

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE STUDY
LESSON 601

Revelation 14

Intro to Chapter 14

How does Matthew 28. 19-20 relate to our present discussions?

Are we to be concerned about or for those who refuse to accept Jesus?

John 3. 17

Intro to Chapter 14

Chapter 12 – 13 – 14 give an overview of the main characters of the Great Tribulation

C – 12 → Focus on Satan as he was kicked out of heaven

C – 13 → Focus on the Satanic trinity Satan – Antichrist – False leaders

C – 14 → Focus on the 144,000 – 3 angels – harvests

These 3 Chapters are a break from the earthly judgment and focus on those other than

God – Jesus - Spirit

1. At the start of Chapter 14 - John looked down - what did he see?

- **A Lamb on Mt. Zion**
- **Represents Jesus The Christ**
- **Mt Zion was the Christian Church**
- **144,000**
- **Those who had The Father's name on their foreheads**
- **Those who claimed Jesus as their Lord and Savior**
- **Those who refused the mark of the beast**
- **80-90,000 different figures found on Hindu dieties**

2. What did John hear?

- A voice from heaven – voice of many waters
- A variety of nations
- A voice of great thunder
- Harpists playing harps
- In harmony and a new song
- Singing of the new song

3. *Who could learn to sing the new song?*

- **No one except the 144,000**
- **Only genuine Christians are to worship God**
- **Those who worship God do so thru a Mediator**
- **Jesus**
- **God calls us to sing unto Him**
- **Vss 4-5**

Revelation 14: 6-12 introduces 3 angels - describe what they did:

- **First Angel –**
- **Flew in the midst of heaven**
- **Had the Gospel to proclaim**
- **To all on earth**
- **Vs 7**
 - **“He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.””**
- **This is the Gospel – fear God**
- **The true God**

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- Second Angel –
- Followed and said:
- Vs 8
 - **“Then another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”**
- Generally understood to be about Rome
- Rome will fall
- **“the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”**
- Represents a custom of the unpure women
- Fornication and adultery → Imblematic of idolatry & false worship
- This area & time was filled with much superstition

Revelation 14: 6-12 introduces 3 angels - describe what they did:

- Third Angel –
- Followed and said in loud voice:
- Vss 9 - 11
 - **“Those who worship the beast and its image, and receive a mark on their foreheads or on their hands, ¹⁰ they will also drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger, and they will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”**
- Warning → Take the mark of the beast and receive God’s wrath
- Matthew 26. 39
- Jesus was taking the cup of God’s wrath

Revelation 14: 6-12 introduces 3 angels - describe what they did:

- **First Angel** –
- **Worship the God who made everything**
- **Second Angel** –
- **The Antichrist and his following will fall – be sure of it**
- **Third Angel** –
- **Anyone who seeks and follows Satan will end up in hell**
- **This is God's last ditch effort to save people**
- **To convince them to choose Him over Satan**
- **Who will repent and who won't?**

Revelation 14: 6-12 → Some thoughts

• Vs 11 -

• **“And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”**

• **An allusion to Sodom and Gomorrah**

• Vs 12 -

• **“Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.”**

• **Where the true faith will be revealed and found**

• **Follow Jesus everywhere – steadfast in faith**

• **The reward for those who persevere**

5. *What is significant about Revelation 14: 13?*

- “And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “***Write this:*** Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.”
- “**Blessed are the dead**” –
- Happy are they – they won’t see the evil coming
- “**who from now on die in the Lord.**”
- The glorious dead – die in service of Lord
- “**Yes,**” says the Spirit,
- Confirmation of The Spirit
- “**they will rest from their labors,**”
- No more tribulations – pain - sorrow
- “**for their deeds follow them.**”
- They are not alone – deeds and fellow servants together

6. *What did John see in the following Revelation verses:*

• Revelation 14. 14 –

- **“Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand!”**

• A white cloud & The Son of Man w/ golden crown & sharp sickle

• White cloud → Destruction under symbol of harvest

• Revelation 14. 15 -

- **“Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, “Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.”**

• Angel from Temple – talking to Jesus – it is harvest time – judgment time

• It is time for the end

6. *What did John see in the following Revelation verses:*

• Revelation 14. 16 –

• **“So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.”**

• The sickle is swung- Judgment is executed over the earth

• Earth is harvested – Judgment is sure

• Revelation 14. 17 –

• **“Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.”**

• Angel from Temple – Also wielding a sickle

• Judgment

6. *What did John see in the following Revelation verses:*

• Revelation 14. 18 –

- **“Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.”**

- Angel w/ command of fire – called to sickle swinger - harvest

- Could be the same angel from Revelation 8. 3 – altar of burnt offering

- Represents prayers of the saints

• Revelation 14. 19 –

- **“So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the vintage of the earth, and he threw it into the great wine press of the wrath of God.”**

- Sickle was swung gathering wicked & executing judgment

- As grapes are pressed - trampled

A Few Closing Thoughts

- **The judgment's taking place outside the city [Jerusalem]**
- **Blood seen as high as horse's bridle**
- **3 Angels – 3 warnings – 3 calls to change**
- **The picture keeps getting bleaker and stronger**
- **God wants to show His love for all who choose Him**
- **The angels spread the message – God does the rest**