# Revelation 14 ⎯ Three Visions of Victory



**Matthew 13:40-42** "Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. 41"The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and **they will gather out of His kingdom** all stumbling blocks, and **those who commit lawlessness**, 42and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**God’s response to the call of the Beasts of Rev 13**

1. The third parenthesis (14:1-20)
	1. The triumph of the 144,000 (14:1-5)
	2. The three angels (14:6-13)
		1. The eternal gospel (14:6-7)
		2. The fall of Babylon (14:8)
		3. The coming judgment of beast-worshippers (14:9-13)
	3. The wrath of the Lamb (14:14-16)
	4. The campaign of Armageddon (14:17-20)

**1**

**White**

**7**

**Trumpets**

**6**

**Signs**

**5**

**Martyrs**

**4**

**Ashen**

**3**

**Black**

**2**

**Red**

Earthquake, hail

Euphrates dried

Earth in darkness

Sun scorches

Rivers to blood

Sores

Sea to blood

1/3 Earth

1/3 Sea

1/3 Rivers

1st Woe, Locusts

1/3 Heavens

3rd Woe, 7 Bowls

2nd Woe, 1/3 Men Die

The Lamb

opens the

seals.

Angels sound

the trumpets.

God sends the

bowls out, full

of the wrath of

God.

**Tribulation**

**Great Tribulation**

## God’s Plan for the Redemption of Creation - First Fruits and Tares

| **Revelation 14** | **Bible References** | **Notes** |
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| **And I looked, and behold**, the **Lamb** *was* standing on **Mount Zion**, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand**, having **His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads**. 2And I heard a voice from heaven, **like** the sound of many waters and **like** the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was* **like** *the sound* of harpists playing on their harps. 3And they sang a **new song** before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand **who had been purchased from the earth.**  | **Rev. 7:3-4** …"Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have **sealed** the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." 4And I heard the number of those who were sealed, **one hundred and forty-four thousand** sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: **Rev. 5:7-9** And He came and took the book…**8**…the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp ... **9** And they \***sang a new** song, saying, "Worthy are You …**Joel 2:32** And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in **Mount Zion** and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, …**Micah 4:7** "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.**-----------------------------****2 Cor. 1:21-22** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22**who also sealed us** and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.  | * Christ on Mt. Zion after His 2nd Coming

**1st Vision – 144,000*** Mount Zion – Jerusalem

**Psalms 2:6** "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon **Zion**, My holy mountain."* Not Mormons
* Not Jehovah’s Witnesses
* Who??? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Notice**: not 143,999!!
* “**New song**” – **Rev 15:3**, Song of Moses & Song of the Lamb
* Old song is song of creation, new is song of redemption
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| 4These are the ones who have **not been defiled** with women, for they have kept themselves **chaste**. These *are* the ones who **follow the Lamb** wherever He goes. These have been **purchased** from among men as **first fruits** to God and to the Lamb. 5And **no lie** was found in their mouth; they are **blameless**. | **Hebrews 13:4** Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all, and the ***marriage* bed *is to be* undefiled**; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.**Romans 11:15** For **if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world**, what will ***their* acceptance be but life from the dead**?**Romans 11:26-27** and thus **all Israel will be saved**; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."**27**"And this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."**Ephesians 5:27**  that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and **blameless**. | * “chaste” – virgin [see **Jeremiah 16:1-4**]
* Offering, **first fruits**: portends many more to follow into the millennium!

**Zech. 13:8** "And it will come about in all the land," Declares the Lord, "That two parts in it will be cut off *and* perish; But **the third will be left in it**. * At this point in **Rev** what is the big “**lie**”??
* What is true religion??
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| 6**And I saw** **another angel flying in midheaven**, having an **eternal** **gospel** to **preach** [*euangelizo*] to **those who live** [*sitting*] **on the earth**, and to every **nation** and **tribe** and **tongue** and **people**; 7and he said with a loud voice, "**Fear God**, and **give Him glory** [*doxa*], because the hour of His judgment has come; and **worship Him** **who made** the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."***See 7 trumpet judgments at Rev 8:7-11*** | **Rev. 8:13** And I looked, and I heard an **eagle flying in midheaven**, saying with a loud voice, "**Woe, woe, woe**, to **those who dwell on the earth**, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" **Rev 13:7** It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every **tribe** and **people** and **tongue** and **nation** was given to him. **Matthew 24:13-14** "But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved. 14"And this **gospel of the kingdom shall be preached** [*proclaimed*] **in the whole world** for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.  | **2nd Vision – 3 angels*** Last call…
	+ 7 bowl judgments coming, **Rev 15-16**

**1st angel** pronounces “**last call**” of **grace** * “mid heaven” - Greek term that refers to the apex of the sun at noonday, angel flies there continually so all see and hear
* “**live**” – lit. “sitting”, not “dwelling”
* “Eternal gospel” – there is only one biblical gospel, **salvation by grace thru faith in Jesus Christ.**
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| 8And **another angel, a second one**, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is **Babylon** the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the **passion of her immorality**." | **1 Peter 5:13** She who is in **Babylon**, …, sends you greetings, …**Rev. 17:3-6** …I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, … 5  and on her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery, "**BABYLON** THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS …**Rev. 18:2** And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is **Babylon** the great! And she has become a **dwelling place of demons** and a prison of every unclean spirit, … | **2nd angel** pronounces **coming** **judgment*** “Fallen: -**proleptic aorist** tense
* “Babylon” –**world religious system** & **worldwide political system**; in Paul’s day, Rome.
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| 9And **another angel, a third one**, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If **anyone worships the beast** and **his image**, and **receives a mark** on his forehead or upon his hand, 10he also **will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength** in the cup of His anger; and he will 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 goes up forever and ever**; and they have **no rest day and night**, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."  | **Isaiah 34:8-10** For the **Lord has a day of vengeance**, A year of **recompense for the cause of Zion**. 9And its streams shall be turned into pitch, And its loose earth into brimstone, And its land shall become burning pitch. 10It shall not be quenched night or day; **Its smoke shall go up forever**; … **Isaiah 51:21-23** Therefore, please hear this, you afflicted, Who are **drunk, but not with wine**: 22Thus says your Lord, the Lord, even your **God Who contends for His people**, "Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of reeling; The chalice of My anger, You will never drink it again. 23"And I **will put it into the hand of your tormentors, Who have said to you, 'Lie down that we may walk over you**.' …**Matthew 26:39** And He went a little beyond *them,* and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, **let this cup pass from Me**; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt."  | **3rd angel** pronounces **final** **damnation*** “full strength” – as opposed to the custom of diluting wine with water
* Major argument for Church not enduring the Tribulation period.
* God’s dealings with Babylon in the past point to His final acts [Isaiah refs.].
* The Lamb is **omnipresent**, always
* **This is the cup we WOULD drink, but Jesus drank it for us!**
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| 12Here is the **perseverance** **of the saints** who **keep the commandments of God** and **their faith in Jesus**. 13And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, '**Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on**!' ““Yes," **says the Spirit**, "that they may rest from their labors, for their **deeds follow with them**." | **Perseverance of the saints** (**overcomers** – **1John 5:5**):**Psalm 37:23-24** The steps of a man are established by the Lord; And He delights in his way. 24When he falls, he shall not be hurled headlong; **Because the Lord is the One who holds his hand**.**2 Thes. 3:3** But **the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil *one****.***Jude 1:24** Now **to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence** **of His glory** **blameless with great joy**, **Blessed are the saints who die in the Lord …****Psalm 1:1** How **blessed** is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, …**Psalm 116:15** **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones**. **Hebrews 6:10** For **God is not unjust so as to forget your work** and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having **ministered** and in still **ministering** to the saints.**Matthew 25:34** "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are **blessed** of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.  | * “**perseverance**” – hopeful [*expecting*] endurance

**How saints live and die*****Living –**** This is the worst of times, yet the believers have Eternal Security. This is perseverance.
* Tribulation saints:
	+ **Rev 6** – under the altar
	+ **Rev 7** – 144k and great multitude
	+ **Rev 12** – remnant who hold to testimony of Jesus, attacked by dragon

***Dying –**** **Blessed** – *markarios* = happy, deep down spiritual fulfillment
	+ 288 verses in the NASB
	+ **Blessed**: Derived from the Germanic noun “*blomacrdan”* [***blood***]. Therefore literally "**to consecrate with blood**”
* This is diametrically opposite world view to **those who dwell on the earth**
* One of 7 beatitudes in **Rev**
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| 14**And I looked, and behold**, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud *was* **one like a son of man**, having a **golden crown** [*victor’s*] on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand. 15And **another angel came out of the temple**, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and **reap**, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is **ripe**." 16And He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped. | **Daniel 7:13**  "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the **clouds** of heaven **One like a Son of Man** was coming, …**Matthew 24:39-40** and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the **Son of Man** be. 40"Then there shall be **two men in the field; one will be taken**, and one will be left.**Matthew 13:39** … the enemy who sowed them *[tares]* is the devil, and the **harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels**. **Rom 1:18** **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men**, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; | **3rd Vision – Judgment*****First****, the 7 bowl judgments – Wrath of the Lamb:*“**ripe**” – **xeraino**: withered, dried up, wasted awayViews:* McGee: judgment of the wicked
* MacArthur: judgment of the wicked
* Walvoord: judgment of the wicked
* Reaping of **those who dwell on the** earth by **bowl judgments**
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| 17And **another angel came out of the temple** which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. 18And **another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar**; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters from the **vine of the earth**, because her **grapes** are **ripe**." 19And the angel swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered *the clusters from* the vine of the earth, and threw them into the **great wine press of the wrath of God**. 20And the wine press was trodden **outside the city**, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles | **Rev. 6:9-10** When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw **underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain** …10  and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "**How long, O Lord**,… "**Rev. 8:5** And the **angel took the censer**; and he filled it with the **fire of the altar** and **threw it to the earth**; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake. **Joel 3:12-14** Let the nations be aroused And come up to the **valley of Jehoshaphat,** For there I will sit to judge All the surrounding nations. 13Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the **wine press is full**; The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. 14Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the **day of the Lord is near** in the valley of decision. **Isaiah 63:1-4** Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, … "It is I who speak in righteousness, **mighty to save**." 2Why is **Your apparel red**, And Your garments **like the one who treads in the wine press**? 3"I have trodden the wine trough alone, … And trampled them in **My wrath**; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My raiment. 4"For the day of vengeance was in My heart, And **My year of redemption has come**. | “**ripe**” – **akmazo**: *at prime** Reaping at **Armageddon**

**John 10:29-30** "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. 30"I and the Father are one."  |