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Revelation 14

It is the second half of the 7 year tribulation now world under a ruthless dictator--death to dissenters. Ch 14 reassures Christ triumph--victory over Satan & judgment of the wicked—prophetic events soon to take place.

1 And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

Lamb, Jesus Christ w/ marks of crucifixion-standing Mt Zion w/ 144K [ch 7](#) sealed ([Jews](#)) w/ name of Father & Son. None missing ([leave 99 get 1](#)).

Obama says illegitimate. These in contrast to those marked by Antichrist (mark, invisible tattoo, Luciferase dots-QR code, chip, vax, injection).

We are looking forward to reign w/ Christ, Kingdom age—a glimpse of the future that give courage & assurance to those-if [God ran video](#). [Lamb on Zion](#)

Ps 132:13,14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation.

14“This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

Is2:2,3 Now it will come about that In the last days, The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. 3 And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways, And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

This shows failure of Dragon [ch 12](#) who makes war...to devour bring to end

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. 3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.

Unusual sounds a paradox menacing & beautiful—loud yet melodic—voice of Jesus 1:15 [many waters](#). New song appropriate to experience-tribulation—survivors & martyrs [Heb 11:34;37](#) *some by faith escaped edged of sword....some by faith put to death by edge of sword*

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Corrie Ten Boom & sister Betsie *'before the end of the year we will be free'*.
 Hiding Place Betsie died in Ravensbruck on 16 December 1944, at the age of 59--
 Corrie released by clerical error. Song of redeemed who endured tribulation-not
 church (their son 5:9,10)

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 wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

Virtuous—undefiled in broader sense—*Israel virgin daughter of Zion* **Is 37:22**
 A declaration-not commit harlotry(*spiritual*) or defiled by kingdom of the
 Beast but followed Lamb. Not lie, blameless in regard to false doctrine &
 worship *'herein is will of God abstain sexual immorality'*

Purchased out of K of D to K of G—world committing harlotry w/ Beast.
 First fruits includes whole is Lords, nucleus out of tribulation in millineum.

*6 And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an **eternal gospel** to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; 7 and 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 and sea and springs of waters*

Matt 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

Angel is messenger mid-heaven – literal angel or satellite communication
 messenger (*both?*). Doctrine Jesus can't return until the church reaches
 whole the world Matt 24. After church is gone 3 ways God will reach world
 144K ch7; 2 witnesses (1260 dys) ch 11 & Messenger in mid-heaven ch 14

Salvation is grace thru faith as w/ Abraham 'believed counted as
 righteousness'. Tribulation saints the same. Ab looked forward to M they
 look back JC---Choose eternal gospel of Christ not Antichrist. God ready to
 reign but first earths cleansing by Bowl judgments.

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” 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.

Preview of coming attractions ch 18 – Babylon a term for corrupted world government, political, commercial, religious ruled by antichrist.

Ancient Babylon in So Mesopotamia source of false religion a one world system w/ tower of Babel on plain of Shinar origin of evil system of government and religion. Ch 17 id w/ religious harlot-one world religion used to consolidate Beasts empire. *‘Useful idiots’* Lenin’s term for naive or credulous persons who can be manipulated or exploited to advance a cause or political agenda such as communism.

Today church has ability to elect whatever government they choose and will answer to God for a godless government because they don’t ‘occupy’. Because the liberal last days church of Laodicea is apostate--morally and spiritually weak they accommodate Antichrist in his quest for world domination. Then after harlot serves it’s purpose Beast/antichrist will dispose of her. Will actually Babylon be rebuilt or is spiritual metaphor.

9 And 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 upon his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone 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; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” 12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Write, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.”

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This is the point of no return if take the mark of the beast. Drink of the wrath of God unmixed—no admixture of mercy or grace when bowls poured out ch 15,16. Doomed to lake of fire ch 20 because they heard but did not heed.

In valley of decision for those hesitating between Beast & Gospel. *Drinking* is metaphor for being judged contrasted w/ :13 the comfort of those who die in the Lord during this time. Better to die at the hand of Beast than worship him. :11 Those that worship him have no rest but only torment.

Perseverance of saints—patiently endured abuse and martyrdom knowing judgment against antichrist was coming—continual torment: **present tense**

14 And I looked, and 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. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 And He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped.

Luke 21:27 "And then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.

Sickle -symbol of reaping-salvation & judgment just before 2nd coming **Matt 13:30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn."**

Here God's angel is urging judgment **yet** in church age, **time of grace**, they are *ministering angels sent forth on behalf of heirs of salvation. Heb 1:14*

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." 19 And the angel swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. 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.

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Beast is copy-cat vine of earth w/ grapes-Jesus is vine in heaven, we are branches. Here we are see Kingdom of antichrist. Babylon about to be judged by angel who has power over fire. Sharp sickle picture of severity of judgment—treading grapes—of wrath

Is 63:1-7NLT Who is this who comes from Edom, from the city of Bozrah, with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in his great strength? "It is I, the LORD, announcing your salvation! It is I, the LORD, who has the power to save!" 2 Why are your clothes so red, as if you have been treading out grapes? 3 "I have been treading the winepress alone; no one was there to help me. In my anger I have trampled my enemies as if they were grapes. In my fury I have trampled my foes. Their blood has stained my clothes. 4 For the time has come for me to avenge my people, to ransom them from their oppressors. 5 I was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So I myself stepped in to save them with my strong arm, and my wrath sustained me. 6 I crushed the nations in my anger and made them stagger and fall to the ground, spilling their blood upon the earth." 7 I will tell of the LORD's unfailing love. I will praise the LORD for all he has done. I will rejoice in his great goodness to Israel, which he has granted according to his mercy and love.

Trodden--stomped by means of bowl judgments – angel came out from altar—where prays of martyred saints crying ***6:10 How long, O Lord, holy and true will Thou refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"***

The scene takes place valley of Megiddo-Jehosaphat – Armageddon where so much carnage blood comes to horses bridle. It's splatter not 6' deep.

Armies of world gather ***16:16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.*** Mt of Megiddo

Joel 3:11-16 Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, And gather yourselves there. Bring down, O LORD, Thy mighty ones. 12 Let the nations be aroused And come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, For there I will sit to judge All the surrounding nations. 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 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars lose their brightness. 16 And the LORD roars from Zion And utters His voice from

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Jerusalem, And the heavens and the earth tremble. But the LORD is a refuge for His people And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.

Is 63:1-6

200 miles (184) almost entire length or if sq miles entire valley Lebanon to negev