

Revelation 14:1-13 (HCSB)

The Lamb and the 144,000

14 Then I looked, and there on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with Him were 144,000 who had His name and His Father's name written on their foreheads. ² I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of cascading waters and like the rumbling of loud thunder. The sound I heard was also like harpists playing on their harps. ³ They sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, but no one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are the ones not defiled with women, for they have kept their virginity. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They were redeemed from the human race as the firstfruits for God and the Lamb. ⁵ No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

The Proclamation of Three Angels

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, having the eternal gospel to announce to the inhabitants of the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷ He spoke with a loud voice: "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

⁸ A second angel followed, saying: "It has fallen, Babylon the Great has fallen, who made all nations drink the wine of her sexual immorality, which brings wrath."

⁹ And a third angel followed them and spoke with a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he will also drink the wine of God's wrath, which is mixed full strength in the cup of His anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the sight of the holy angels and in the sight of the Lamb, ¹¹ and the smoke of their torment will go up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or anyone who receives the mark of his name. ¹² This demands the perseverance of the saints, who keep God's commands and their faith in Jesus."

¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write: The dead who die in the Lord from now on are blessed."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "let them rest from their labors, for their works follow them!"

ENDURING TO THE END
Revelation 14:1-13

Purpose of Revelation 14 – To encourage faithful tribulation believers to _____ as they face impending _____ by giving them a preview of their future _____ and of the coming _____ of their oppressors.

I. John's First Vision (1-5):

A. What John Saw (v. 1) – The _____ and the _____

Two things signified by the seal of God on their foreheads:

1. They _____ to God.
2. They are guaranteed of God's _____.

B. What John Heard (v. 2) – “a sound from heaven”

1. It was like the sound of cascading _____.
2. It was like the rumbling of loud _____.
3. It was like _____ playing on their harps.
 - The source of this sound (v. 3) – The _____ host

C. Who John Describes (vv. 4-5) – The 144,000:

1. They keep themselves _____ from sexual defilement.
2. They _____ the _____ wherever He goes.
3. They were _____ as _____ to God.
4. They are _____.

II. John's Second Vision: 3 Angelic Announcements (6-12)

A. Announcement of the First Angel (vv. 6-7)
– The final _____ call to _____

B. Announcement of Second Angel (v. 8) – The fall of _____

C. Announcement of the Third Angel (vv. 9-12)
– Judgment against those who worship the _____

III. Encouragement to Remain Faithful (13)

-- Two reasons for the blessedness of dying in Christ:

1. They will _____ from their _____.
2. Their _____ follow them.

ENDURING TO THE END
Revelation 14:1-13

Purpose of Revelation 14 – To encourage faithful tribulation believers to endure as they face impending martyrdom by giving them a preview of their future blessedness and of the coming doom of their oppressors.

I. John's First Vision (1-5):

A. What John Saw (v. 1) – The Lamb and the 144,000

Two things signified by the seal of God on their foreheads:

1. They belong to God.
2. They are guaranteed of God's protection.

B. What John Heard (v. 2) – “a sound from heaven”

1. It was like the sound of cascading waters.
2. It was like the rumbling of loud thunder.
3. It was like harpists playing on their harps.
 - The source of this sound (v. 3) – The heavenly host

C. Who John Describes (vv. 4-5) – The 144,000:

1. They keep themselves pure from sexual defilement.
2. They follow the Lamb wherever He goes.
3. They were redeemed as firstfruits to God.
4. They are blameless.

II. John's Second Vision: 3 Angelic Announcements (6-12)

A. Announcement of the First Angel (vv. 6-7)
– The final global call to salvation

B. Announcement of Second Angel (v. 8) – The fall of Babylon

C. Announcement of the Third Angel (vv. 9-12)
– Judgment against those who worship the beast (Antichrist)

III. Encouragement to Remain Faithful (13)

-- Two reasons for the blessedness of dying in Christ:

1. They will rest from their labors.
2. Their works follow them.