

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 25 – The Lamb and the 144,000 - Revelation 14:1-5

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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REV 14:1 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 kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. [5] No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 329. Who did John see standing before him? (14:1)
- 330. Where in this vision of John's was the central character standing? (14:1)
- 331. Who was standing with the Lamb? (14:1)
- 332. What was written on the foreheads of the 144,000? (14:1)
- 333. What was the sound that John heard from heaven like? (14:2)
- 334. What did the 144,000 do as John looked on? (14:3)
- 335. Who besides John heard the 144,000 singers? (14:3)
- 336. Who was given the privilege of learning the song of the 144,000? (14:3)
- 337. How is the purity of the 144,000 described? (14:4)
- 338. How is the commitment and faithfulness of the 144,000 pictured? (14:4)
- 339. What is said here about the unique spiritual condition of the 144,000? (14:4-5)

340. How is the integrity of the 144,000 described? (14:5)
341. Why do you think only the 144,000 are able to learn the new song of praise?
342. What does it mean to "follow the Lamb wherever he goes"?

Lesson 26 - The Three Angels - Revelation 14:6-13

REV 14:6 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."

REV 14:8 A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."

REV 14:9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, [10] he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. [11] And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name." [12] This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

REV 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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343. What did John see? (14:6)
344. What was an angel dispatched to do? (14:6)
345. What did the angel tell the inhabitants of earth to do? Why? (14:7)
346. Why was it important that people heed the angel's message? (14:7)
347. What pronouncement did the second angel make? (14:8)
348. How was Babylon's sin described by the second angel? (14:9)

349. What warning did the third angel give? (14:9-10)
350. What would be the consequence of taking the mark of the beast? (14:9-10)
351. How is God's judgment on those who worship the beast pictured? (14:10)
352. What words are used to portray God's anger over sin? (14:10)
353. How is the future torment of the unbelieving described in this passage? (14:10-11)
354. What does the future hold for those who do not believe? (14:10-11)
355. How should Christians respond to this sober warning? (14:12)
356. What instructions did John receive from heaven? (14:13)
357. In what sense are the dead blessed? (14:13)
358. How is it significant that the angel proclaimed the eternal gospel to "every nation, tribe, language and people"?

Lesson 27 - The Harvest of the Earth - Revelation 14:14-20

REV 14:14 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man"* with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. [15] Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." [16] So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

REV 14:17 Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. [18] Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." [19] The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. [20] They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 27 - The Harvest of the Earth - Revelation 14:14-20

359. What did John see? (14:14)
360. How did John describe the person he saw? (14:14)

361. What unusual instrument did the one "like a son of man" have in his possession? (14:14)
362. What happened as John stared at the angel sitting on a cloud? (14:15)
363. What did the angel from the heavenly temple tell the other angel to do? Why? (14:15)
364. Why did the one angel command the other to harvest the earth? (14:15)
365. How did the one seated on the cloud respond to the angel's command? (14:16)
366. How did John describe the next angel he saw? (14:17)
367. What did John see "still another angel" do? (14:18)
368. What instructions did the angel give to the one with the "sharp sickle"? (14:18)
369. What happened to the grapes that were gathered by the reaping angel? (14:19-20)
370. How much blood was produced by the crushing of the "grapes"? (14:20)
371. What does this passage tell us about God?