

REVELATION 14:

1. V1-5 – The 144,000

- a) Who is standing on mount Sion and who is with Him? (v1)
- b) Where do you think is mount Sion in this context? (v1, Heb 12:22-23)
- c) Why do the 144,000 have the Father's name written in their foreheads? (v1, Rev 7:1-4)
- d) What did John hear and what was so unique about this song? (v2-3)
- e) Where are the 144,000 and where did they come from? (v3-5)
- f) What are the characteristics of the 144,000? (v4-5, Rev 7:1-8)
- g) What do you think is the meaning of "These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb"?

2. V6-11

- a) Then John sees 3 angels flying in heaven each bringing a message.
What are each of these angels saying: the first (v6-7), the second angel following (v8) and the third angel following (v9-11)?
- b) Who is going to preach the everlasting gospel and to whom? (v6)
Why do you think the gospel needs to be preached at this time?
- c) What do you think does it mean when it says "the hour of his judgement is come"? (v7, Rev 6:17, Rev 14:19, Rev 15:1)
- d) When is Babylon going to fall and why?(v8, Rev 16:17-19, 2 Chron 21:5-11, 2 Kings 17:9-15)
- e) What are the consequences of a person worshipping the beast and his image and receiving his mark in his forehead or in his hand? (v9-11)
- f) What are the characteristics of the lake of fire and brimstone in verses 10 to 11?

3. V12-13

- a) Considering the messages of the 2nd and the 3rd angels, why does verse 12 say "Here is the patience of the saints"? (v12)
- b) Who are the saints? (v12)

- c) "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:" (v13)
 - i) When do you think are they going to die and why? (Rev 12:11, Matt 24:9-11,21-26)
 - ii) Why would they rest from their labours?
 - iii) What "works" do you think will follow them? (John 6:28-29, Matt 16:27)

4. V14-20

- a) Next John sees a white cloud. Describe what he sees. (v14)
- b) Why does the Son of Man have a sharp sickle in His hand? (v14-15)
- c) Do you think there are any similarities between Matt 24:29-31 and Rev 14:13-16?
- d) When do you think will "the harvest of the earth be ripe"? (v15)
- e) How many "reapings" are there in verses 16 to 19? Who does the reaping and what are they?
- f) Is the reaping of the believers literal or figurative? Do you think the reaping of the believers is the rapture?
- g) What will happen to the unbelievers ("clusters of the vine of the earth") when they are reaped? (v18-20)
- h) Read Matt 13:24-30 and Matt 13:36-43
 - i) Who sows the good seed and who are the good seed? (v36-38)
 - ii) Who are the tares? Who sows the tares? (v25, v38-39)
 - iii) How does the devil sow the tares? (2 Cor 2:17, 2 Cor 11:3-4, 2 Cor 11:13-15, Gal 1:6-9, Gal 2:4, Gal 3:1, Rom 16:17-18, Eph 4:14, Col 2:8, 2 Tim 4:3-4)
 - iv) "The harvest is the end of the world". When do you think is the "end of the world" in this context? (Rev 20:11-15)
 - v) What will happen to the tares at the end of the world? (v40-42, Rev 20:15)
 - vi) "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father". When do you think does this verse come to pass? (Rev 21:1-4)
- i) Describe what the "great winepress of the wrath of God" looks like. Do you agree that this is a symbolic picture of the fierceness of the wrath of God? (v20)