

Revelation 14

The 144,000 were sealed by God in Rev. 7:4

There is a question about Mt. Zion here. Is this the Mt. Zion in Jerusalem or a heavenly Mt. Zion?

Today Christ is enthroned in heavenly Zion. See Psalm 2:6

We are enthroned with him. See Ephesians 2:6

14:3- Because of the special experiences they had during the Tribulation, they have a new song to sing that others cannot share.

14:6-7 During the present age, the angels are not privileged to preach the Gospel. That responsibility has been given to God's people.

14:8- This proclamation anticipates the events of Revelation 18

"Babylon" is God's name for the world system of the "Beast", the entire economic and political organization by which he rules.

14:9- The Greek text reads, "If anyone continues to worship the beast," suggesting that there is still opportunity for repentance and salvation.

14:10- 'full strength' indicates that God will not mix mercy with this judgment.

14:11- 'forever and ever' This goes against the idea that there will not be eternal punishment for those in hell.

Revelation 15

Before the angels pour out their judgments, there is an 'interlude' of blessing. God once again reassures His faithful people.

This scene is reminiscent of the Exodus story. As the Israelites stood by the Red Sea and sang "the song of Moses," here the Tribulation saints are standing by the "sea of glass" in heaven. They too are singing "the song of Moses" and also "the song of the Lamb."

15:5-8 Preparations for the Seven Bowl Judgments

Revelation 16

16:16- The name "Armageddon" comes from two Hebrew words, "har Megiddo," the hill of Megiddo. The word "Megiddo" means "place of troops" or "place of slaughter."

It is in the Valley of Jezreel which is 14 miles wide and 20 miles long. It forms what Napoleon called "the most natural battlefield of the whole earth."

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