

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

## Chapters 12-14 – The *Third* Journey Through the Tribulation Period

### THE END FROM HEAVEN'S VANTAGE POINT – REVELATION 14:1-20

Revelation fourteen brings us to the \_\_\_\_\_ close of four tribulation accounts. Each trip through the tribulation presents differing perspectives and events of parallel time frames, mainly from earth's viewpoint, but here we will see things from heaven's. As this particular chapter opens we are reminded of witnesses from chapter 7—the 144,000. Today we revisit them and their new location as God winds down his end-times clock with many \_\_\_\_\_ offering the lost world a last call before pressing out his \_\_\_\_\_ on the wicked world and its corrupt system.

#### 1. The 144,000 – Revelation 14:1-5

##### a. Their identity

- They are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – Rev. 7:3
- They are Jewish – 12,000 from each of the 12 \_\_\_\_\_, totaling 144,000 – Rev. 7:4-8
- They are \_\_\_\_\_ by a mark in their forehead – Rev. 7:3; 14:1; Ezekiel 9:1-11
- They are redeemed (raptured, delivered) from the earth – Rev. 14:3-4
- They are male \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 14:4; Matthew 25:1-13
- They are a like figure of the apostle Paul:

Paul was Jewish – Phil. 3:5

Paul was likely a virgin (obviously he was male) – 1 Co. 7:25-26

Paul had a supernatural conversion to Christ – Acts 9:3-6; 1 Co. 15:8

Paul evangelized the known world witnessing Christ – Acts 19:10; Ro. 16:25-26; Col. 1:5-6, 23

Paul was troubled, thwarted, imprisoned, and ultimately killed for his faith

Paul was raptured, in a sense, to the third heaven – 2 Co. 12:2

- They are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – Matthew 24:14-15; 25:1, 6, 10

##### b. Their destiny

- They are \_\_\_\_\_ to the Mt. Sion in heaven near the end of the 7 year tribulation period – Rev. 7:3-4; 14:1-3, 5; Mt. 25:1, 6, 10
- They end up at the \_\_\_\_\_ of God with the Lamb of God – Rev. 14:3, 4-5

#### 2. The three angelic messengers – Revelation 14:6-13

- ##### a. The \_\_\_\_\_ angel and the \_\_\_\_\_ gospel – verses 6-7

- There are four *forms* of the gospel presented throughout scripture:
  - 1) The gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 24:14 – This is the gospel that describes God will one day establish a literal, physical Davidic kingdom over which Jesus Christ will reign
  - 2) The gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – Acts 20:24 – This is the gospel that declares that men are saved by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ upon the cross alone, plus nothing, minus nothing. It is also called the glorious gospel, the gospel of peace, and Paul calls it “*my gospel*” in Romans 2:16
  - 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ gospel – Revelation 14:6-7 – This gospel proclaims the ultimate judgment of evil rather than focusing on salvation to the lost. It tells mankind and Israel to “*fear God and give him glory*” because he is about to make things right. It calls upon men to fear and worship God as the creator rather than solely emphasizing him as Saviour, although the 144,000 witnesses have been preaching the gospel of God’s grace and coming kingdom all along
  - 4) Another gospel – Galatians 1:6-7 – This constitutes any and every false message that proclaims the power to appease God or a god—this is in stark contrast to the *gospel of grace*. This false gospel comes in countless forms around the world, but is really easy to ID: It will always include some form of human work designed to earn favor with God

Important note: Notice that anyone (Paul’s missionary entourage, man or angel) who preaches any other gospel than what Paul preached is *accursed*, plain and simple... yet here in Revelation 14 there is \_\_\_\_\_ curse...

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ angel proclaims \_\_\_\_\_ is fallen – verse 8

- Babylon is not just a city but the diabolical one world system of the antichrist – Rev. 17-18

c. The \_\_\_\_\_ angels speaks of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – verses 9-13

- At this time the wrath of God falls upon all those who have not kept God’s commandments (not obeyed God but did the bidding of the antichrist), and whole-heartedly rejected the Lord Jesus Christ

3. The final conflict – Revelation 14:14-20

a. Two harvests:

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ harvest – verses 14-16

It is a harvest of the earth... it is like harvesting grain and placing it in a barn – Deut. 16:9; Isaiah 17:6-8; 66:8; Mt. 13:38-43. This is the *post tribulation* rapture of the Jewish remnant. It is the time when Jesus Christ and his angels will separate the \_\_\_\_\_ from the tares – Mt. 13:38-43

Remember, the events of chapter 14 are happening in real time in succession one after another—the 144,000 are the *firstfruits* of the redeemed (raptured, delivered) Jewish remnant – verse 4c

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ harvest – verses 17-20

This is time when the angel will take all the \_\_\_\_\_ like grapes and place them into a press. He will then crush the grapes until their blood is approximately 4 feet high, filling an area covering over 180 miles (six hundred furlongs) filling the valley – Rev. 19:15-16

b. The battle to end all battles—Armageddon (in the valley of Megiddo)

- This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_—the second coming of Christ

Here he is not merely the meek and mild Lamb of God, but rather the \_\_\_\_\_ from the tribe of Judah

NEXT WEEK: We begin the fourth journey thru the tribulation period – Chapters 15-19