelation 14: 1 (NASB)

*Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 who had His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.*

## Revelation 14: 2 (NASB)

*And I heard a voice from heaven,  
like the sound of many waters and  
like the sound of loud thunder, and  
the voice which I heard was like  
the sound of harpists playing on  
their harps.*

# Question?

What does rushing water and the sound of thunder have in common?

They are LOUD!

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# Question?

Where is John standing?

In Jerusalem, in the future after the tribulation and he is hearing the sound of loud music coming out of the sky that sounds like harps playing.

## Revelation 14: 3 (NASB)

*And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one was able to learn the song except the 144,000 who had been purchased from the earth.*

# Question?

Who is singing this new song?

The 144,000 sealed Jews who have made Christ their Lord and Savior.

Question?

Where are they?

Jerusalem.

## Revelation 14: 1 (NASB)

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## Question?

What throne are they standing before?

The Throne of David which is referencing the throne in the newly rebuilt temple. This fulfills the prophecy in Luke.



Turn to: Luke 1: 31-33

## Luke 1: 31-33 (NASB)

*And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High;*

## Luke 1: 31-33 (NASB)

and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

## Revelation 14: 4-5 (NASB)

These are the ones who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are celibate. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from mankind as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And no lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

The 144,000 are called "celibate" in this verse. This is translated from the Greek word parthenoi, which typically references virgins. The same word can also be used as a reference to spiritual purity as these men have refused to participate in the idolatrous worship of the beast.

Just as the wise virgins Jesus described as having oil in their lamps while they waited for the bridegroom (Matthew 25:1–13), these Jewish men are faithfully waiting for Jesus, the bridegroom, to return with His bride, the church, to celebrate the marriage supper on earth.

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## Revelation 14: 6 (NASB)

*And I saw another angel flying in midheaven with an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people*

Question?

Where is midheaven?

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## Revelation 14: 7 (NASB)

*and he said with a loud voice,  
"Fear God and give Him glory,  
because the hour of His judgment  
has come; worship Him who made  
the heaven and the earth, and sea  
and springs of waters."*

Question?

What is this angel doing?

This is the fulfillment of the  
prophecy Jesus gave in  
Matthew 24: 14

## Matthew 24: 14 (NASB)

*This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

## Revelation 14: 8 (NASB)

*And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."*

The Bible depicts Babylon as the center of satanic activity from the days following Noah's flood until its fall at the end of the tribulation.

Babylon is synonymous with the antichrist's false beast religion that will be one of idolatry, blasphemy, and immorality.

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## Revelation 14: 8 (NIV)

*A second angel followed and said,  
"Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the  
Great," which made all the nations  
drink the maddening wine of her  
adulteries."*

The word maddening is translated from the Greek word θυμοῦ (thymou) which means uncontrollable desire or passion.

Think of it as a desire so strong it has the controlling power of an addiction.

We also need to remember that the word adultery is often used by God to describe spiritual adultery which is violating the purity with God for another false god or false religion.

# Spiritual Adultery

## Isaiah 54:5 (NASB)

*For your husband is your Maker,  
Whose name is the Lord of armies;  
And your Redeemer is the Holy  
One of Israel,  
Who is called the God of all the  
earth.*

# Spiritual Adultery

## Jeremiah 3:6-10 (NASB)

*Then the Lord said to me in the days of King Josiah, "Have you seen what faithless Israel did? She went up on every high hill and under every leafy tree, and she prostituted herself there.*

# Spiritual Adultery

## Jeremiah 3:6-10 (NASB)

*Yet I thought, 'After she has done all these things she will return to Me'; but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.*

# Spiritual Adultery

## Jeremiah 3:6-10 (NASB)

*And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a certificate of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and prostituted herself also.*

# Spiritual Adultery

## Jeremiah 3:6-10 (NASB)

*And because of the thoughtlessness of her prostitution, she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. Yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in deception," declares the Lord.*

When we put it all together this is telling us that Babylon the Great is describing the false church that will be present during the tribulation period which claims to be from God but will be satanic.

This church will be a very attractive, addictive and powerful cult.

This is the church previously described in Revelation 11 and will be discussed in detail in chapters 17-19.

## Revelation 14: 9 (NASB)

*Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,*

## Revelation 14: 10 (NASB)

*he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.*

# Question?

Question: Who is this angel following?

The other angels who were flying through the sky proclaiming to all the inhabitants of the earth the Gospel, warning of the false religion of the antichrist.

# Question?

What is this third angel  
proclaiming to the world?

Anyone who worships the beast  
and/or takes the mark of the beast  
will be condemned to punishment  
in hell for all eternity.

# Question?

What do these angels demonstrate?

God is giving mankind every opportunity to repent and is begging mankind to turn to Him as God does not delight in punishing mankind in hell which was created for satan and his angels.

## Revelation 14: 10 (NASB)

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## Question?

As Christians, what cup do we drink from?

We drink of the cup of grace and forgiveness. Everyone will drink from the cup of God, either the cup of forgiveness or the cup of His wrath. It is our choice.

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## Revelation 14: 11 (NASB)

*And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."*

## Revelation 14: 12 (NASB)

*Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.*

## Revelation 14: 13 (NASB)

*And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" " Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."*

# Question?

Who is the Spirit?

It is the Holy Spirit offering encouragement to the believers to hang on, they will find rest!

# Question?

Why will the believers during this time be in need of encouragement and patience?

They will be reading this during this difficult time waiting to be captured and put to death.

# Summary

Putting this all together God is asking this people to be patient by looking forward to their great reward!

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# Revelation Chapter 14

In verses 1-5 we read about events that will occur immediately following the great tribulation period.

In verses 6-13 we read about events that will be occurring at different times throughout the tribulation period.

Now in Verses 14-20 we will read about events that will be occurring after the great tribulation period is over.

## Revelation 14: 14 (NASB)

*Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, with a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.*

# Question?

Who has the crown on his head  
and sharp sickle in his hand?

Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Revelation 14: 15 (NASB)

*And another angel came out of the temple, calling out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe."*

## Revelation 14: 16 (NASB)

*Then He who sat on the cloud  
swung His sickle over the earth,  
and the earth was reaped.*

# Question?

What is this describing?

The reaping of the harvest at the end of time described in Matthew.



Turn to: Matthew 24: 30

## Matthew 24: 30 (NASB)

*And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.*



Turn to: Matthew 13: 24-30

## Matthew 13: 24-30 (NASB)

*Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and left.*

## Matthew 13: 24-30 (NASB)

*And when the wheat sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also became evident. And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'*

## Matthew 13: 24-30 (NASB)

*And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No; while you are gathering up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.'*

## Matthew 13: 24-30 (NASB)

*Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.""*

## Matthew 13: 36-43 (NASB)

*Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,*

## Matthew 13: 36-43 (NASB)

*and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the weeds are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.*

## Matthew 13: 36-43 (NASB)

*So just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,*

## Matthew 13: 36-43 (NASB)

*and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one who has ears, let him hear.*

## Revelation 14: 17-18 (NASB)

*And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar;*

## Revelation 14: 17-18 (NASB)

*and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe."*

## Revelation 14: 19-20 (NASB)

*So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God*

## Revelation 14: 19-20 (NASB)

*And the wine press was trampled outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of 1,600 stadia.*



Turn to: Joel 3: 11-16

## Joel 3: 11-16 (NASB)

*Hurry and come, all you surrounding nations,  
And gather yourselves there.*

*Bring down, Lord, Your warriors.*

*Let the nations be awakened And  
come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat,*

*For there I will sit to judge All the  
surrounding nations.*

## Joel 3: 11-16 (NASB)

*Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.*

*Come, tread the grapes, for the wine  
press 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.*

## Joel 3: 11-16 (NASB)

*The sun and moon have become dark,  
And the stars have lost their  
brightness.*

*The Lord roars from Zion  
And utters His voice from Jerusalem,  
And the heavens and the earth quake.  
But the Lord is a refuge for His people,  
And a stronghold for the sons of  
Israel.*



Turn to: Isaiah 63: 2-6

## Isaiah 63: 2-6 (NASB)

*Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the wine press? "I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no one with Me. I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My clothes.*

## Isaiah 63: 2-6 (NASB)

*For the day of vengeance was in  
My heart, And My year of  
redemption has come. I looked, but  
there was no one to help, And I  
was astonished and there was no  
one to uphold; So My own arm  
brought salvation to Me, And My  
wrath upheld Me*

## Isaiah 63: 2-6 (NASB)

*I trampled down the peoples in My  
anger And made them drunk with  
My wrath, And I poured out their  
lifeblood on the earth."*

## Revelation 14: 19-20 (NASB)

*And the wine press was trampled outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of 1,600 stadia.*

# Question?

How high is the bridle of a horse?

About 4 feet high.

How long is 1,600 stadia?

Around 180 miles

# Question?

Who is being trampled?

The people of the earth who refused God. This will be described in chapter 19.

Hang on, we are now jumping  
back to the great tribulation  
period!

## Revelation 15: 1 (NASB)

*Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.*

# Question

What happens after these seven plagues?

The end. This chapter is setting the stage for the final act of God's wrath on earth.

Note: Most scholars agree this last series of bowl judgements will be very quick lasting weeks to a few months.

## Revelation 15: 2 (NASB)

*And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who were victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.*

# Question?

Who are these people that John is seeing?

The tribulation saints.

# Question?

How had they been victorious?

They have died for Christ. Most have been beheaded.

## Revelation 15: 2 (NASB)

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Question?

What are they holding?

Harps

Question?

Who gave them the harps?

God

## Revelation 15: 3a (NASB)

*And they sang the song of Moses,*  
*the bond-servant of God, and the*  
*song of the Lamb, saying,*

# Question?

What song are they singing?

The song of Moses

We have to read Exodus 15 to read about the song of Moses.

Question?

What is this song about?

Victory!

## Revelation 15: 3 (NASB)

*And they sang the song of Moses,  
the bond-servant of God, and the  
song of the Lamb, saying,*

# Question?

What other song are they singing?

The song of the Lamb

## Revelation 15: 4 (NASB)

*"Great and marvelous are Your  
works,  
Lord God, the Almighty;  
Righteous and true are Your ways,  
King of the nations!"*

## Revelation 15: 4 (NASB)

*Who will not fear You, Lord, and glorify Your name?*

*For You alone are holy;*

*For all the nations will come and worship before You,*

*For Your righteous acts have been revealed."*

## Revelation 15: 5 (NASB)

*After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,*

## Question?

John is excited here because the temple was open and he saw into it, why do you think he is so excited?

He is seeing into the Holy of Holies where the law of Moses was kept and he was never allowed to enter this before and he is seeing inside the temple in heaven!

## Revelation 15: 6 (NASB)

*and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and their chests wrapped with golden sashes.*

## Revelation 15: 7 (NASB)

*And one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.*



## Revelation 15: 8 (NASB)

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

# Question?

What does the smoke represent?

The smoke is representative of  
God's power and judgement.

It is believed that no one is permitted to enter to make intercession - to turn away His wrath - to divert God from his purpose.

The mercy-seat would be inaccessible during this time; the time of judgment has come.

## Revelation 16: 1 (NASB)

*Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."*

## Revelation 16: 2 (NASB)

*So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and a harmful and painful sore afflicted the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.*

# Question?

What is happening as a result of the first bowl judgement?

it interesting that satan was the most beautiful angel and his pride was his downfall and now God is punishing with ugliness.

## Revelation 16: 2 (NASB)

*So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and a harmful and painful sore afflicted the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.*

# Question?

Note, this is a singular big sore.

Who is getting this sore?

Where do you think they could potentially be getting this ugly sore?