

The New Song on Mount Zion

¹ I looked, and the lamb was standing on Mount Zion. There were 144,000 people with him who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

² Then I heard a sound from heaven like the noise of raging water and the noise of loud thunder. The sound I heard was like the music played by harpists.

³ They were singing a new song in front of the throne, the four living creatures, and the leaders. Only the 144,000 people who had been bought on earth could learn the song.

So here in verse one through three, we see the 144,000 virgin Jews. We see that they are with the Lord who was represented by the Lamb. God's name is to remain in their forehead. This sing this a new song that no one else can sing because it talks towards their trials, tribulations, deliverance, and faith in the Lord.

For verse 4, The King James version says:

⁴ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins.

This is not saying that if a man lay with a woman that they are defiled. That would not make sense being that God told man and woman to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth. This was actually the 1st commandment in the bible that God gave man and woman. He blessed it and later, after the earth populated, instituted it towards only the married.

God's word translation writes verse 4 as follows:

⁴ These 144,000 virgins are pure. They follow the lamb wherever he goes. They were bought from among humanity as the first ones offered to God and to the lamb.

So verse 4 is really not dealing with sexuality at all when it talks about being virgins. This is dealing with those who have kept themselves pure from the world's pagan system of false religion. Those who have given their lives fully to God and Christ.

It is important to note that sometimes the bible refers to a nation as a woman, she or her. We'll see that here in this chapter when we reach verse 8.

Revelation 5 They've never told a lie. They are blameless.

These 144,000 are blameless and never told a lie. This does not mean that they have been sinless as **ALL have sinned and have fallen short of the Glory of God (Romans 3:23)**. There are sins of commission and sins of omission. Sins of commission are sins that were committed on purpose. Sins of omission are sins committed that you didn't know was a sin. **1st John 17 says "All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death."**

The Harvest of the Earth

⁶ I saw another angel flying overhead with the everlasting Good News to spread to those who live on earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people.

⁷ The angel said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the time has come for him to judge. Worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs."

So here in verse six, God sent an angel to the world and calls people to worship God and serve him. God is so merciful but he is still giving people time. Time to change so that they can make it into His kingdom.

While John seen this angel flying overhead, people more than likely will not see this angel flying overhead. I believe these words will be spoken in the hearts and minds of the people on earth.

⁸ Another angel, a second one, followed him, and said, "Fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen! She has made all the nations drink the wine of her passionate sexual sins."

Babylon represents more than a city here. It represents the political, commercial, and religious systems of the world in the end time. This is a warning not to fall into temptation and be lured into spiritual fornication with the antichrist.

Chapters 14 – 18 are parallel chapters. All of these things are happening in the same period as you'll notice in Chapter 18, the scripture says Babylon the Great has fallen.

⁹ Another angel, a third one, followed them, and said in a loud voice, "Whoever worships the beast or its statue, whoever is branded on his forehead or his hand,

¹⁰ The same will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured unmixed into the cup of God's anger. Then he will be tortured by fiery sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the lamb.

God fury which is been poured unmixed into the cup of Gods anger means anyone who receives the Mark of the Beast will get his punishment undiluted. They will receive the full effect God's punishment.

¹¹The smoke from their torture will go up forever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast or its statue, or for anyone branded with its name."

People are quick to judge God's actions. God gives people a choice to choose. You cannot serve both God and the devil. Either you'll love one and hate the other.

If God says love your neighbor which mean love everyone and do not kill them, don't steal from them, don't commit adultery against them, do not fornicate with them, don't bare false witness or lie on them and then you have Satan saying do it anyway, who did you listen to or whose side did you choose?

If God says, do not have any god's before me or that you have placed above me and love me with all your heart, soul and mind, then Satan says don't love God, love me and my ways instead. Who are you choosing to go after?

Lets turn this around to you. You say, this is my house or this is my business, or this is my wife (don't touch her) or these are my children (don't violate them) or these are my brothers and sisters (don't steal from them or me and don't kill us), obey my rules or you can't be around me, what would you do?

Would you let them into your home?

Well this is why God put Lucifer (now called Satan, devil and that old dragon) out of heaven. So if you know Satan and his followers are going to tear things up and cause sin to come in, why let Satan and whoever is following him, into God's home?

¹²In this situation God's holy people, who obey his commands and keep their faith in Jesus, need endurance.

¹³I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: From now on those who die believing in the Lord are blessed." "Yes," says the Spirit. "Let them rest from their hard work. What they have done goes with them."

Although this passage is referring to those living at that time, it also applies to those who die believing in the Lord prior to that time. We are rewarded for our faithfulness to Him and our faithful endurance.

Listen to this passage from Ecclesiastes 4:1-3 (GW), Next, I turned to look at all the acts of oppression that make people suffer under the sun. Look at the tears of those who suffer! No one can comfort them. Their oppressors have all the power. No one can comfort those who suffer.

2. I congratulate the dead, who have already died, rather than the living, who still have to carry on.

3. But the person who hasn't been born yet is better off than both of them. He hasn't seen the evil that is done under the sun.

Watch this passage coming from **1st Corinthians 15:12-28** (GW).

If we have told you that Christ has been brought back to life, how can some of you say that coming back from the dead is impossible?

13. If the dead can't be brought back to life, then Christ hasn't come back to life.

14. If Christ hasn't come back to life, our message has no meaning and your faith also has no meaning.

15. In addition, we are obviously witnesses who lied about God because we testified that he brought Christ back to life. But if it's true that the dead don't come back to life, then God didn't bring Christ back to life.

16. Certainly, if the dead don't come back to life, then Christ hasn't come back to life either.

17. If Christ hasn't come back to life, your faith is worthless and sin still has you in its power.

18. Then those who have died as believers in Christ no longer exist.

19. If Christ is our hope in this life only, we deserve more pity than any other people.

20. But now Christ has come back from the dead. He is the very first person of those who have died to come back to life.

21. Since a man brought death, a man also brought life back from death.

22. As everyone dies because of Adam, so also everyone will be made alive because of Christ.

23. This will happen to each person in his own turn. Christ is the first, then at his coming, those who belong to him will be made alive.

24. Then the end will come. Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father as he destroys every ruler, authority, and power.

25. Christ must rule until God has put every enemy under his control.

26. The last enemy he will destroy is death.

27. Clearly, God has put everything under Christ's authority. When God says that everything has been put under Christ's authority, this clearly excludes God, since God has put everything under Christ's authority.

28. But when God puts everything under Christ's authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, since God had put everything under the Son's authority. Then God will be in control of everything.

And our final scripture reference is coming from **1st Thessalonians 4:13-18**

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to be ignorant about those who have died. We don't want you to grieve like other people who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and came back to life. We also believe that, through Jesus, God will bring back those who have died. They will come back with Jesus. ¹⁵ We are telling you what the Lord taught. We who are still alive when the Lord comes will not go „into his kingdom,“ ahead of those who have already died. ¹⁶ The Lord will come from heaven with a command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the dead who believed in Christ will come back to life. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive will be taken in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. In this way we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ So then, comfort each other with these words!

Revelation 14:14, Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and on the cloud sat someone who was like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

This is a vision of the second coming of Christ. John saw Christ sitting on upon a white cloud just as Daniel described. Christ is wearing this gold crown on His head with this sharp sickle in His hand. He is preparing to gather the harvest.

Revelation 15 Another angel came out of the temple. He cried out in a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, "Swing your sickle, and gather the harvest. The time has come to gather it, because the harvest on the earth is overripe."

This next scripture reminds us of the parable of the tares of the field.

Jesus said in Matthew 13:38-40, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

The wheat (those who do good unto the Lord) is being separated from the tares (those who does bad and on the side of the devil).

Please Note: This harvest is not talking about the same as thing as those who die in the Lord in verse 13. Verses 14 – 20 in Revelation chapter 14 is a vision of the battle of Armageddon, but Chapters 14-18 are parallel scriptures so we'll be discussing Armageddon in future videos.

Revelation 16 The one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the harvesting of the earth was completed.

¹⁷ Another angel came out of the temple in heaven. He, too, had a sharp sickle.

¹⁸ Yet another angel came from the altar with authority over fire. This angel called out in a loud voice to the angel with the sharp sickle, "Swing your sickle, and gather the bunches of grapes from the vine of the earth, because those grapes are ripe."

¹⁹ The angel swung his sickle on the earth and gathered the grapes from the vine of the earth. He threw them into the winepress of God's anger.

In Joel 3:13, Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe:

**Come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow;
For their wickedness *is* great.**

The grapes here is representing the wicked men.

Revelation 20 The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city. Blood flowed out of the winepress as high as a horse's bridle for 1,600 stadia.

So this is a bloody battle. So bloody that the blood will flow to the horse's bridles
(v.20)

"A furlong, also called a stadium, and that is a Greek measure of distance equal to 606 feet and 9 inches" 1,600 furlongs is approximately 180 miles.