

A LAMB ON THE MOUNT

REVELATION 14:1-5

Text:

Introduction:

We find a great contrast between chapter 13 and chapter 14. In chapter 13 everything was dark and depressing. In chapter 14 everything is bright and encouraging. We move from tragic scenes on earth to thrilling and victorious scenes in Heaven.

In chapter 13 we saw the work of the Devil, Anti-Christ, and the false prophet. In chapter 14 we see the real Christ. In chapter 13 we see men receiving and bearing the mark of the beast. In chapter 14 we see those who bear the mark of the Lamb.

In this chapter there is a series of seven separate visions each complete in itself.

In the opening verses of this chapter we see those for whom the battle is over. In the first verse John sees a lamb. The Lamb he sees is the Lord Jesus.

John sees Him standing on Mount Zion. In the Bible Zion always refers to Jerusalem. Just as Israel is God's chosen people, Jerusalem is God's city.

Zechariah 8:3

³ Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

Joel 3:17

¹⁷ So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

In this chapter John gets a glimpse of the time when Christ will rule and reign.

As John sees the Lord ruling and reigning he also sees 144,000 who have his Father's name written in their foreheads.

We'll consider this 144,000 and the triumph hour that has arrived for them.

Notice in this first vision:

1. THE SAVIOR

Revelation 14:1

¹ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

This Lamb is the Lord.

It's refreshing to see the Lord when almost all the people on the earth at this time is worshiping Satan.

2. THE SITE

Revelation 14:1

¹ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

The site of His appearing is Mount Sion. We read of this back over in the Old Testament.

Zechariah 8:13

¹³ And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

Zechariah 14:4

⁴ And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Joel 3:17

¹⁷ So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Psalms 2:6

⁶ Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

3. THE SEALED

Revelation 14:1

¹ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

We saw this group back over in Revelation 7

Revelation 7:1-5

¹ And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. ² And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, ³ Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. ⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. ⁵ Of the tribe of Juda *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand.

Notice

A. Seal of God's protection

The battle is over for them. Their race is run and they are now with the Lord, standing with Him on Mount Zion.

B. Scene of Divine Preservation

When we first met these people in chapter 7 the tribulation was beginning. Now we see them and the tribulation is over and they are safe with the Savior.

It's thrilling that we read of 144,000 and not 139,999 or 139,998. They are all present and safe with the Lord.

We too today have been sealed by God.

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

We know that not only did God deliver these 144,000 He will deliver us safely home as well. He'll not lose a single one of His children.

4. THEIR SONG

Revelation 14:2-3

² And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: ³ And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and forty and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

No doubt there is a glorious celebration. These have arrived home.

We see in this celebration:

A. The United Sound – a voice

John describes their celebration not as voices but as a voice. They will all lift their hearts and voices to God in one united expression of praise and thanksgiving.

Their celebration was also accompanied by heavenly music.

Their praise is like many waters (Niagara Falls), and like the voice of great thunder.

B. The Unique Song – new song – no man could learn – but the hundred and forty four thousand.

Revelation 14:3

³ And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and forty and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Many times when we read of a new song in the Old Testament it's in reference to some wonderful and marvelous thing that God has done.

Psalms 98:1

¹ O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

Psalms 40:2-3

² He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. ³

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

These 144,000 will sing a New Song because of what God has done for them arising from their personal experiences.

5. THEIR SANCTIFICATION

Revelation 14:4-5

⁴These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

- A. They were not defiled (see vs 8) speaking more so of spiritual purity. They had not bowed their knee or heart to false religion.
- B. They were not disobedient – follow the Lamb
- C. They were not deceitful – in their mouth was no guile found.