

Revelation 14:1-20 **Preparation for the Last Plagues of the Great Tribulation**

The Lamb and the 144,000

¹ 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 Proclamations of Three Angels

⁶ 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."

⁹ 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."

¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"

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The Reaper and the Winepress of the Wrath of God

¹⁴ 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.

17 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.

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Facts Revealed:

The Lamb and the 144,000

✠ 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**. [\[Revelation 14:1\]](#)

✧ These 144,000 were sealed before the beginning of the Great Tribulation to **shield** them from the plagues to come. [\[Revelation 7:1-8\]](#)

✧ The **Seal of God** on their foreheads is the **Name of the Father God**.

✧ The Lamb and the 144,000 were standing on **Mount Zion** in Jerusalem on earth.

✠ 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**. **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.

[\[Revelation 14:2-3\]](#)

✧ The Voice like thunder and great waterfall comes from Heaven calling attention to the singers.

✧ Singers playing their harps sang a new song specifically for the 144,000.

✧ The full significance of the song was understood only by the 144,000.

✧ The singing was in Heaven before the Throne of God in the presence of the four living creatures, and the twenty-four Elders, and heard on the earth.

✧ The 144,000 were redeemed from the earth.

✠ 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. And **in their mouth was found no deceit**, for they are without fault before the throne of God. [\[Revelation 14:4-5\]](#)

✧ The 144,000 are clearly identified as sexual virgins, not defiled with women.

✧ They follow Jesus wherever He goes as servants of God. [\[Revelation 7:3, 14:4\]](#)

✧ As servants of God following Jesus Who said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," they would be protected world evangelists. [\[Mark 16:15\]](#)

✧ Evangelism is still in order as evidenced by the Christians who keep the commandments of God and have a testimony of Jesus, overcoming Satan, and by the angel flying through the midst of heaven preaching the everlasting Gospel. [\[Matthew 24:14, Mark 13:10, Revelation 12:17, 14:6, 12\]](#)

- ✧ **Redeemed** from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb, the first to be directly protected by the **Seal of God**, the **Name of the Father** written on their foreheads.
- ✧ Being **Redeemed** speaks of the change that takes place at the time the body is changed from mortal to immortal, therefore these 144,000 may have their **glorified bodies** as they minister through the Great Tribulation. [Romans 8:18-23]
- ✧ These have a spotless character with no deceit found in their mouths.
- ✧ Before the throne of God, they are without fault, (perfect).

The Proclamations of Three Angels

- ✧ 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 — 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.**" [Revelation 14:6-7]
 - ✧ Jesus had said that **the Gospel will be preached in all the world**, and then the end will come [Matthew 24:14, Mark 13:10], and this is the supernatural fulfillment of that statement and the timing is just as the end is looming over the world. [Revelation 14:6-7]
 - ✧ The words of Jesus will be completely and perfectly fulfilled just as He said.
 - ✧ The message is still a call for humanity to **fear God and give Him glory**.
 - ✧ The message also contains the **warning of the imminence of the Day of Judgment**.
 - ✧ The **call is to worship Him** who made Heaven and Earth in the creation of all things pertaining to the earth.
- ✧ 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.**" [Revelation 14:8]
 - ✧ The **reason** for the **wrath of God** remains the same as it was from the beginning, and sexual immorality plays a large enough part in it as to receive singular mention. [Leviticus 18:1-30, 19:29, Numbers 15:39, Jeremiah 3:2-3, 13:27, Acts 15:20, 29, 21:25, Romans 1:18-32, 1 Corinthians 6:18, 10:8, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Jude 7, Revelation 2:14-16, 20-21, 9:21, 21:8, 22:15]
 - ✧ God remains faithful, even to the point of supernatural means, to call His people out of the path of His Wrath, and to warn all people who will be involved before destruction comes, in order to allow an opportunity for repentance.
- ✧ 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, 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.**" [Revelation 14:9-10]
- ✧ 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." [Revelation 14:11]
 - ✧ Whoever submits to the world wide pressure to worship the Antichrist and receive his identifying Mark is guaranteed Eternal Torment.
 - ✧ God in His great mercy does everything possible to warn people of the danger of accepting this mark, even sending supernatural warnings, however, He does not take away their right to choose for themselves how they are to act in response to the warnings.
 - ✧ Either way, they chose their own destiny with full knowledge, for they will have heard.
 - ✧ They may accept the warning and repent, or they may reject the warnings and seal their doom.
 - ✧ God's judgment and the people's destiny is completely just and fair.
- ✧ Here is the **patience of the saints**; here are those who **keep the commandments of God** and the **faith of Jesus**. [Revelation 14:12]

- ✧ This information is a call for the Saints to stand firmly and patiently in endurance and faith, knowing it will pass, and whether dead or alive, the Saint who endures to the end will receive his reward in the Kingdom of God and of the Lamb.
- ✧ This verse indicates that the **Antichrist** and **False prophet** with their demand for **worship** and the **Mark of the Beast**, is the greatest test of Christian endurance that will ever come to test those who dwell on the earth. [Revelation 3:10]
- ✧ 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 14:13]
- ✧ Those willing to die for their faith receive a special **blessing from Heaven**. [Revelation 7:14-17, 20:4-6]
- ✧ This is the ultimate fulfillment of losing one's life to find it. [Matthew 10:39, 16:24-27, Mark 8:34-38, Luke 9:23-26]
- ✧ **Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His saints**. [Psalm 116:15]
- ✧ Anyone who keeps the Faith the last three and a half years with the plagues of Wrath and confronted by the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and Satan the Dragon, has a guaranteed reward from God, and his faithful struggle for endurance will never be forgotten.
- ✧ Their works do follow them because of the great price they were required to pay. They are not living as much by faith as by sight. They have seen the rapture of the worthy Saints, and now they are seeing the Wrath of God pouring down around them as the prophets foretold.
- ✧ They are rewarded for their choice to stand for God and maintain their testimony of Jesus in the face of all the persecution and pressure from the Antichrist and False Prophet.

The Reaper and the Winepress of the Wrath of God [Revelation 14:14-20]

- ✧ 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. [Revelation 14:14]
- ✧ 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**." [Revelation 14:15]
- ✧ So **He who sat on the cloud** thrust in His sickle on the earth, and **the earth was reaped**. [Revelation 14:16]
- ✧ Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. [Revelation 14:17]
- ✧ 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**." [Revelation 14:18]
- ✧ 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**. [Revelation 14:19]
- ✧ 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. [Revelation 14:20]
- ✧ This portion of Scripture introduces the extreme impact of the **last three and a half years**, and includes the deaths that will occur during the **remaining plagues** and the **purge from the earth of all that offends God** in the process of setting up the Kingdom age.
- ✧ Remember by this time way over **one half of the population of the earth** has already been killed, one quarter during the signs leading into the Great Tribulation plus those who died in the plagues leading up to this time. [Revelation 6:8] and another quarter by the 200,000,000 man army. [Revelation 9:13-19]

- ✧ During the time of the **Wine Press of the Wrath of God**, enough people of the earth will be killed to supply blood up to the horses' bridles for 200 miles, the width is not given.
- ✧ Then will be fulfilled the prophecy that says:
For behold, the Lord (Yahweh) will come with fire And with His chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire.
For **by fire and by His sword The Lord (Yahweh) will judge all flesh;**
And **the slain of the Lord shall be many.** [\[Isaiah 66:15-16\]](#)