


The
REVELATION
of St. John the Divine



CHAPTER I

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, WHICH GOD GAVE UNTO HIM, TO SHew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: I John have heard of the word of God, and of the revelations of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

I showed it to that servant, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and have these things done, shall have their share in the fruit of the tree of life, which is in the garden of God.

that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him, and they also which have pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Rev. 14:1, "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."

Rev. 14:6, "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—"

Rev. 14:14, "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."

In this chapter we have:

- **The 144,000 with the Lamb**
- **6 angels carrying out judgments**
- **Harps playing in heaven**
- **An angel proclaiming the gospel**
- **The imagery used by Julia Ward Howe in the writing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic**
- **The imagery of blood up to the horses' bridles**

Scene 1 (14:1–6):

The Lamb and the 144,000.

This scene is at the end of the Tribulation. It pictures the Lord Jesus Christ triumphant after the battle of Armageddon. The 144,000 seem to follow him as a special honor guard.

Scene 2 (14:6–13):

Three angelic heralds and four announcements. The first angel (v. 6–7) flies through the heaven proclaiming the gospel throughout the world. The second (v. 8) announces the doom of Babylon, and the third (v. 9–11) announces the certain judgment on those who worship the beast and his image and receive the mark. The fourth announcement comes from an unidentified voice pronouncing a blessing on those who are martyrs in the Tribulation. Those who follow the Lamb and obey God are then blessed because they will rest from their labors.

Section 3 (14:14–20):

Depicts the Lord Jesus Christ as the one who brings judgment upon the earth through three angels.

Rev. 14:1, "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."

Zech. 14:4, "In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south."

Zech. 14:5, "You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!"

- **When are they saved?**
- **Who are they?**
- **What is their purpose?**
- **What is their sealing? Are they alive or martyred?**

Rev. 14:2, "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."

Rev. 14:3, "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."

Rev. 14:4, "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."

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"to defile in a religious sense."

Rev. 14:5, "And in their mouth was found
no deceit, for they are without fault before
the throne of God."

Rev. 14:6, "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—"

Rev. 14:7, "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.' "

Rev. 14:8, "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.' "

Rev. 14:9, "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,' "

Rev. 14:10, " '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.' "

Rev. 14:11, " '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.' "

Rev. 14:12, "Here is the patience of the
saints; here are those who keep the
commandments of God and the faith of
Jesus."

Rev. 14:13, "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.'"

Rev. 14:14, "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."

Rev. 1:13, "and in the midst of the seven
lampstands One like the Son of Man,
clothed with a garment down to the feet and
girded about the chest with a golden band."

John 5:27, "and has given Him authority to
execute judgment also, because He is the
Son of Man."

John 5:22, "For the Father judges no one,
but has committed all judgment to the Son,"