

## REVELATION CHAPTER FOURTEEN

### Part One

Israel has seven years left of God dealing with them in the gospel of salvation. Two prophets come and prophesy the first 3 ½ years. They call out 144,000 Jews to preach the Everlasting Gospel in the last 3 ½ years and call judgment upon Babylon. **The ministry of the 144,000 and the second part of the fifth seal begins and ends at exactly the same time.** This ends the little season that's spoken of in Revelation 6:9-11 as the last 3 ½ years close out this period.

Verse 1: *"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."*

Verse 2: *"And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:"*

Verse 3: *"And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth."*

Verse 4: *"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb."*

Verse 5: *"And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."*

The fourteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation is broken up into three parts. We just read the first part which deals with the 144,000. The second part deals with the Gospel they preach, the time they preach it, and the calling judgment upon Babylon. The third part deals with the time when God is closing out this age and gathering the nations together for the battle of Armageddon. We'll deal with it in three parts. In his vision John saw a Lamb and 144,000 following the Lamb; and they had the Father's name in their foreheads. What does that mean? They have received the revelation of who Jesus is. What is the Father's name? It's "Lord Jesus Christ." Jesus said, *"I come in my Father's name."*

As the two prophets prophesy, the 144,000 get a revelation of who Jesus Christ is. They will be this special anointed group of 144,000 that God's voice will come through in that hour. Although there will be other Jews that will receive salvation as the two prophets prophesy, this 144,000 group that preach the Everlasting Gospel are, *"The firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb."*

Verse four says that these were not defiled with women. What kind of women does this mean? So called churches. These denominations cannot convince a real Jew that their gospel is right. When you go into the land of Israel and talk about Christianity, they automatically place you in the category of being a Catholic or some Protestant daughter, with some kind of a trinitarian gospel. The real Jew will not listen to that. Someone said that the Jews are the antichrist

and ought to be killed, because you can't tell them anything about Christ. When the right ones come, they will hear it.

This Gentile world would probably be in a lot better shape today if they hadn't listened to the old whore and her harlot daughters. People get programmed in a denominational way and it's hard to shake them out with the Word of God, but here are 144,000 that have not been defiled with these harlot systems.

Let me drop this in for good measure so you'll know what I mean: as far as being virgins in the flesh is concerned, every one of them could be married and have a dozen children each. This is talking *spiritually*. **They are not defiled with these denominational churches, they are virgins in the spirit.** They are led individually by the Spirit of God. So we see here that one doesn't have to be a virgin in the flesh, in order to be a virgin in the spirit. So from that standpoint, only God knows who is a virgin and who is not, according to His own standards.

Verse five says, "*And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*" What does it mean? They don't have any teachings that come out of seminaries or out of denominations. They get their revelation directly from God and in their mouths are found no guile, no false teaching, and no nonsense. They get it from God.

These are without fault before God and they follow the Lamb wheresoever He goes. Do you see the 144,000 and what they are to do? They will not preach a message to repent and receive the Holy Ghost. That day will be over. You have a chance today to repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. You've got a chance to come in and be part of the body of Christ, but soon that day will be over with. God will move into an entirely different cycle in His dealing.

**In schools and colleges today, they are teaching atheism, that there is no God. That's the devil's way of trying to brainwash the youth and try to make them believe that there is no God and no principles to live by. Wait until these 144,000 come through.** God is going to open a door for them and the Word of God is going to get out. They are going to have a Gospel to preach to the world, and it's the last Gospel the world will ever hear. God is going to make a way for them in all nations.

This is not the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4:11. The five-fold ministry will be taken out of the earth when the Bride is taken out. After that, God's program goes into an entirely different cycle. It goes into the cycle of the two prophets that we dealt with in the eleventh chapter. After this, God's program goes into the cycle of the 144,000 preaching the Everlasting Gospel and they follow the Spirit of the Lamb wheresoever He leadeth them.

## Part Two

Verse 6: *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,”*

The world will be evangelized in the time of great tribulation, because God will make a way. The 144,000 will preach the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

The Jews have immigrated from Italy, Germany, Russia, U.S.A., and from many other nations. They can speak the language of the nation from whence they came, as well as the original Jewish language. **As they hear about Jesus Christ from the two prophets, and about this apostate religious system, it will remind one of what happened on the day of Pentecost when the Jews heard about Jesus Christ by the apostles. For then they returned to the country from whence they came, and immediately they began to preach to that nation. Likewise, when this 144,000 hear the two prophets they will return immediately to the country from whence they came with the Everlasting Gospel, and there'll be no language barrier to hinder them.** The Jews are the only nation on earth equipped to do this in such a short time. Watch what this Gospel will be as they begin preaching to warn the world.

Verse 7: *“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”*

This gospel didn't say one thing about being baptized in Jesus name. It didn't say one thing about repenting and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. At the time this Everlasting Gospel is preached, that day will all be over. God has begun to deal in another realm. What will they be saying? Fear God, give glory to Him, for His judgment is come.

In this day, communists have just about taken the Far Eastern part of the world, and in some of the European nations, Canada, and in the USA they are making inroads constantly. There's the anti-god theory, etc; but one of these days there will come a message to combat that, and it's in three phases.

The first phase is to wake people up and let them know there is a God. God is going to be with the 144,000 and vindicate them in such a way to make their message effective in that hour. It doesn't say anything about them healing the sick or raising the dead; but God is going to open doors where the doors are sealed closed. God is going to make a way for the Word to go forth. The Everlasting Gospel is against communism as much as it is Catholicism. This message also helps keep the natural people from selling themselves out to the devil and the works of the flesh, so that God will have a natural people to repopulate the earth in the millennium.

Notice, they wake up the people and let them know there is a God, and that

they ought to worship God and to fear God.

Then the next phase of the Gospel they preach will be this:

Verse 8: *"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."*

First the 144,000 wake the people up and let them know there is a God. That's exposing communism, the first phase of their ministry. The second phase exposes Catholicism, Protestantism, and other type cults.

The 144,000 that's sealed after the Bride is gone will tell the world that Babylon is fallen. They tell how rotten she's been in the Dark Age. They will tell about the Spanish Inquisition and how they put the Christians to death by the thousands. The 144,000 know the history of Catholicism and they are going to be well equipped to tell the world what the mother whore is. They are going to say that she's fallen and has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. That's what a lot of people are drunk on today. They are spiritually drunk. They have been drinking of the wine of her fornication. A lot of people are drunk from false religions and on some man's idea or theory, but the Bride of Jesus Christ has the Word.

Verse 9: *"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,"*

This is the third phase of their ministry. Notice the difference in the beast and his image; there's a beast and there's an image. The results of one, is just as bad as the other. It's just as bad to worship the image of the beast, as it is to worship the beast.

**Do you know what the "image of the beast" is? It's the World Council of Churches and all other protestant religious systems that reject the Word.** What's "the beast"? It's the Roman system, as the woman, which is the Catholic Church rides this Roman beast. This beast has been in existence since the B.C. period, but not the woman that rides it. She only came into being in the third church age.

In the thirteenth chapter, we brought in how the image of the beast will have power to speak and cause those to be put to death that won't line up. Don't tell me that daughter won't be like mama. She'll be exactly like mother.

Verse 10: *"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:"*

What does it mean when it says, *"The wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture?"* There's your sixteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. The vials will be poured out and there'll be no mercy.

Verse 11: *"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."*

Do you see the beast and his image? One is just as bad as the other. That's the reason Brother William Branham cried, "Come out of her, my people. Come out

of her, she's doomed; she's the image!" **But now, that's not our primary message. The primary message for the Bride of Christ is to come into the Body of Christ so you can go in the Rapture, and be at the marriage supper of the Lamb while this chapter is being fulfilled.**

Verse 12: *"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."*

Here is the faith of the saints. What saints? Those who refused to go along with that beastly system. There's going to be many saints that are left here when the Rapture takes place that fail to come into the Body of Christ. There's going to be Jews here that stand for the Word of God. *"Here are they that keep the commandments of God (Jews) and the faith of Jesus (Gentiles)."*

Verse 13: *"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*

"From henceforth" means the saints will have to die for their stand for the Word after this time begins. Notice this says, *"That they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."* This shows that it is not a day like we are living in. Today it is not by works, but we come in under the righteousness of God. Revelation chapter 18 picks up this same ministry of the 144,000 and shows their special anointing.

### Part Three

Now, we deal with the third part. The first part told about the 144,000, who they are and what they're for. The second part deals with the Gospel they preach. All of this is after the middle of the week.

The third part of this chapter deals with the preparation for the Battle of Armageddon which is right at the end of the 3 ½ years. We will deal with that now from the fourteenth verse through the twentieth verse.

Verse 14: *"And I looked, and behold a white cloud and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle."*

Notice, Jesus had a crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand showing that He's already received the authority from Almighty God to reign as King of kings; that's the golden crown on His head. This is a spiritual scene that John is looking at. Secondly, He has a sharp sickle in His hand. If you've got a sickle in your hand, it's to cut something down with, isn't it?

Verse 15: *"And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."*

Verse 16: *"And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the*

*earth was reaped."*

This is a spiritual transaction that takes place just before the Battle of Armageddon. It is the authority that Jesus has to loose the spiritual forces. John is seeing Jesus Christ as He receives the authority to loose the spiritual forces to gather the world to Armageddon. He just makes a big sweep with a sharp sickle in His hand. This deals with the events leading up to the Battle of Armageddon.

I want to read this from another translation and it may help us understand a little more. *"Begin to use the sickle, for the time has come for you to reap, the harvest on earth is ripe. So the one sitting on the cloud swung the sickle over the earth and the harvest was gathered in."* Notice that He does not, at this moment gather them together. He only swings the sickle over the earth. It's a sign from Jesus Christ to all the spiritual forces; and all the spiritual forces have to take command under Jesus Christ, whether the forces are good or evil, when this sickle is swung over the earth. At this time, all the spiritual forces will begin to move this world into a time of trouble like hasn't been since there was a world. Notice that He didn't cut the earth; He only swung it over the earth. In other words, loose the spiritual forces that will gather the world together to bring them to Armageddon. This shows the same thing as those four angels bound in the River of Euphrates under the sixth trumpet where He said to "loose the four angels that are bound in the river Euphrates." This same thing is shown by the sixth vial as three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, to gather the world to the Battle of Armageddon. It's Jesus Christ with the authority of God after the Rapture takes place, after He receives His Kingly authority, after He receives power to judge the world, He loosed certain spiritual forces in the world and the whole world begins to react to His command.

Verse 17: *"And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle."*

Verse 18: *"And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe."*

Another translation reads, *"Use your sickle to cut off the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth for they are fully ripe for judgment."*

Verse 19: *"And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."*

Verse 20: *"And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."*

Another translation reads, *"And grapes were trodden in the winepress without the city, and blood flowed out of the streams two hundred miles long, as high as the horse bridles."* That's in the Valley of Megiddo.

Jesus, sitting there in a visionary form, swung a sickle over the earth. It was a signal to all the spiritual forces to "go and do what you're supposed to do."

Then the angel took over the work to see that the Word of God is fulfilled.

This world is in a rotten mess today. There's nothing to do, but to destroy it. **Humanity, flesh, has become so rotten that it takes predestination and the Spirit of God to come in and change it. Man has become worse than animals. When God looks down, He says that it's fully ripe. The earth is just a big rotten mess. What does He do? He gathers them into the Valley of Megiddo and God gets up and walks up and down on it and stomps them until the blood runs two hundred miles and up to the horse's bridles. I am speaking symbolically here.**

That's the way John saw it. They won't be riding horses in this battle, but this shows mass destruction. Millions die there in the great Battle of Armageddon just after the 144,000 finish their message. You can go to Revelation 19, where He treads the winepress of the wrath of God. Also, Revelation 19 ties right in with this. Amen.