The 144,000: Well Done!

(14:1-5)
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. (Revelation 14:1)

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. (Revelation 14:2)

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. (Revelation 14:3)

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. (Revelation 14:4)
And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.  
(Revelation 14:5)
"The future will challenge our understanding of what it means to be human, from both a biological and a social standpoint."

"Already, advances in neurotechnologies and biotechnologies are forcing us to question what it means to be human."

The 144,000: Well Done! (14:1-5)

Unbelievers: Time is Short! (14:6-7)

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—(Revelation 14:6)
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.”  
[Revelation 14:7]

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,  
[Revelation 7:9]

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—  
[Revelation 14:6]

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”  
[Luke 2:13–14]
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.”  
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“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”  
(Matthew 24:14)

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(Revelation 14:7)

Tribulation Believers: Stand Firm!  
(14:8-13)

“But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”  
(Matthew 24:13)
41. Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. (James 1:12)

42. My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. (James 5:10–11)

43. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. (1 Peter 2:20)

44. Tribulation Believers: Stand Firm! (14:8-13)

45. 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.” (Revelation 14:8)
Identifying End Times Babylon

- Geographic/Political
- Religious
- Economic

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, 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."

(Revelation 14:9–10)

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

(John 3:36)

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

(Romans 5:9)

Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

(Colossians 3:6–7)

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 5:9)
GOD’S PUNISHMENT  GOD’S DISCIPLINE
For UNBELIEVERS  For BELIEVERS
Exercised in JUSTICE  Exercised in GRACE
Because they  Because we
REJECTED CHRIST  DISOBEYED.
Involves God’s WRATH  Involves God’s LOVE
NOT for their GOOD  FOR our GOOD
For their CONDEMNATION  For our CORRECTION
NOW and in ETERNITY  Only on EARTH

“[Revelation 14:11] is the most horrible picture of eternal punishment in the entirety of Revelation.”

Robert Thomas

“The modern vogue of dispensing with hell has no counterpart in Revelation.”

Leon Morris

in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day... (2 Thessalonians 1:8–10)

“And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (Matthew 25:46)
These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. (2 Peter 2:17)

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 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.” (Revelation 14:12–13)

The Earth: Ripe for Harvest! (14:14–20)
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.  
(Revelation 14:14)

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.” So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.  
(Revelation 14:15–16)

For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor when it is time to thresh her; yet a little while and the time of her harvest will come.”  
(Jeremiah 51:33)

“The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels”.  
(Matthew 13:39)

“For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”  
(John 5:26–27)

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 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.”  
(Revelation 14:17–18)
“Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow— for their wickedness is great.”

(Joel 3:13)

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. 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.

(Revelation 14:19–20)

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

(Revelation 19:15)

OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Prelude to the Harvest: Drumroll Please!

(15:1-8)

REvelation 15
Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. (Revelation 15:1–2)

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested.” (Revelation 15:3–4)

After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. (Revelation 15:5–6)

Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. (Revelation 15:7–8)
Abomination of Desolation (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15)

The End Times

RAPTURE (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

SECOND COMING (Matt. 24:29-31; Rev. 19:11-16)

ANTICHRIST UNVEILED (Dan. 9:27)

3 ½ years of Protection

SECOND COMING (Matt. 24:29-31; Rev. 19:11-16)

7-Year Tribulation (Matt. 24:4-28)

Daniel’s 70th Week (Dan. 9:24-27)

Time of Jacob’s Trouble (Jer. 30:7)

Day of the Lord’s Wrath (Zeph. 1:14-18)

SEALS (Rev. 6)

TRUMPETS (Rev. 8-9)

BOWLS (Rev. 16)

Tribulation Judgments

Messianic Kingdom (Rev. 20-21; Isa. 65:17-25)

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Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.” (Revelation 16:1)

The Bowl Judgments

1. Ugly and painful sores (16:2)

So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. (Revelation 16:2)

The Bowl Judgments

1. Ugly and painful sores (16:2)

2. All sea life is destroyed (16:3)
Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died. (Revelation 16:3)

Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. (Revelation 16:4)

And I heard the angel of the waters saying: “You are righteous, O Lord, the One who is and who was and who is to be, because You have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.” (Revelation 16:5–6)

And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.” (Revelation 16:7)
Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

(Revelation 16:8–9)

The **Bowl** Judgments

1. Ugly and painful sores (16:2)
2. All sea life is destroyed (16:3)
3. All fresh water is destroyed (16:4–7)
4. The world’s climate is altered so that the sun scorches people (16:8–9)
5. Unusual darkness over the earth (16:10–11)

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

(Revelation 16:10–11)

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Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

(Revelation 16:12)
And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (Revelation 16:13)

The Luciferian Conspiracy Diagramed

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.” (Psalms 2:1–3)

For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (Revelation 16:14)
“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.” And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. (Revelation 16:15–16)

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7. Worst earthquake in history (16:17-21)

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” (Revelation 16:17)

“Men would not have the Savior’s ‘It is finished!’ on Calvary; so they must have the awful ‘It is done!’ from the Judge!”

William R. Newell

And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. (Revelation 16:18)

Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. (Revelation 16:19)
Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great. (Revelation 16:20–21)

APPLICATIONS

God is just!

Believe in Jesus!

The rapture truly is a blessed hope!