THE REVELATION

Chapter 14 The Winepress of God

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Rev 14:1-5 The 144,000 on Mt. Zion

Rev 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000,

> Lamb: Jesus (Rev 5:5-6) Mt Zion: The Church (Isa 2:2-3; Heb 12:22-23) 144,000: All Faithful on earth (Rev 7:3-8)

Rev 14:1-5 The 144,000 on Mt. Zion

Rev 14:1 And with Him 144,000...

Christians are Spiritual Israel ! (Rom 4:12; Gal 3:29)

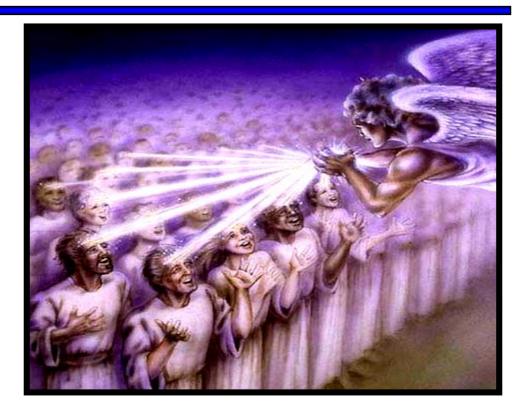
Why 144,000 are figurative? (v.1,4). 12K from every tribe regardless of size even after 2 captivities plus are all moral males.

Rev 14:1-5 The 144,000 on Mt. Zion

Rev 14:1 Having *His name* and the *name of His Father* written on <u>their</u> foreheads.

God imprints the Believer's thoughts actions. (Rev 7:3)

Satan's imprints the sinner's thoughts & actions (Rev 13:16)





Rev 14:2 I heard a voice from heaven... v.3 & they sang a new song before the throne ... & no one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been purchased from the earth.

Voice from heaven: Origin of voice. Awesome (v.2) Sang a New Song: Victory over Satan. JFB The 144,000: Only the Faithful Saved (Acts 20:28) can learn to sing it (v.3)

Rev 14:4 These are the ones who have *not been defiled* with women, for they have kept themselves *chaste*. These are the ones who *follow the Lamb* ... v5 *No lie is found.. blameless*

v.4 *Not defiled*: pure v.4 *Follow lamb:* obey (Jn 10:27; Mt 10:38) v.5 *Purchased*: Ac 20:28 v.5 *No lie*: Eph 4:25 v.5 *Blameless*: Eph 5:27



Rev 14:6-13 Three Angelic Proclamations

Rev 14:6-7 "And I saw another *angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach* to those who *live on the earth,* and to *every nation and tribe* and tongue and people, 7 Fear God... worship"

First Angel v.6-7 — Invitation!

Mid-heaven: Above atmosphere.

Eternal gospel: (Eph 3:6,11) Salvation for all nations was planned from eternity!



Rev 14:6-13 Three Angelic Proclamations

Rev 14:7 "He said with a loud voice, "*Fear God, and give Him glory*, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth.."

#1 Judgment is come : On Babylon v.7 Fear God.. Worship Him!

Point: The Church will succeed... All nations can be saved. Satan will fall—Roman empire & its religion will fall too !



Rev 14:6-13 Three Angelic Proclamations

Rev 14:8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."

Second Angel v.8—Judgment

Fallen, Fallen is Babylon : Spoken as accomplished. Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from beginning. Rom 4:17 Calls the things that are not, as though they were. (NIV)

Rev 14 Wine Press of God Rev 14:6-13 Three Angelic Proclamations

Rev 14:8 Fallen, fallen is **Babylon the Great**, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."

Babylon the great-(17:1-8) Jerusalem was Rome seen as a prostitute called Sodom She's drunk with the **blood** of the saints (Rev 17:6) The great city that rules over the kings of the earth (Rev 17:18) Great city ROME ruled kings of earth (Rev 17:1

(Rev 11:8) but

ruled no

Rev 14:9-10 Another *angel, a third one*, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 *he also will drink of the wine of the wrath* of God, *mixed in full strength*.

Third Angel v.9-11 — Warning !!!

Worship the beast: If you accept emperor worship ! (Rev 13:4)

Wine mixed in full strength: Rome gave wine of idolatry (17:2)

God gave full strength wine of judgment (16:19)

Rev 14 Wine Press of God Rev 14:10-11 He will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.. 11 and they have no rest day and night... smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever.

Third Angel v.9-11 — Warning, continued.

Tormented with fire & brimstone : The language of *never-ending punishment*. Here it involves individuals, not just land as (Isa 34:5, 9-10). *They have no rest day and night:* Indicates *conscious pain* without relief. (Lk 16:23)

Rev 14:13 I heard a voice from heaven, saying, Write, "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord* from now on!" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that *they may rest* from their labors, for *their deeds follow with them*."

Blessed are the dead : truly happy (Mat 5:3-11) You're not beaten but Victorious.

Who die in the Lord : Faithful Christians leaving life. (2 Cor 5:17) If anyone is in Christ he is a new creature. Deeds follow them : (1 Cor 15:58) Toil not in vain !



Rev 14:14 Then I looked, & behold, *a white cloud*, and sitting on the cloud was one like *a son of man*, having a *golden crown* on His head and a *sharp sickle* in His hand.

A white cloud: Where only Deity rides (Isa 19:1; Jer 4:13; Mat 24:30)

Son of man: Christ (Dan 7:13; John 5:25-27)

Golden crown: Stephanos; A Victory Crown



Rev 14:14 "One like *a son of man*, having a *golden crown* on His head and a *sharp sickle* in His hand.

Sharp sickle: Every generation there is a harvest. God collects Wheat (Mt 9:37-38; 3:12) then squashes Grapes.

Christ Harvesting the Faithful

v.15 Angel from Temple says "Put your cycle in and reap.. the hour has come.. the harvest is ripe._

Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he

also had a *sharp sickle*.

Six Angels mentioned in Rev 14 3 flying in Mid-Heaven v.6,8,9 **1 from Temple in Heaven v.15 Saying "Reap!" 1 from Temple in Heaven** v.17 Had Sickle (v.19f) **1 from the Alter** v.17 With power over fire and commands Angel with the sickle to harvest the ripe grapes (v.18)

Rev 14:19-20 Wine Press for the Wicked

Rev 14:19 So the angel swung his *sickle* and gathered the clusters *from the vine of the earth*, and threw them into the *Great Wine Press* of the wrath of God...

Joel 3:13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full... The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. v14 Multitudes... in the valley of Decision.

Rev 14:19-20 Wine Press for the Wicked

Rev 14:20 And the wine press was trodden Outside the city...

Ogden says the Roman War machines were outside the city. But the Jerusalem killing was inside.

(Isa 63:3) *I.. trampled them in My wrath* & their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments...

An Unclean place

Rev 14:19-20 Wine Press for the Wicked

Rev 14:20 And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and *blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.*

Blood 5 feet deep for 200 miles : Symbolic. Not that much human blood on earth ! God devastates enemies!

Rev 14:19-20 Wine Press for the Wicked

Hal Lindsey, Premillennialist & Art Ogden Preterist both say 200 mi represents Israel's length.

So, would that make it *literally* Palestine but *figuratively* 5' deep? Seattle - Salem about 200 mi. If blood river depth were 5' & width were 500' wide...

> It would take TWICE earth population

> > and drain every

drop of every human's blood!