

Revelation

(A Chapter-by-Chapter Overview of God's Picture Book)

Lesson #14: Revelation Chapter 14

Review

Act I: Understanding the Relationship with Christ (Revelation 1-3)

A glorified Jesus who is "standing among the lampstands" (in the midst of the church), sends letters of encouragement, exhortation, and correction to seven in Asia Minor.

Act II: Understanding the Judgment from God (Revelation 4-11)

Chapters 4 & 5 - Heaven, the Scroll, the Lamb

Chapter 6 – Opening of the First Six Seals

Chapter 7 – An Interlude

Chapters 8 & 9 -Opening of Seventh Seal, The First Six Trumpets

Chapters 10 & 11 -Interlude, Seventh Trumpet

Act III: Understanding Why There is Opposition (Revelation 12-14)

Featured in Chapter 12:

The Woman and the Dragon

The Background of Opposition

Chapter 13 – Two more 'opposers'

The beast of the sea and the beast of the land work together under the authority of the dragon to oppose God and His people.

The beast is identified with the number 666. This number is serves to describe the MORAL QUALITY of the beast (bad).

Revelation 14:1-20

Overcomers Know the Presence of God

Verse 1

Mount Zion – a figure of speech describing God's dwelling place

144,000 - the same 'sealed' group found in chapter 7

Father's name written on their foreheads - in contrast to 'the mark' of the beast

Revelation 2:17; 3:12

Verses 2-3

rushing waters/thunder/harpists - This reminds the reader that these things are of God.

new song - expressive of their NEW experience

no one could learn the song except the 144,000 - expressive of their SHARED experience

Verses 4-5

This is a description of those who have not _____ to the yearnings of the false prophet.

These saints were not successful because they _____ the powerful beasts through power.

They were successful because they _____ the powerful beasts through faithfulness

Assurance the Opposition Must Be Punished

Verses 6-7

another angel - One of the great hosts of angels in service of God

fear God and give Him glory - This response is in stark contrast to that of those we saw in chapter 13 worshipping the dragon, or the beast, or the image.

Verse 8

Babylon - Used symbolically to describe a mighty foreign power that had brought captivity for the people of God.

Fallen! Fallen - A description of the wicked receiving their due justice.

Verses 9-10

if anyone worships the beast - Since they identify themselves with the beast as they do, they will share in the judgment of the beast.

full strength into the cup - God's judgment is complete.

Verse 11

fire and brimstone/smoke - Another dimension of their doom is pictured as fire sending up smoke, yet never running out of fuel.

The Key to Overcoming Opposition

Verse 12

These scenes are designed to _____ the saints to have the _____ needed to come through their trials

Verse 13

Overcoming is not about avoiding death, but being faithful even in death.

Reality of Full Judgment for the Oppressors

Verse 14

like a son of man - a common designation for 'God's man' or someone in His service.

gold crown - identifying with the things of God.

sharp sickle in his hand - The reader might identify this character as 'a reaper' or 'a harvester'

Verse 15-16

angel came out of the temple - in contrast to the dragon who comes 'out of the abyss'

the earth was harvested - Those on 'the earth' have been in opposition to God and His people.

Verse 17-18

Another angel/with sickle - Just like there were multiple 'beasts' opposing God, there are multiple angels carrying out the judgment of God.
grapes are ripe - a figure describing those who would be judged and the appropriate timing of God's judgment.

Verses 19-20

winepress of God's wrath - a picture of great pressure, a squeezing out

The point is that these are receiving their _____.

1,600 stadia - the length of the Ohio-Indiana state line.

Those marked by the Lamb receive full _____.

Those marked by the beast receive full _____.