

THE TRIUMPH OF THE LAMB REVELATION 14

Revelation 14 is a parenthetical chapter that paints a contrast with the terrible events described in Revelation 12 and 13. In those chapters we saw the terrible persecution of the saints and the awful power of Satan and the two beasts. It would be easy to read those chapters and wonder what the outcome of those terrible days would be. Revelation 14 answers that question and provides us with a preview of the ultimate triumph of the Lamb.

I. THE LAMB IN MOUNT ZION. 14:1-5.

A. The Position of the Lamb.

1. Some see Mt. Zion as a picture of heaven. Heb. 12:22.
2. Some see Mt. Zion as the city of Jerusalem. 2 Sam. 5:7; Isa. 2:3; 24:23.

B. The Associates of the Lamb.

1. Their identity. See Rev. 7:1-8.
2. Their seal. 14:1.
 - a. Compare with Revelation 7:3,4.
 - b. Contrast with Revelation 13:16.
3. Their status. 14:1.
 - * Standing with the Lamb. *
4. Their song. 14:2-3.
 - a. The harps. Rev. 5:8; 14:2; 15:2.
 - b. The song. Cp. Rev. 5:9; 15:3 and Ex. 15.
5. Their character. 14:4.
6. Their message.
 - a. God can protect and preserve his people. See Jude 24.
 - b. God can enable his people to live holy lives in an unholy world.

II. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ANGELS. 14:6-13.

A. The Proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel. 14:6-7.

- * The everlasting gospel is the proclamation of God as the creator and judge of the world and the call to man to worship him. *

B. The Proclamation of the Fall of Babylon. 14:8.

- * Babylon is the symbolic name of the religious and political kingdom of the Antichrist Rev. 17:5 *

C. The Proclamation of Judgment upon the Worshipers of the Beast. 14:9-13.

1. The terrible judgment upon those who worship the beast. 14:9-11.
 - * Note the clear affirmation of eternal punishment. *
2. The contrast with the blessings upon those who die in the Lord. 14:12,13.

III. THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH. 14:14-20.

A. The Image of a Grain Harvest. 14:14-16. Cp. Matt. 13:39,40.

B. The Image of a Grape Harvest. 14:17-20. Cp. Joel 3:13; Lam. 1:15; Isa. 63:3.

1. Note the severity of this harvest as Armageddon is foreseen. 14:20.

2. 1600 furlongs equals 200 miles and the distance between Armageddon and Edom.

While describing the dark days of the tribulation John was instructed to describe the ultimate triumph of the Lamb. God's people must never forget that the Lamb will prevail. That will be true during the tribulation and is true today.