

In Revelation 14, John is describing the end of a great drama that explains why the consummation is necessary. This chapter has 4 scenes. The 1st is in heaven, where the perfected 144,000 have arrived to worship the Lamb; the 2nd is in the skies where three angels tell of coming judgment. The last 2 scenes describe Christ's return for His people as a gathering of grain and His judgment on the wicked as a gathering of grapes for treading.

Outline

Chapter Preview Introduction

The Lamb and the 144,000 Revelation 14:1-5
Three Angel Proclamations Revelation 14:6-13
Reaping the Earth's Harvest Revelation 14:14-16
Reaping the Grapes of Wrath Revelation 14:17-20

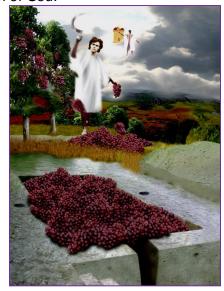


Truths & Principles

- ✓ All those that were sealed with God's seal will be gathered in glory before Christ.
- ✓ God is to be worshiped and feared by all people because He created all there is.
- ✓ All those who deliberately reject Christ, symbolized by receiving the beast's mark, must be punished.
- ✓ Hell lasts forever.
- ✓ Those that have died in Christ are at rest.

Preview

Having identified the key players in the eschatological end game, John now reintroduces the drama itself. The everlasting gospel is proclaimed and the fall of "Babylon" is announced. The Son of Man appears to judge the world and to tread the wine press of the wrath of God.



Applications

- ✓ Check your heart: Are you sure you are in the group Christ had purchased from the earth?
- Worship and praise God simply because He is the Creator.
- ✓ Wait patiently for the return of Christ until "the harvest of the earth is ripe".
- ✓ Be willing to let God judge sinners in His time and in His way.



Test all things; hold fast what
is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

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- 2. Who were the only ones who could learn the new song (14:3-4)?
- 3. Who had the everlasting gospel to preach (14:6)?
- 4. An angel said that a great city had fallen. Which city (14:8)?
- 5. Who was threatened to be tormented by fire and brimstone (14:10)?
- 6. What remnant of torment goes up forever and ever (14:11)?
- 7. Who sat on the white cloud (14:14)? _____
- 8. The angel that comes out from the altar had authority over what (14:18)? _

Study Questions

- 1. Read Joel 3:13-14
 - ❖ What key to the prophetic significance of Revelation 14 do you find in these verses?
- 2. How is death explained in 14:13?
 - How does that explanation help those who are crushed under the weight of conflict?
- 3. Evaluate the message of the eternal gospel given by the angel (14:6-7).
 - Who carries such a message today?
 - Is the message of the eternal gospel taken as good or bad news by those who hear it?
 - ❖ What does the subsequent message of doom (14:8-11) say to those who reject the gospel?
- 4. Rate you level of spiritual endurance.
 - What do you need to strengthen your confidence?
 - ❖ What is there in 14:11-12 that would give you strength?
- 5. Contrast the use of power by the dragon and the two beasts with the use of power by the three angels.
 - What is the role of preaching and proclamation in this great conflict?
- 6. Compare the harvest described in 14:15-16 with the harvest described in 14:17-20
 - What do these two harvests represent?