



“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches...”
A message and warning as to what the Spirit is “forth telling to the world.”

Revelation 14:1-12, “Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. ³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. ⁵ No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless. ⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” ⁸ A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.” ⁹ A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, ¹⁰ they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” ¹² This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.”

The Lamb and the 144,000—

The Lamb “Jesus, the Messiah (Son of God)” is standing along with the 144,000 who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

Isn’t that the directive in the life of the Christian?

We are to “follow the Lamb.”

Definition: Christian...a FOLLOWER of Jesus Christ.

The Lamb refers to Jesus in Revelation (mentioned 28 times in Revelation) and 4 other places in the New Testament.

However, the sacrifice of the lamb mentioned in the Old Testament is significant here.

No title concerning the Lord Jesus Christ arrests more interest than the winsome designation of the 'LAMB' of God. It is full of suggestiveness and brings at once to our minds and hearts the sacrificial character that our Lord assumed. It speaks of His submissive conformity to the divine will, the comeliness of His nature as meek, gentle and lowly in heart. It speaks of the beauty, purity and holiness of His unblemished person.

Are the 144,000 servants in Chapter 14 the same as the ones mentioned in Chapter 7?

Bible scholars do not agree on this...Therefore, read Scripture and more Scripture.

Similarities of the two groups—

- (1) *Both groups total 144,000*
- (2) *Both groups have something written on their FOREHEADS.*

Differences of the two groups---

- (1) *The Revelation 7 group is specifically Jewish (12 Tribes, chosen people)*
The Revelation 14 group comes "from the earth" or "from among men."
- (2) *Revelation 7 group is sealed with the Father's seal*
The Revelation 14 group has the name of the Father and the Son.
- (3) *Scene of Chapter 7 group occurs on earth*
Scene of Chapter 14 group takes place in heaven; but, only halfway through the Tribulation.
- (4) *The members of each of the 144,000 groups*
Chapter 7 members are "Servants of God."
Chapter 14 members are redeemed from among men; the first fruits unto God and the Lamb."
Probably the outstanding saints of the Church from the early days of the spread of the Gospel to the Rapture of the church.

Remember, very important...the Chapter 14 group is a scene in heaven (the RAPTURED church will be in heaven).

Qualifications of the elite group of Christians in Chapter 14:

1. *They are redeemed from the earth by faith in Christ (name of the Father and the Lamb on their foreheads).*
2. *They are morally pure (spiritually pure...those who have kept the Word and have been undefiled by the world's standards).*
Spiritually speaking, they are those who have lived up to the standards observed in Romans 12:1-2.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Note: Holiness can only be obtained by the washing in the blood of the Lamb.

3. ***They are obedient and available...*** "Follows the Lamb wherever He goes."
4. ***They tell the TRUTH...*** "and in their mouth was found no guile."
5. ***They live blameless lives... "they are without fault."***
Not meaning that they have never sinned. Not meaning that they are perfect within themselves...But, meaning that with the Lord's help they desired to serve Jesus and walk with Him...and leaned on His power to live consecrated and holy lives

Vision of the Angels and their message in Revelation 14:1-12---

V.6-7--The angel "with the summon to worship the God who is the Creator of all things."

V. 8, The angel "foretells the doom of Rome (Babylon)"... a symbol of the inhabitants who think they know it all, have the military power and authority to rule the world. Ancient Rome: Arrogant and Selfish...thinking that they cannot be destroyed. Modern day Rome: Elite group of people who arrogantly declare that wisdom is found in MAN alone and that God does not exist. They state that all things are relevant...with no blacks or whites. "Do as the Romans do" is still the cry of the world today.

V.9-12, The Angel "foretells the destruction of those who have renounced or rejected their faith and worshipped the Beast (the antichrist).

What is the "everlasting gospel?" v. 6

It has a double-edged quality-----

- (1) ***Good News for those that receive it***

(2) Judgment for those that reject it.

Everlasting gospel includes in it “a promise of reward”

Accept----Heaven with the God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit...and all the others (family, friends, and acquaintances);

Reject----Hell...prepared for the devil and his angels...and those who reject the “Everlasting message” of salvation in Jesus.

Actually, the “everlasting gospel” is not only a promise, but a **WARNING**. Christians are to be ready and available for the battle.

Are you ready to battle for our rights as a Christian?

God is on our side...We will win in the end!