

Revelation 14



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Reprise: the 144,000

(Rev 14:1-5 NIV) 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. (2) 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. (3) 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. (4) These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. (5) No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

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First Fruits

- Same 144,000?
- Name of the Father
- The Song
- Virgins?
- Mt. Zion
- First Fruits



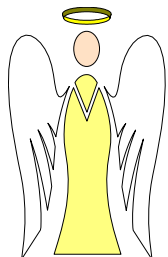
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Fear God

(Rev 14:6-7 NIV) 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. (7) 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."

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Angel of the Gospel



- Matthew 24:14
 - Everlasting
 - Last warning
- Fear God
- Worship Him as Creator
- Historicist
- Futurist

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Fallen is Babylon the Great

(Rev 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."

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Babylon is Fallen

- Preliminaries
- Babylon as “type”
- Adultery = Idolatry



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Warning

(Rev 14:9-12 NIV) A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, {10} he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. {11} And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name." {12} This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

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Hell



- How to go to Hell.
- Wine
 - full strength
 - cup of his wrath
- Torment
 - "in the presence..."
 - forever
 - no rest
- "But how could a loving God...?"

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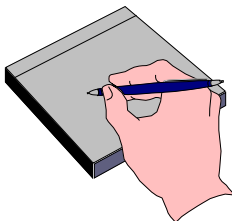
Blessed are the dead...

(Rev 14:13 NIV) Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

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"Write"

- Short point - but emphasized.
- "Dying in the Lord"
- Reward
- Doctrinal implications
- Futurist
- Historicist



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Grapes of Wrath

(Rev 14:14-20 NIV) I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. {15} Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." {16} So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. {17} Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. {18} Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." {19} The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. {20} They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

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Two Reapers

See Matthew 13:24-30

- *Son of man*
- *Characteristics*
 - *"on a cloud"*
 - *crown*
- *Called by ?*
- *Reaps ?*
- *Angel*
- *Characteristics*
 - *out of the Temple*
- *Called by ?*
- *Reaps?*
- *Results*
 - *blood*
 - *the city*