

“Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.” – Revelation 14:1,3

Overview:

In Revelation 13 we saw that the antichrist is receiving worship from all who dwell on the earth. He is blaspheming God and making war with the saints. The false prophet is leading men to worship the antichrist and performing great signs in the sight of all men, But Revelation 14 show us the Lamb of God standing in victory on Mount Zion with the 144,000 faithful witnesses who have been sealed with the Father’s name written on their foreheads. Here in the first 13 verses of Revelation 14, we see evangelism in position–Rev 14:1-2; evangelism in practice–Rev 14:3-5, evangelism in proclamation–Rev 14:6-11, and evangelism in perseverance–Rev 14:12-13.

John describes the 144,000 as – having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. Singing a new song that only they could learn. Virgins, not defiled with women. Following the Lamb wherever He goes. Redeemed from men being first-fruits to God and to the Lamb. No deceit in their mouth, without fault before the throne of God.

John then sees three angels that are different than the seven trumpeting angels, each proclaiming a message to the entire world. The first angel proclaims the everlasting gospel while flying in the midst of heaven. The angel gives the world three commands, fear God, give God glory, and worship God who created all things. Why, *“for the hour of His judgment has come”*. The second angel follows proclaiming, *“Babylon is fallen, is fallen”*. And the third angel warns anyone from worshiping the beast or receiving his mark. If anyone does, they will have the full wrath of God. The judgment of God is certain and eternal punishment is the consequence of disobedience.

John ends this section with a blessing for those who die in the Lord. We are called to trust in the Lord and be faithful to His word. Death means a rest from labor and to be present with the Lord but “now” for us means trusting God, staying faithful to His word, and the work that He has called us to do.

References:

- Rev 14:1 – Mount Zion – His holy hill – Zechariah 14:1-5
- Rev 14:1 – With Him – 144,000 – Rev 7:3-4
- Rev 14:1 – Father’s name written on their foreheads – contrast Rev 13:6
- Rev 14:2 – Praise of Him in heaven – Rev 5:8-9
- Rev 14:3 – New song – power of a testimony lived out – Romans 1:16-17
- Rev 14:4 – Not defiled, set apart to the Lord. Call to celibacy: 1 Corinthians 7:25-26,29,31,32,35 – Picture of purity presented to the Lord: 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:27-28 – Jeremiah an example: Jeremiah 16:1-4 – A picture of obedience of Jesus: Romans 10:14-15
- Rev 14:4 – First-fruits to God and to the Lamb – First out of the tribulation: Rev 7:3; first among Israel as a nation: Hebrews 11:15-16
- Rev 14:5 – No deceit in their mouths – unlike the beasts who rules: Rev 13:13
- Rev 14:6 – I saw another angel – different from the 7th trumpeting angel of Rev 11:15
- Rev 14:7 – World wide proclamation of the everlasting gospel – Colossians 4:3-4
- Rev 14:7 – Fear God – Psalm 19:9, 111:10; Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 14:26-27, 16:6, 19:23
- Rev 14:7 – Worship Him – John 4:23-24
- Rev 14:9 – Individual choice - Joshua 24:15; Matthew 10:34-39
- Rev 14:10 – Cost of worshiping the beast – how am I going to eat: Rev 13:17; where will I spend eternity: Matthew 10:28; Luke 16:19-31
- Rev 14:13 – A word fitly spoken – Proverbs 25:11
- Rev 14:13 - “Now” at that time, our now is different – John 4:35-38; Philippians 1:21-26

Questions:

- * Who are the 144,000 standing with Jesus on Mount Zion? Rev 7:3-9, 14:1-5
- * What reward do the 144,000 receive for being faithful? Rev 14:4
- * What is the message of the 1st angel? The 2nd angel? The 3rd angel?

Additional Study:

Rev 14:4

* Set apart to the Lord–not defiled (*moluno*) – made dirty

Rev 14:10

* Cup of his indignation (*orge*) – wrath