

Revelation, Week 6
The Redeemed People of God, Revelation 14

Revelation is the only book that opens with a promise and closes with a warning!

Revelation 1:3 NASV Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 22:18,19 ESV I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, **19** and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The goal of the Dragon is mimic our true God and through deception lead all potential worshipers of Jehovah God into idolatry.

Idolatry occurs when one looks to any source other than God to meet one's need. Worship has, at its heart, praise for the one who provides for the worshiper.

There are only 2 ways in life:

- The way of the Dragon
- The way of the Lamb

And the followers of each bear the marks of their influence!

In Chapters 14 & 15 John sees the Redeemed People God Marked by the Lamb. In between the vision of the Lamb's people, he sees a great End Time Harvest. All this precedes the Final Pouring out of God's Wrath on the Wicked.

3 Angels and the Eternal Gospel:

Revelation 14:6-13 ESV Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. **7** And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the **hour of his judgment has come**, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water." **8** Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality." **9** And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, **10** he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur 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 or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name." **12** Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. **13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

2 Harvest:

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. **15** And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." **16** So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped. **17** Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. **18** And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." **19** So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. **20** And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Rev. 14:1-4 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on **Mount Zion**, and with him 144,000 who had **his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads**. **2** And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. **3** And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. **4** These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. **5** No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

Under New Ownership:

"they were purchased" (v.4)

Purchased = Redeemed

Revelation 5:9 NIV And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you **purchased** for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV "do you not know you are NOT YOUR OWN... for you have been bought with a price..."

They are an Offering for the Lamb:

John calls them the "firstfruits to God and the Lamb" (v.4)

They are Followers and Not Wanderers.

"They follow the Lamb wherever he goes"

The desire to follow might be the number one requirement of a disciple.

They are Fearless Conquerors.

Revelation 15:1-3 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished. **2** And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. **3** And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb”

These are “those who had conquered the beast and its image...”

The Redeemed People of the Lamb are marked by their victories!

Even the martyrs were considered conquerors.

They are Marked by Their Song:

“And they sing the song of Moses... and the song of the Lamb”

This is Redemptions Song!

This one of the most amazing prophetic images in all of the Bible.