

WAR IN HEAVEN

Revelation 12 – 14

Part 6



Call to the Word

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. 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. 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.

Revelation 14:1-5



Call to the Word

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. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 14:1-5



Introduction

*“Jesus Christ can do anything
but fail his own people who trust him.”
(Cymbala)*

Revelation 14:1-5



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And the beast was allowed to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation.

Rev 13:7

He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.

Rev 13:15

Revelation 14:1-5



Introduction

Mark 13:15-20

*“The blackest storms often give place to the loveliest sunsets...
Like the evening glory after the summer’s gust”
(unknown)*

Revelation 14:1-5



Background

- Sometimes a vision will describe the nature of the future Tribulation as a whole.
- Other times it may portray judgments that will be fulfilled in strict sequence.
- Occasionally the vision will back up and fill in details.
- Other times it will leap forward to summarize events that will be described in greater detail later.

The Outline

- The 144 (v1)
- The Song (v2-3)
- The Virgins (vv4-5)

Revelation 14:1-5



The 144

- Revelation 7:4-8
- 12K from every tribe
- Receive Special Seal for protection

Revelation 14:1-5



The 144

“The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant and out of Mount Zion survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

Isa 37:31-32

Revelation 14:1-5



The 144

“‘In that day,’ declares the LORD, ‘I will assemble the lame and gather the outcasts, even those whom I have afflicted. I will make the lame a remnant and the outcasts a strong nation, and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on and forever.’”

Micah 4:6-7

Revelation 14:1-5



The 144

God keeps them safe through the entire tribulation.

“...the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while keeping the wicked under punishment until the day of final judgment.”

2Pe 2:9

Revelation 14:1-5



The 144

The Father's Name is Written on Their Foreheads...
indicates adoption into the family of God

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children
of God, to those who believe in His name

John 1:12

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Those who receive God's mark are eternally saved...
Those who receive the Beast's Mark are eternally lost...

Revelation 14:1



The Song

No one could learn this song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

Why?

Because they alone went through testing and Tribulation—
yet maintained their integrity.

Revelation 14:2-3



The Song

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(Courson)

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Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you.

I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

(Isa 41:10)

“...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(Mat 28:20)

Revelation 14:2-3



The Song

God is totally, absolutely, completely faithful to meet us in every trial, in every difficulty.

“There is no pit so deep that God’s love is not deeper still.”

Betsie Ten Boom

Jas 1:2-4

“Don’t settle for sympathy... go for the symphony!”

(Courson)

Heb 13:15

Revelation 14:2-3



The Virgins

1Co 7:26 I think then that because of the impending distress [*that is, the pressure of the current trouble*], it is good for a man to remain as he is.
(AMP)

Mat 24:19-21

Redeemed: literally “purchased in the marketplace”

“First Fruits to God”

The first Jews in the spiritual awakening of Israel in preparation for the Millennial Kingdom to follow

Rom 11:1, 25

Revelation 14:2-3

The Virgins

They do not lie.

2Th 2:11-12; 22-23

1Jn 4:2; 15

Revelation 14:2-3



Draw Near & Know Him Better

“You won’t trust someone you don’t know and you won’t know someone you don’t spend quality time with.”

*“I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide.”
(Martin Luther)*

Rely on Him With Total Confidence

*When we rely on organization
we get what organization can do.*

*When we rely upon education,
we get what education can do.*

*When we rely on eloquence,
we get what eloquence can do*

*But when we rely on the Holy Spirit,
we get what God can do*

(Dixon)

*“The issue of faith is
not so much
whether we believe
in God,
but whether we
believe
the God we believe
in.” — R.C. Sproul*

The one we trust will not fail... never has – never will.

“Faith deals with the invisible things of God. It refuses to be ruled by the physical senses. Faith is able to say, 'You can do what you like, because I know God is going to take care of me.

He has promised to bless me wherever he leads me.' Remember that even when every demon in hell stands against us, the God of Abraham remains faithful to all his promises.

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