

Book of Revelation – The Lamb on Mt Zion & the 144,000 -Revelation 14:1-5

Series REV-33

Part I

REVELATION 14

Since we have just finished an extensive review of the first thirteen chapters, we should keep in mind the main points as we now look at the capstone or culmination of the book.

As we now turn our attention to this solemn chapter in the book of Revelation, it is best to let the Lord's servant speak. These words are wrought with weighty and eternal significance.

The fourteenth chapter of Revelation outlines the work that is to be done by God's people. The everlasting gospel is to be preached and practiced. True missionary work is to be done, not in the wisdom of men, but in the wisdom of God.

John writes, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come, and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water" [Rev 14:6-11, 12-14].

The third angel's message increases in importance as we near the close of this earth's history. Since the beginning of the proclamation of the first angel's message, many believers have fallen asleep in Jesus. Faithful standard-bearers have laid off their armor. But the work advances. Fresh workers are brought in as those who fall are laid away to rest until the coming of the Lord.

*God has presented to me the dangers that are threatening those who have been given the sacred work of proclaiming the third angel's message. **They are to remember that this message is of the utmost consequence to the whole world. They need to search the Scriptures diligently, that they may learn how to guard against the mystery of iniquity, which plays so large a part in the closing scenes of this earth's history.** {14MR 151}*

Revelation 14 – Three Divisions

This chapter can easily be divided into three parts. We will study each of these in their order, for there is much the Lord has to teach us here. God wants us to be intelligent in these matters:

1. The Lamb and the 144,000—vss.1-5
2. The Three Angel's Message—vss.6-12
3. The Two Harvests at the end—vss.14-20

1. The Lamb and the 144,000

Vs.1: *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him and hundred forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written [Gr, and remaining written] in their foreheads.*

- A) Our focus in this segment will be on verse 1. In studying this verse, the Lord has revealed new insights to me, especially in light of the “cleansing of our amygdala” which He longs to accomplish in each of us. {FYI, the fact that the 144,000 are standing with the Lamb on Mt. Zion, means they have gotten the victory—their amygdalae are cleansed.}

Careful analysis of this verse should intrigue the Bible student. Let us explore the following points, raising interesting questions as we precede.

- i) Notice the text says, the Lamb stood. Does this ring a bell from an earlier verse in the book stating something similar? List the verse: _____.
- ii) Close cross-examination with the verse you filled in i) above reveals a clear difference between these verses. {You will recall this difference from our study this past Monday.} [Hint: The word “stood” is in a different position in each of these verses.]

- iii) The Lamb is victorious because He is standing on Mt Zion. How can you show support that Mt. Zion is the ‘Mountain of Deliverance’? {Note the following verses: Isaiah 28:16; 33:20; Obadiah 17; Joel 2:23; 3:21; Micah 4:7}

- B) The fact that the 144,000 are mentioned with the Lamb indicates they have gotten the victory {cf Rev 15:2}. They are overcomers not just because of the passage in Rev 12:11, but due to the order of the book of Revelation. They have been judged worthy of heeding the messages to the seven churches, as the seals are opened (Rev 6 – 7:4) indicating their sins are blotted out. Thus, they are qualified and enabled to blow trumpets of warning to the world, as we saw in Rev 8 – 9; 11:14-19). From this verse (Rev 14:1), what other indicator is there that the 144,000 have gotten the victory? _____

Based on 5T 310.1, what makes up our moral character? _____

_____. Where are these recorded in the brain? _____

_____. Does this ‘organ’ need cleansing? _____.

From these two passages (5T 310.1 (first part of paragraph) and 3T 474.2-3 what should be in ‘subjection’ and ‘obedience to the will of God’ and ‘under the control of reason and religion’? _____ and _____.

The whole tone of these few paragraphs in SOP, reveals the importance of sanctification: “gird up the loins of your mind...Be ye holy, for I am holy...increase humility...purify...act in connection with the work of God...through Christ you may and should...acquire habits of self-control...your imagination was not given you to be allowed to run riot”, and similar statements.

We cannot ask God to cleanse that almond shaped organ in the brain, without cooperating with Him in the work of sanctification. Note this statement:

“Day by day and hour by hour there must be a vigorous process of self-control and sanctification going on within; then the outward works will testify that Jesus is abiding in the heart by faith.” {CE 114.1}

This is the work of the 144,000—not an easy task to train the mind in thoughtfulness and care taking and self-control continuously.

Vs.2: And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

A voice from heaven? Based on the following passage, who’s voice is this, the “voice of many waters? {Rev 1:15} _____. And the voice of harpers, who are they? _____. Can you show support?_____.

Vs.3: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Vs.4: These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, (being) the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Vs.5: And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

There are a number of points mentioned above describing the characteristics of the 144,000. I’ve tried to list them all from these verses. Do some research and in your own words share your thoughts on what each is referring to:

- A New Song:
- Redeemed from the earth:
- Not defiled with women:
- Virgins:
- Follow the Lamb wherever He goes:
- Redeemed from among men
- In their mouth, found no guile
- Without fault before throne of God

You will need a separate sheet of paper no doubt. We will discuss in our study Monday evening. May the Lord guide us continually, should be our prayer.