

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Revelation 14:1–20

- 1 Then 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.
- 2 And 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.

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- 3 And 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.**

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- 4 These 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.
- 5 And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

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- 6 And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;**
- 7 and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”**

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- 8 And 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.”
- 9 Then 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 on his hand,

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- 10 he 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; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”**

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- 12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.**
- 13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Write, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.”**

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- 14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud *was* one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.
- 15 And 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, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

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16 Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.

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18 Then 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.”

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- 19 So 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.
- 20 And 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.



Place in the Book of Revelation

- I.** What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II.** What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III.** What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
 - A.** The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
 - B.** The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
 - C.** The Unholy Trinity (12:1–14:20)

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- 1. The Two Signs in the Heavens (12:1–17)**
- 2. The Two Beasts on the Earth (13:1–18)**
- 3. The Judgment and Harvest Following the Dominion of Unholy Trinity on the Earth (14:1–20)**
 - a. Prelude: The Lamb on Mt. Zion with the 144,000 (14:1–5)**
 - **Location: Mt. Zion (v. 1)**
 - ✓ **Heavenly Mt. Zion?**

Hebrews 12:22–24

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

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The Return of Messiah to Earth

Zechariah 14

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a. Prelude: The Lamb on Mt. Zion with the 144,000 (14:1–5)

- Location: Mt. Zion (v. 1)
- Song which 144,000 learn (vv. 2–3)
 - ✓ Harpers singing in heaven.
 - ✓ Only 144,000 can *learn* the song.
 - ✓ Connected to their entrance into the Messianic Kingdom.

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- Location: Mt. Zion (v. 1)
- Song which 144,000 learn (vv. 2–3)
- Character of the 144,000 (vv. 4–5)
 - ✓ Virgins
 - ✓ Free of idolatry
 - ✓ “Purchased . . . as firstfruits”
 - ✓ Blameless

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Joel 3

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- a. Prelude: The Lamb on Mt. Zion with the 144,000 (14:1–5)**
- b. The Harvest (14:6–20)**
 - **The First Angel (vv. 6–7)**
 - ✓ **Flying in the midst of heaven with eternal glad tidings.**
 - ✓ **Warns of “the hour” of God’s judgment.**

Matthew 24:14–16

¹⁴ “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵ Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.”

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b. The Harvest (14:6–20)

- **The First Angel (vv. 6–7)**

- **Fear God.**
- **Glorify God.**
- **Worship God.**

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 - **The First Angel (vv. 6–7)**
 - **The Second Angel (v. 8)**
 - ✓ **Babylon's doom**

Revelation 16:19

The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. **Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.**

Revelation 18:2

And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying,
“**Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!** She has
become a dwelling place of demons and a
prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of
every unclean and hateful bird.”

C. The Unholy Trinity (12:1–14:20)

- a. Prelude: The Lamb on Mt. Zion with the 144,000 (14:1–5)**
- b. The Harvest (14:6–20)**
 - The Third Angel (vv. 9–12)**
 - ✓ Those who worship the beast**
 - ✓ God's wrath in full measure**
 - Jeremiah 25:15–31**

Matthew 25:41

**“Then He will also say to those on His left,
‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the
eternal fire which has been prepared for the
devil and his angels; . . .’”**

Daniel 12:1–2

- 1 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.
- 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to **everlasting life**, but the others to disgrace *and* **everlasting contempt**.”

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 - The Third Angel (vv. 9–12)**
 - The Voice of the Spirit of God (v. 13)**
 - The One Sitting on the Cloud (vv. 14, 16)**

Question for Discussion

**What evidence indicates that
the person on the white cloud
in verse 14
is Christ?**

The One Sitting on the Cloud

- “Then I looked, and behold”—vv. 1, 14
- One like a Son of Man—Jesus Christ (cp. Dan 7:9–14; John 5:22, 27).
- Just prior to the coming of Christ to the earth (Zech 14).
- Using a sickle in judgment.

Joel 3:13

Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.
Come, tread, for the wine press is full;
The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.

Isaiah 63:1–4

- 1 Who is this who comes from Edom,
With garments of glowing colors from
Bozrah,
This One who is majestic in His apparel,
Marching in the greatness of His strength?
“It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty
to save.”
- 2 Why is Your apparel red,
And Your garments **like the one who
treads in the wine press?**

Isaiah 63:1–4

3 “**I have trodden the wine trough alone,**
And from the peoples there was no man
with Me.

I also trod them in My anger
And trampled them in My wrath;
And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My
garments,
And I stained all My raiment.

Isaiah 63:1–4

**4 For the day of vengeance was in My heart,
And My year of redemption has come.”**

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- Just prior to the coming of Christ to the earth (Zech 14).
- Using a sickle in judgment.
- Not an angel.

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- a. Prelude: The Lamb on Mt. Zion with the 144,000 (14:1–5)**
- b. The Harvest (14:6–20)**
 - The Fourth Angel (v. 15)**
 - ✓ Encouraging Christ in His execution of judgment.**

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- b. The Harvest (14:6–20)**
 - **The Fourth Angel (v. 15)**
 - **The Fifth Angel (v. 17)**
 - ✓ **Participates in the sickle judgment.**

Matthew 13:37–42

³⁷ And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is **the Son of Man**, ³⁸ and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; **and the reapers are angels**. ⁴⁰ So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

Matthew 13:37–42

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, ⁴² and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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 - **The Fourth Angel (v. 15)**
 - **The Fifth Angel (v. 17)**
 - **The Sixth Angel (vv. 18–20)**
 - ✓ **From the altar in heaven in answer to the prayers of the saints.**

Revelation 6:9–11

- 9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;**
- 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”**

Revelation 6:9–11

11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

Question for Discussion

**How should the reader
understand
the river of blood
in 14:20?**

A River of Blood

- Approximately 4 feet deep and 180 miles in length.
 - ✓ Average width of Jordan River: 20 feet.
 - ✓ = 76,032,000 cubic feet
 - ✓ = 2,275,035,000 quarts

A River of Blood

- **Blood**
 - ✓ 1 person's blood = 5 quarts
 - ✓ 100% blood = 455,007,100 people
 - ✓ 50% blood = 227,503,500 people
 - ✓ 5% blood = 22,750,350 people

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- **Jesus is the Lamb on Mt. Zion with the 144,000.**
- **The name of Jesus is written on the foreheads of the 144,000.**
- **The 144,000 follow Jesus wherever He goes.**
- **Jesus will see those who are tormented in fire and brimstone forever and ever.**

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- **Jesus is the object of the persevering believers' faith.**
- **Jesus judges unbelievers at the end of the Tribulation period.**