

Chapter 14: The Final Harvest

In our previous chapter, we saw the emergence of the Antichrist, the False Prophet and the Mark of the Beast. Now in chapter 14, we are given a glimpse into Heaven and we see Jesus and those faithful 144,000 Jews.

What John saw: (vs. 1-5)

The Lamb: Standing on Mount Zion, Jesus appears and with Him the 144,000 Jews who are now following and worshipping Jesus. They are sealed by a mark of the Holy Spirit and they are singing a song only they can sing. They have been offered as a first fruits offering unto the Lord.

The Three Angels: (vs. 6-13) The first angel appears and is carrying the Gospel and is proclaiming to everyone left on the earth, "Fear the Lord....and Worship Him."

The _____ angel appears and tells the earth that Babylon has fallen. Many scholars believe this is in reference to a financial collapse in the West particularly America. Some scholars believe he is referring to Rome and is speaking in secret against Rome calling the empire "Babylon". More on Babylon later.

The _____ angel appears and announce that those who have taken the mark of the beast and worshipped the Antichrist will experience the wrath of God even leading to sharing in their final judgement in the lake of fire.

As this chapter closes (vs. 17-20), John sees Jesus again this time seated on the cloud with a sickle in hand. An angel comes out from the Temple and tells Him to harvest the earth. The Final Harvest of Christ followers has occurred but He isn't done. Two more angels come out of the Temple, one with a sickle, the other with a censure or charge of fire. The angel with the sickle also harvested from the earth but got grapes and threw them into the winepress of God's wrath. We are told that the blood will flow as high as a horses bridle and for 180 miles. That's the approx. length of the valley of Megiddo to_____.

Chapter 15: The Angels with the 7 Bowl judgements (vs 1-8)

Seamlessly John continues with seeing ____ angels with the last plagues of God's wrath. He sees the believers or saints or servants who overcame the beast and his image and the mark of his name, standing by a sea of glass and worshipping with harp and singing the "song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb." This song is a celebration of Israel's deliverance from Egypt in Exodus 15. The song of the Lamb is the final deliverance of God's people.

Then the seven angels come out of the Temple carrying the 7 last judgements of God's wrath. Clothed in white and pure, they come from His presence having received the bowls from one of the four living creatures and following them is a glory cloud so thick it fills the Temple and no one can enter until they are complete.