

Revelation Chapter 14

Chapter 14 is an overview of victory and judgment.

V: 1 “I looked”, speaking of a personal observation.

- The Lamb is Jesus and He’s standing on Mount Zion with the 144,000 Jews from chapter 7. (Not the JW’s, WW Church of God, or anyone else).
- Here we see the real Lamb of God as opposed to the counterfeit seen in Rev. 13.

Psalm 2:6 “Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”

Revelation 7:3 “Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”

- The Lamb standing on Mt. Zion, which is synonymous with Jerusalem and is a preview of victory. It starts when Jesus stands on the Mount of Olives and enters the Golden Gate / East Gate into Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:4 “And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.”

V: 2 “I heard”, again a personal testimony.

John 10:27-30 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are one.”

1 John 1:1 “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;”

- Personal experience, indicative of a personal relationship.
- The voice of many waters, great thunders: speaking powerfully.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and narrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

V: 3 The 144,000 are singing. Those sealed in chapter 7

- They have been preceded by every group that has been in the presence of the Lamb.
- The Church has their own song.

Revelation 5:9 “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;”

- The Tribulation saints have their own song:

Revelation 7:9-14 ⁹“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; ¹⁰And cried with a loud voice saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. ¹¹And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, ¹²Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. ¹³And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? ¹⁴And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

- Here we see that the 144,000 Jewish evangelists have their own special song.

V: 4 Some of the qualifications of the 144,000.

- “Not defiled with women”- [virgins](#).

1 Corinthians 7:32 “But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:”

Hebrews 13:4 “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”

- [Jewish tradition of wedding festivities, virgins following the bride and groom to the Father’s house. These are not the bride, they follow the bride.](#)
- [Redeemed from among men.](#)

- The first fruits from the tribulation.

1 Corinthians 15:23 “But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.”

V: 5 **No guile:** NKJV = “deceit”; lack of truth, dishonesty.

Psalms 32:2 “Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.”

John 14:6 “Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father but by me.”

1 John 3:2-3 “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doeth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.”

Zephaniah 3:13 “The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.”

- **Without fault:** Impossible! For men: yes, but for God all things are possible.

Romans 3:10 “As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one:”

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

Matthew 19:26 “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”

Ephesians 5:25-27 ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

“Before the throne of God.”

V: 6 **Everlasting Gospel** – good news!

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”

Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

V: 7 3 admonitions: Fear God; give glory to Him; worship Him.

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Psalm 111:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.”

- Give glory to Him, worship Him, He created all things.

Revelation 4:11 “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

Colossians 1:16 “¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.”

Hebrews 1:10 “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:”

Psalm 139:14 “I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

- Fountains of waters: a reference to the flood of Genesis and who is able to judge.

V: 8 “Babylon is fallen is fallen”. An echo? Two witnesses?

Isaiah 21:9 “And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.”

- Why?
- Spiritual fornication; worshipping other gods. (Earthly model)
- Babylon made the world to drink of the wine of her wrath...

Jeremiah 51:7 “Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.”

Exodus 34:14-15 “For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;”

Psalm 106:39 “Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.”

V: 9-11 A severe warning – cause & effect:

- Every man gets a chance to hear the Gospel and receive Christ. Every man is warned. Taking the mark of Satan is a deliberate, willful act of rebellion. A deliberate act of worship to the false god.
- God would not provide this opportunity unless they could actually be saved at that time.

Matthew 10:28 “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

V: 10

Psalms 75:8 “For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.”

Matthew 25:41 “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”

V: 11 “For ever and ever”

Speaking of God's judgment and wrath:

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”

Speaking of Hell

Isaiah 34:10 “It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

Isaiah 66:24 “And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.”

- “No rest day or night”, a stark contrast to what Jesus wants to do for us.

Matthew 11:28-30 ²⁸“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- This is a conscious choice that is made between obedience & rebellion.

Deuteronomy 30:19 “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:”

Joshua 24:15 “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

V: 12 The patience of the saints.

Romans 12:19 “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”

Deuteronomy 32:35 “To me belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.”

Psalm 73:1-19 (turn to)

- Those who keep the commandments of God: Contrast

Psalm 1:1-3 “¹Blessed is the man who walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, or sits in the seat of the scornful; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law does he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper.”

John 8:31-32 “...if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 15:14 “You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.”

V: 13 “*Blessed are those who die in the Lord from henceforth.*”

Matthew 10:39 “He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”

Matthew 24:13 “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”

1 Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 5:8 “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”

V: 14 *“Son of Man”* – Jesus’ favorite title for Himself. 79 X’s

Revelation 1:13 “And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Daniel 7:13 “I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.”

1 Kings 8:10-11 “And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.”

Matthew 24:30 “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

- Sharp sickle

John 5:27 “And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.”

Joel 3:13 “Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.”

V: 15-16 This is not a command; it is a plea, a request.

Jesus explained the parable of the tares to His disciples:

Matthew 13:39-42 ³⁸“The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; ³⁹“The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰“As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. ⁴¹“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; ⁴²“And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Jesus said to the reapers:

Matthew 13:30b “... but gather the wheat into my barn.”

V: 17-18 Speaking of judgment, the judgment of the evil & rebellious.

Revelation 8:3-5 ³“And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴“And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. ⁵“And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thundering, and lightnings, and an earthquake.”

Revelation 6:10 “And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”

- Vine of the earth: VS / contrasted with:

John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.”

There is a limit, and they have reached it:

Genesis 15:16 “But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.”

Matthew 12:33 “Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.”

V: 19-20 The first time, Jesus was in the wine press being trodden upon, outside the city, once again He is outside the city, but now He is doing the treading.

Hebrews 10:26-27 “²⁶For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

Hebrews 10:31 “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

Isaiah 63:1-6 “¹Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. ²Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? ³I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. ⁴For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. ⁵And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. ⁶And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.”

V: 20 Outside the city:

Hebrews 13:12 “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.”

Romans 9:28 “For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”

Zechariah 14:4 “And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.”

Hebrews 2:3 “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;”

- 1,600 furlongs = approximately 180 X 1miles, 4 feet deep.
- From Edom to Megiddo. They actually think that they can overthrow God!
- That’s a lot of blood!

Psalm 2 “¹Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His anointed, saying, ³Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. ⁴He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. ⁵Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. ⁶Yet have I set My king upon My holy hill of Zion. ⁷I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee. ⁸Ask of me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession. ⁹Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. ¹⁰Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.”