

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE 144,000 ON MT. ZION -- 14:1-5

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THE THIRD WOE — MIDDLE OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION – THE SEVENTH BLOWS DURING THE LAST 3.5 YEARS!

V. 1 - THE PROTECTION OF GOD

Rev 14:1 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.

Vs.2-3 - THE PRAISE OF GOD

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder.

And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

“144,000 (sealed of Israel by God) ON MT. ZION” - *Revelation 14:1-5*

Could chapter 14 be an overall view of the entire Tribulation? (two sets of three angels). The chapter begins with the 144,000.

v. 1 “Then I looked, and behold” (Rev. 4:1; 5:6; 6:2, 5, 8, 12; 7:9 cf. 14:1, 6, 14) Review Rev. 7:1-8 - It involves the PRESENCE of the Lamb

v. 1 “a Lamb standing on Mount Zion,” - It involves the PLACE where they are standing -Acts 7:55-56; Rev. 5:6 He is standing in the Book of Revelation - “seated” - Heb. 1:3; 8:1 “Mt. Zion” - Heb. 12:22-24 - cf. Psa. 2:6-9; 46:4-5; 48:1-2; 132:13-14; Isa. 2:2-3 Presently Mt. Zion is where David’s burial place and the Upper Room are. This may not be that, but the heavenly Mt. Zion.

v. 1 “with Him” -cf. Psalm 118:5-9; Matthew 28:20; Rom. 8: 35-39; Hebrews 13:5-6 The presence of the Lord! He is our protection!

v. 1 “having His Father's name written on their foreheads.” - It involves the PRINT of God’s Name on their foreheads - Cf. Rev. 3:12; 7:3-4(sealed!) - cf. 2 Cor. 1:20-22; Eph. 1:13-14 (the guarantee or earnest or pledge- like an engagement ring – the Bride of Christ - “I have betrothed you!”); Rom. 8:23; Phil 3:20-21; Rev. 21:4

v. 2 “I heard the sound of harpists playing their - Cf. Rev. 5:8; 15:2 harps.” - Psa. 144:9; 147:7; 149:3; 150:3

Brief Summary of events of the Great Tribulation:

The Rapture (precedes the entire Tribulation) - can happen any minute

By the time the 7th seal is open, many terrible things will have already occurred, but the real turning point of the Trib is when the antichrist goes into the temple – the middle of the week—the blowing of the seventh trumpet over the entire last half of the Tribulation, when the most terrible time ever on earth will occur.

So the first event- the sealing of the 144,000.

Mt. Zion is a symbol of all the Messianic hopes that Israel hopes for and has hoped for through the ages! It’s not just a mountain or hill in Jerusalem. A symbol of the Messianic kingdom! A brand new city and a brand new King!!!

He will never leave us or forsake us! “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

It is promised that our bodies will be redeemed!!

Who is this? The church of Jesus Christ?

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Rev 14:3 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.

Vs.4-5 - THE PURPOSE OF GOD - Three things to observe about these Jewish believers:

Rev 14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women,

for they are virgins.

These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

Rev 14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit,

for they are without fault before the throne of God.

v. 3 “a new (fresher, not new in a sequence of time) song” – Cf. Rev. 5:9 cf. Psa. 33:3-5; 40:1-5; 96:1-9; Psa. 98:1-3, 9; 144:9-10; 149:1-9
Now the one hundred forty-four thousand, they have a special relationship with the Lord. Theirs is that of preservation through the great tribulation.

v. 4 “not defiled with women; for they are virgins” - Their moral PURITY - Matt. 24:21-22; 25:1-13; 1 Cor. 7:25-34

v. 4 “for they are virgins” - 2 Kings 19:21; Isa. 37:22; Jer. 18: 13; 31:4, 21-22; Lam. 2:13 They will be morally pure! The term virgin stands primarily for Israel.

v. 4 “These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.” Matt. 4:19; John 21:19; 1 Thess. 1:2-6 - Their faithful PRACTICE -

v. 4 “These were redeemed from among men.” - Their spiritual POSITION - cf. Rev. 11: 13; - cf. Lev. 23:9-14, 17, 20

v. 4 “being first fruits to God and to the Lamb.” - final Harvest” - Ezek. 39:29; Joel, 2:28-32; Zech. 12:10; Rev. 7:9 - “fullness of the Gentiles” - Rom. 11:25-26 The 144,000 are a firstfruit of a special order of those who were preserved and those who survive the Great Tribulation, they become the firstfruits of that group.

v. 5 “And in their mouth was found no deceit,” - pseudos – no lie! They are going speak truth-no lies! - Cf. Rev. 21:27; 22:15

v.5 “for they are without fault (amosos- blame!) before the throne of God.” - Cf. 2 Pet. 2:13 - “without faults”; used of believers - Eph. 1:4; Col. 1:22; Jude 24; 1 Pet. 1:19

New song – we will then have new, redeemed bodies!!!
How we will sing then!!

Engagement – bride goes to the bridegroom’s home.
After Marriage - The bridegroom comes with his bride to the bride’s home (earth!)

“The virgin, the daughter of Zion” The issue is moral purity – that Israel has gone after other lovers/false gods. How many “wise” virgins (of Israel) will turn to the Lord?

What a frequent command of the Lord - “FOLLOW ME”! Is that true of you? Is that not a wonderful description of a believer’s life?

144,000 -- Moral purity; faithful practice to “Follow Him”; No lies; without fault!

What about me? What about you?

Heb. 13:5-6

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Can you give a brief summary of the events of the Great Tribulation?2. What is the overall picture or focus of chapter 14? What does the chapter begin with? End with?3. Who sings the new song in Chapter 14? What is meant by a “new song”?4. Are you a Zionist?5. What do you think Mt. Zion in verse 1 refer to or represents? A place currently in Jerusalem or a heavenly city?6. Do you think of Israel being in the land today, a fulfillment of Bible prophecy?7. Will the new Mt. Zion be above the other hills and mountains?8. What will the 144,000 have written on their foreheads?9. What do you think is meant by the word “virgins”? (v. 4)10. What do you think is meant by the words “being firstfruits to God”? (v. 4)
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