

# THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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## Mission Statement

This study of the Book of Revelation gives special attention to the testimony it provides concerning our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. “The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Rev 19:10; cp. 1:2), leading us to worship and serve Him in everything.

- 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)
    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. The Prelude: The Lamb on Mt. Zion with the 144,000 (14:1–5; cf. Rev 7)
        - The Location: Mt. Zion (v. 1)
          - ✓ Heavenly Mt. Zion?
            - ▶ Hebrews 12:22–24
            - ▶ If the “voice from heaven” in verse 2 is identical to the singing in verse 3, then it would seem that the 144,000 are in heaven rather than upon the earth.
          - ✓ Earthly Mt. Zion?
            - ▶ Seems too much a contradiction to have the 144,000 following the Lamb in the heavenly Mt. Zion when the Lamb is to be upon the earth following the Tribulation (cp. order of events preceding 14:1–5 and see Zech 14).
            - ▶ More consistent to take this passage as description of events following the dominion of the two beasts and the commencement of the Messianic Kingdom on the earth (cf. 20:4).
            - ▶ The “seal of the living God” (7:2) appears to include the name of the Lamb “and the name of His Father” (14:1).

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- b. The Harvest (14:6–20)—cf. Joel 3
- The First Angel (vv. 6–7)
    - ✓ Flying in the midst of heaven with eternal glad tidings.
    - ✓ Warns of “the hour” of God’s judgment. Cf. Matthew 24:14–16. The message contradicts the message of the false prophet. No message of repentance—too late.
      - ▶ Fear God.
      - ▶ Glorify God.
      - ▶ Worship God.
  - The Second Angel (v. 8)
    - ✓ The message concerning the doom of Babylon (the center of the beast’s counterfeit kingdom). See Revelation 16:19; 18:2; Isaiah 21:9.
  - The Third Angel (vv. 9–12)
    - ✓ The message concerning the doom of the counterfeit kingdom’s citizens and of the man of sin.
      - ▶ About those who receive the mark of the beast and worship him.
      - ▶ God’s wrath in full measure forever and ever. See Jeremiah 25:15–31 and Matthew 25:41.
      - ▶ Destruction of the counterfeit kingdom heralds the deliverance of the Tribulation believers and the start of the Messianic Kingdom. See Daniel 12:1–13.
  - The Voice of the Spirit of God (v. 13)—a blessing or beatitude.
  - The One Sitting on the Cloud (vv. 14, 16)—cf. verse 1
    - ✓ 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 14:1–11).
    - ✓ Using a sickle in judgment (Joel 3:13; cp. Isa 63:1–4).
    - ✓ Not an angel.
  - The Fourth Angel (v. 15)
    - ✓ Encouraging Christ in His execution of judgment.
  - The Fifth Angel (v. 17)
    - ✓ Comes from the Temple in heaven with a sharp sickle for judgment (cf. v. 14; Matt 13:37–42, 49).
  - The Sixth Angel (vv. 18–20)
    - ✓ From the altar in heaven in answer to the prayers of the saints (cf. 6:9–11).
    - ✓ A river of blood approximately four feet deep and 200 miles in length. See Isaiah 63:1–6 (Bozra), Revelation 16:16 (Armageddon), Joel 3 (Jerusalem).

**Questions for Discussion**

- a. What evidence indicates that the person on the white cloud in verse 14 is Christ?
- b. How should the reader understand the river of blood in 14:20?

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