



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Vision 3, Part 7 (14:1-20) -The Winepress of God

Vision 4, Part 1 (15:1-8) - Intro to the Bowls of Wrath

SUMMARY OF 13:14-18

- The papacy created the Holy Roman Empire to be its secular arm
 - Those who would not convert to Catholicism were persecuted, ostracized, and eventually killed
 - The church should heed the warnings about the two beasts
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SUMMARY OF THE BEASTS

- The first beast: Rome culminating in the Latin (Catholic) Church
 - The second beast: the papacy
 - The image of the beast: the “Holy Roman” Empire
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REVELATION 14:1-5

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. [2] 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. [3] 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. [4] 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 firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. [5] And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

THE 144,000

- “a Lamb standing on Mount Zion” - Jesus Christ reigning in His kingdom
 - “one hundred and forty-four thousand”
 - 1000: A definite number representing an indefinite number
 - 12: governmental perfection; $12 \times 12 = 144$
 - “having His Father's name” - as opposed to the name or mark of the beast
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144,000 SEALED IN SEAL #6 (CHAPTER 7)

- Seal #6 — represents Constantine and the shift from paganism to Christianity
 - Signals the beginning of the 1,260 years that ends with the period of the Reformation
 - The 144,000 represents the small minority who did not convert to Catholicism in the Middle Ages
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MORE ABOUT THE 144,000 (VERSES 4-5)

- “who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins” – spiritually faithful to God
 - They “follow the Lamb wherever He goes” – absolute obedience
 - “redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb” – born again Christians, redeemed from sin (see James 1:18)
 - “In their mouth is found no deceit” — contrasted with the beasts who deceive the world
 - “without fault before the throne of God” (see Ephesians 5:27)
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SINGING REDEMPTION'S SONG (VERSES 2-3)

- “like the voice of many waters” - a description of the voice of Christ (see Revelation 1:15)
 - “sound of harpists playing their harps” - the songs of the saints before the throne (see Revelation 5:8)
 - Redemption first, then singing follow (e.g. redemption in Exodus 14, singing in Exodus 15)
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REVELATION 14:6-8

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— [7] saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." [8] And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

ANGEL #1 - THE “EVERLASTING GOSPEL”

- “Fear God and give Him glory” — the beginning of wisdom
 - “...for the hour of His judgment has come” — the gospel warns about the judgment to come (e.g. Acts 24:25)
 - “...worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water” — as opposed to the beast or his image (cf with 9:20-21 and 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)
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ANGEL #2 - "BABYLON IS FALLEN"

- Babylon = spiritual harlotry, spiritual adultery, unfaithfulness to God (see 17:3-5)
 - "Babylon is fallen" — God has judged her and her destiny is sealed
 - "...drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" — iniquity is depicted as an intoxicating drink that when fully consumed leads to destruction (e.g. Psalm 75:8, Jeremiah 51:7, Isaiah 51:17)
 - Romans 1 — "gave them up to uncleanness" (v. 24), "gave them up to vile passions" (v. 26), "gave them over to a debased mind" (v. 28)
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REVELATION 14:9-11

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, [10] he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall 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 ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

TO THOSE IN LEAGUE WITH THE BEASTS

- You will drink the wine of God's wrath (verse 10 cf with 16:19)
 - You will be cast into hell with the beast and false prophet (verses 10-11 cf. with 19:20)
 - Nothing will be withheld, God's vengeance will be poured out in full strength
 - Verses 12-13 — another reminder to the faithful
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Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

—Revelation 14:12-13

REVELATION 14:14-16

“Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. [15] And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, ‘Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.’ [16] So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.”

JESUS RETURNS FOR JUDGMENT

- “One like the Son of Man” — Jesus
 - He is “seated on a white cloud” — the ascension and return of Jesus (Acts 1:9-11, Daniel 7:13, Revelation 1:7)
 - Proleptic vision of the Day of Judgment
 - A “golden crown” is on his head
 - The *stephanos* crown of victory
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ANGEL #4

- The angel came out of the temple (i.e. the presence of God)
 - The “harvest of the earth is ripe” — the Father tells Jesus to harvest the earth (Matthew 24:36)
 - The Parable of the Tares - harvesting the earth
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VS. 16 — JESUS HARVESTS THE RIGHTEOUS

- Three Jewish feasts
 - Foreshadow specific events in the New Covenant
 - Passover/FOUB — Jesus and the Christian life (see I Corinthians 5:7-8)
 - Feast of Weeks (Pentecost, first-fruits) — conversion to Christ, the “first harvest”
 - Feast of Tabernacles — final harvest, the resurrection and eternal life
 - Verses 14-16 = the harvest of the righteous at the Day of Judgment
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REVELATION 14:17-20

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. [18] And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." [19] So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. [20] And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

ANGELS 5 AND 6

- “another angel...also having a sharp sickle” – this angel would participate in the harvest
 - “another angel came out from the altar saying” - from the presence of God (cf with Matthew 13:41-42)
 - “the great winepress of the wrath of God” (see Isaiah 63:5-6)
 - Judgment of those who receive the mark of the beast (verses 9-10)
 - “outside the city” — outside Heavenly Jerusalem (see Revelation 22:14-15)
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A RIVER OF BLOOD

- “up to the horses’ bridles” — what horses? See 19:14
 - 1600 furlongs — approximately 200 miles or 322 kilometers
 - The width of Italy?
 - The square of 4 (the number of the earth) times the square of ten (the number of completeness)
 - No one who aligns with the beast and false prophet will escape God’s judgment
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CHAPTER 14 CONCLUDES THE VISION
ABOUT THE DRAGON, THE WOMAN, AND
THE TWO BEASTS (CHAPTERS 12-14)

REVELATION 15:1-2

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

CHAPTER 15 BEGINS A NEW SECTION:

“THEN I SAW ANOTHER SIGN IN HEAVEN,

GREAT AND MARVELOUS...”

7 BOWLS = GOD'S VENGEANCE

- 16:2, “a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image”
 - 16:6, “For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.”
 - 16:10, “the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness”
 - 16:19, “And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.”
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WHAT JOHN SEES

- “sea of glass mingled with fire” - God’s righteous (sea of glass) judgment (mingled with fire)
 - “those who have the victory” - the 144,000
 - They “stand on the sea of glass” before the throne of God - they stand in judgment
 - I Corinthians 6:2, “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?”
 - Revelation 2:26-27, “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations— [27] 'HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; THEY SHALL BE DASHED TO PIECES LIKE THE POTTER'S VESSELS'—as I also have received from My Father;”
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REVELATION 15:3-4

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! [4] Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

REVELATION 15:5-8

After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. [6] And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. [7] Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. [8] The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

THE SEVEN BOWLS

- The seven angels come “out of the temple” - on a divine mission from God
 - The “temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God” (i.e. Exodus 40:34, 1 Kings 8:10)
 - No one is able to enter the temple - no intercession can be made
 - Jeremiah 11:14 "So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble.
 - Lamentations 3:43-44 You have covered Yourself with anger And pursued us; You have slain and not pitied. [44] You have covered Yourself with a cloud, That prayer should not pass through.
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SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS 14-15

- Those who are faithful to God during the apex of Catholic and Papal power will be saved
 - Those who comply with the Catholic Church will be condemned
 - God will pour out His judgment on the Catholic Church and its European allies in a series of judgments
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