



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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- Remember that we are in a break between chapters 11 and 15 of the prophecy and John is seeing some of the same time already covered in chapters 6 – 11 revisited.
- In chapters 12 and 13 the works of the enemy, Satan, are in view with his attempts to destroy Israel, destroy all believers, and to deceive the whole world with a false religion and then a false god.
- In chapter 14, we will see a series of visions John had that will show God at work in the Great Tribulation.

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- **Rev 14:1 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.**
- **Rev 14:6 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;**
- **Rev 14:4 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.**

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**<<<<<<<<<<< The Great Tribulation >>>>>>>>>>>>**

**<<<<<<<<<The Seven Seals Chapters 6-11 >>>>>>>>>>**

**<<<<<< The Works of Satan Chapters 12-13 >>>>>>>>**

**<<<<<< The Works of God Chapter 14 >>>>>>>>**

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- **We will see a magnificent contrast between the darkness of Antichrist and his agenda, and the sure agenda of God.**
- **Antichrist has to use deception and trickery to get people to cooperate with, and follow he and his agenda. If he were to be honest, no one would sign up for what he offers.**
- **On the other hand, God uses light and truth to win people to His agenda and Himself – and if only people could see clearly what He offers, few would want to miss it!**

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- The scene in Chapter 14 begins with a view of Jesus and the 144,000 standing on Mount Zion in triumph – in other words it is a prophetic view of the physical return of Christ to the Earth.
- Mount Zion is Jerusalem and the fact that John sees Jesus standing on Mount Zion tells us that the scene is the glorious appearing of Jesus (not the rapture).
- Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ....

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- **Rev 6:15** Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; **16** and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; **17** *for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?*”
- Well in chapter 14, the “who is able to stand” question is settled when we see Jesus and 144,000 *standing* on Mount Zion.
- And, I suspect that the 144,000 are symbolic of all believers who survived the Great Tribulation standing with King Jesus on Mount Zion.



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- **Matt 25:31** “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; **33** and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.
- **The scene in Matt 25 is that of when Jesus returns in His glorious appearance to judge the nations, and set up His kingdom.**
- **As we see in the verses above He will separate the sheep (those who are His) from the goats (those who are not His).**

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- **Matt 25:34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’”**
- **And we know how this passage goes – “in as much as you have done it unto these, you’ve done it unto me”.**
- **So one might be tempted to think that these “sheep” are “sheep” based upon their works, but that would be out of harmony with the rest of scripture.**

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- **Matt 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; 42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; 43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’”**
- **And we know how this passage goes – “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me”.**
- **So one might be tempted to think that these “goats” are “goats” based upon their works, but that too would be out of harmony with the rest of scripture.**

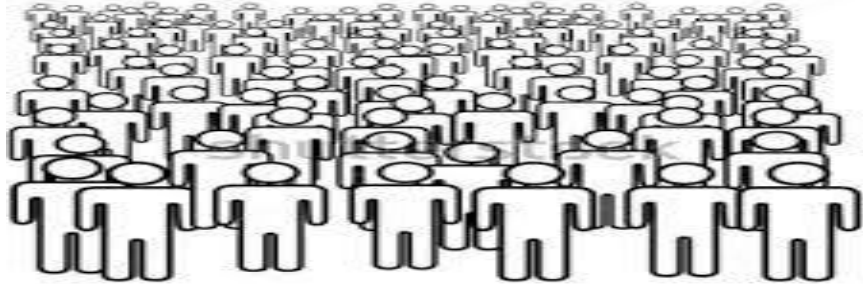
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- **If you never listen to another thing I say, please hear this – no one was ever, is now being, or ever will be saved by any other means than by faith in Jesus Christ.**
- **Isaiah 64:6 We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.**
- **Ephesians 2:8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.**

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- **So at His glorious appearing, Jesus will stand victoriously on Mount Zion and He will then judge the nations, (those individuals from all parts of the Earth who survived the Great Tribulation).**
- **Those who believed on Him in the Great Tribulation will be welcomed into the Millennial Kingdom to live in it, and to repopulate the Earth.**
- **Those who did not believe on Him, will be sent away into everlasting punishment. (Hades is what we call this place of holding now)**

# *The Rich Man and Lazarus*



**HADES**

**PARADISE**

**Hades, synonymous with Hell, is the place of the unsaved dead souls and spirits awaiting final judgment at the Great White Throne.**

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- **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.**
- **Remember what we read in Chapter 13 about needing wisdom to detect the mark of the Beast? Why? Because he is a deceiver, and a liar.**
- **The 144,000 have the seal of God written plainly on their foreheads as a sign of ownership and protection. (even the mark of the Beast is a cheap imitation)**

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- **Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.**
- **We first met the 144,000 back in chapter 7 and there we saw that God had “sealed” them – here in chapter 14 we are given more details about what that “sealing” was about.**
- **As it turns out, God will write His own name on them much like we might write our names on our athletic equipment, or lawn chairs, or anything else that is exposed to the public. He “owns” them.**



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- 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.
- Rev 5:8 8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”

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- I believe it is obvious from the text that John is hearing the 24 Elders playing their harps in the throne room of God celebrating the victory of the Lamb.
- Harps are mentioned roughly 40 times in the O.T. and each time, except for the one below, they are associated with joy.
- Psalm 137: Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept as we thought of Jerusalem. 2 We put away our harps, hanging them on the branches of poplar trees. 3 For our captors demanded a song from us. Our tormentors insisted on a joyful hymn: "Sing us one of those songs of Jerusalem!" 4 But how can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a pagan land?

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- There are some that believe that Satan was in charge of music in Heaven before he fell, and that there has not been, and will not be, any music in Heaven again until the time of redemption.
- Ezekiel 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. *The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.*
- Just a theory, but an interesting one.

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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.**
- **This is another tough passage to interpret, but here is what I think is true – the song is the song of redemption, and the 144,000 are merely symbolic of the believer.**
- **In other words, more than 144,000 could sing the song, but no more could sing the song than those who have been redeemed.**

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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.**
- **Here John gives an even greater description of the 144,000 – and his description is one of purity.**
- **They have not defiled themselves with women, and they have kept themselves chaste.**

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- **Because some translations use the word “virgin” to describe the 144,000 it is widely assumed they are unmarried, virgin men.**
- **However, the word translated “virgin” is the Greek “Parthenos”, and that word can also mean “a man who has abstained from all uncleanness and whoredom attendant on idolatry, and so has kept his chastity” (Strong’s Concordance)**
- **Whether they are married or unmarried is probably not the point – the point is that in a highly sexualized culture of the Great Tribulation the 144,000 will keep themselves morally pure.**

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- **We've become accustomed to hearing of preachers, evangelists, and lay leaders falling into sexual sins.**
- **And we seem to think “no wonder, look at all of the temptations in our culture”, but just wait until the Great Tribulation, when the church is gone and God has removed the restraints on evil.**
- **The bible makes no claim to perfection for the 144,000 – they will be redeemed Jewish men, but they are by no means sinless.**
- **However, there is strong indication here that they are living sanctified lives.**

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- Zephaniah 3: “But I will leave among you a humble and lowly people, and they will take refuge in the name of the Lord. 13 “The remnant of Israel will do no wrong and tell no lies, nor will a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths; for they will feed and lie down with no one to make them tremble.””
- You see not only will the 144,000 be carrying the gospel message that has power in itself, but they themselves will become powerful and credible witnesses because of the way they live.
- The power of a sanctified life is great among even the most lost in a dark world.



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- **A relevant point for us from the witness of the 144,000 is that to be effective for Christ, we too must be sanctified.**
- **And how about the contrast between the lies and deceptions of Anti-Christ, and the fact that the 144,000 tell no lies?**
- **The constant message from the Anti-Christ and his false prophet is one long, continuous lie.**

# Questions