

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

chapter 14

Lesson 16

The word *voice* occurs 38 times in the book of Revelation. Throughout the book, heaven is speaking. In this chapter, we will learn more about the protected one hundred and forty-four thousand and hear proclamations from three angels and voices from heaven – God warning and God reaping. As the world moves into the last half of the tribulation, God has much to say...and do.

OBSERVATION: Read Revelation 14

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark the personal pronouns for each of the key words.

Key Words: *God, Jesus (the Lamb), (Holy) Spirit, the one hundred and forty-four thousand, angel(s), beast/image, four living creatures, and elders*

3. Using the text of Revelation 14, draw (on a separate sheet of paper) what you think John saw.
 - a. What did you observe by drawing the descriptions in chapter 14, that you had not noticed before drawing the chapter?

Read Revelation 14:1-5

1. Who did John see *standing on Mount Zion*? Revelation 14:1a
 - a. Use Obadiah 1:17 to explain the significance of this location.
 - b. Who was with Him? Revelation 14:1b
 - 1.) What was *written on their foreheads*?
 - 2.) Identify these people from Revelation 7:3–4. What do you see?
 - 3.) Now contrast these people with those in Revelation 13:16. How do they differ?
2. Describe the *voice* John heard in Revelation 14:2.
 - a. Associate this *voice* with the *voice* in Revelation 1:15b. Who spoke?
3. In John 14:2, John *heard a voice*. Then he *heard the sound of harpists*. Then, in Revelation 14:3, he heard a *song*. What does verse 3 reveal about this *song*?
 - a. Read Psalm 40:3 and Psalm 98:1 to comment on the significance of singing a *new song* to the LORD.
4. Who *could learn that song* according to Revelation 14:3b?
 - a. In light of all *they* endured, what do you suppose *they sang* about?
 - b. What does this indicate concerning their relationship with the *Lamb*?

5. Using Revelation 14:4-5, note the characteristics of the *144,000*.
 - a. The unique song of the *144,000* will probably be about their testimony. What is unique about your testimony?
 - b. What do you think it means to *follow the Lamb wherever He goes*?

1.) Record what Jesus said regarding *following Him* in:

John 10:27

John 12:26

Read Revelation 14:6-13

1. From Revelation 14:6, describe what John saw.
 - a. What did the *angel* have?
 - b. To whom did the *angel* preach?
2. What did the *angel* instruct *those who dwell on the earth* to do? Revelation 14:7a
 - a. What attribute of God did the *angel* proclaim? Revelation 14:7b
3. What was the message of the second *angel*? Revelation 14:8
 - a. Rebellion against God began at *Babylon* (Genesis 11). What is revealed in the *angel's* message concerning the consequences of man's rebellion?
4. What warning was given by the *third angel* in Revelation 14:9,10?
 - a. What was the *cup* mentioned in Revelation 14:10?

- 1.) Comment on this *cup* using Psalm 75:8.

- b. How does Revelation 14:10–11 showcase God’s hatred of sin?
 - 1.) In your own words, describe God’s hatred of sin.
Challenge: Use Scripture to support your answer.

 - 2.) How is this a warning to those who are casual about sin?

5. Contrast the angel’s warning with the comfort found in Revelation 14:12–13.
 - a. According to Revelation 14:13b, how will those *who die in the Lord* be rewarded? See also Hebrews 6:10.

6. Note that God continues to reach out to rebellious mankind. How does this amazing fact minister to you? See also 2 Peter 3:9b.

Read Revelation 14:14-16

1. From Revelation 14:14, describe the appearance of the *One* who sat *on the cloud*.
 - a. Read and comment on the following quote from C.H. Spurgeon concerning the *golden crown* on His head:
“How different it will be to see Him with a crown of gold upon His head from what it was to see Him wearing that terrible crown of thorns which the cruel soldiers plaited, and thrust upon His brow! The word used here does not usually refer to the diadem of power, but to the crown won in conflict; and it is very remarkable that it should be said that, when Christ comes to judge the world, He will wear the garland of victory, the crown which He has won in the great battle He has fought. How significant of His final triumph will that crown of gold be about those brows that were once covered with bloody sweat when He was fighting the battle for our salvation!”

 - b. What was in *His hand*? Revelation 14:14b

2. What did the *angel* say to *Him* in Revelation 14:15?
3. How did the *Son of Man* respond in Revelation 14:16?
 - a. This *harvest* is the last harvest of souls for those who respond positively to the angel's warning. Read Jesus' parable in Matthew 13:24-30 and share your thoughts.
 - b. Identify these souls using Revelation 7:13-14.
 - c. How are these believers harvested?
4. Contrast the invitation that these souls will respond to in Revelation 14:7-11 with the invitation from Matthew 11:28. What do you see?
 - a. Knowing the things that will transpire, why is it advantageous to walk with Jesus now?

Read Revelation 14:17-20

1. Record the events of Revelation 14:17-18.
 - a. According to Revelation 14:18a, where did this *angel* come from?
 - b. Use the passages below to summarize the events that took place at the *altar* in heaven:
 - 1.) Revelation 6:9-11
 - 2.) Revelation 8:3-5
 - c. From Revelation 14:18a, why do you suppose it is significant that the *angel* came from the *altar*?

Observation Worksheet

Revelation 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. 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. 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. 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. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God. 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-- 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." 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." 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, 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. 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." ¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 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." 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. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." ¹⁶ So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. ¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." ¹⁹ So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.