

Revelation Chapters 14 and 15

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(The things which will take place after this)		
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**3E. The Redemption of the 144000 During
The Tribulation** **14:1-5**

The 144000 sealed servants of the Lord appear again here. They were first mentioned in Revelation 7:4 where it was said that 12,000 of them were chosen from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. The purpose of their sealing was not specifically stated, but it may be that their role will be to share the Gospel freely without being killed for their testimony. They are probably the ones in Revelation 9:4 who are not harmed by the demonic plague of the locusts with scorpion's stings.

In this passage they are seen with Jesus Christ on Mount Zion, pure and victorious, and singing a special song that was just for them to know.

- A Lamb – Jesus – John 1:29; Revelation 5:1-8;
- Mount Zion – On Earth? –“I am with you always” - Matthew 28:20
- Voice – Like many waters and loud thunder – Revelation 1:15
- Harpists singing a new song – Revelation 5:9 (The 4 living creatures and 24 elders)
- Singing and worship – Possibly original human communication, partially lost by the fall.
- 144,000 – Revelation 7:1-8
 - Father’s Name on Foreheads –Symbol of worship
 - Contrast Revelation 13:15-18
 - Redeemed – Revelation 5:9 – Song of the Redeemed
 - Picture of being bought back from the slave market of sin. Galatians 3:13
 - Cf. Leviticus 25:47-55, Deuteronomy 21:8; Psalm 107:2; Isaiah 44:22; Book of Ruth (Boaz, the Kinsman-Redeemer)
 - Not defiled – Virgins – Spiritual or physical- or both?
 - Follow the Lamb wherever He goes – Again, on Earth?
 - Firstfruits – Redeemed before the martyrs
 - No deceit/ without fault – but not sinless - Romans 3:23
 - Only Jesus was sinless - Hebrews 4:15; 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 John 3:5

**4E. The Reports from Heaven During the
Tribulation** **14:6-13**

Chapters 14 and 15 look heavenward again, once more assuring the reader that God is in control. First, there are reports or announcements from Heaven. These announcements are delivered by angels. Then there are explanations about the coming judgment of the beast

(Antichrist), the False Prophet, and the Earth itself. They deliver the Gospel, the "good news" of salvation in Jesus Christ. None will be able to say that they did not know God's will during this time of turmoil.

1F. The First Message **14:6-7**

1) Fear God the Creator, and give Him glory because His judgments are about to be unleashed,

2F. The Second Message **14:8**

2) Babylon, the evil world system is collapsing. (More in Chapters 17 and 18)

3F. The Third Message **14:9-12**

3) All who accept the Mark of the Beast will suffer eternal punishment.

4F. The Fourth Message **14:13**

4) The martyrs of the period will be blessed.

5E. Reaping of Judgment During the Tribulation **14:14-19:21**

1F. Judgment of Non-Believers **14:14-20**

1G. The Conqueror **14:14**

This is the final signal from above that the time is right for the judgment of the Earth to begin. First we see the Conqueror: the one seated on a white cloud, coming with a sharp sickle, the special cutting and gathering tool of the harvest. This is a heavenly preview of Christ's coming from the sky, riding a white horse in Revelation 19:11-16. He will come as judge and executioner at that time to fight the Battle of Armageddon with the same result as in this passage: total destruction of his evil enemies.

2G. The Conquest **14:15-20**

The conquest is portrayed as the harvest of grapes. In one quick motion, this reaper will cut off the grapes from the vine of the earth and throw them into the winepress of God's "grapes of wrath". In Revelation 19:15, where this harvest is accomplished, Jesus Christ, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, uses a sharp knife from His mouth to "tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

2F. Judgment of the Earth **15:1-16:21**

1G. The Victorious Vision **15:1-8**

1H. Songs of Praise **15:1-4**

Seven last plagues - The wrath of God is complete.

A sea of glass mingled with fire

Those who have the victory - 144,000 and the Martyrs

The song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb

2H. Scene of Preparation **15:5-8**

The temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven

Seven angels with seven golden bowls of the wrath of God

Smoke from the glory of God and from His power