

Revelation 14:1-13

I. Introduction

Chapter 12 describes Satan's persecution of Christ and His Church. Chapter 13 depicts the worldly powers and the false prophet deceiving, persecuting, and overcoming the saints. In contrast, Chapter 14 presents God's comfort and blessings for the saints who remain faithful to the end.

II. Main Points

1. God Will Preserve and Save Those Who Remain Faithful to the End (vv. 1-5)

1) The 144,000 redeemed saints standing with the Lamb on Mount Zion (v. 1)

Standing with the Lamb on Mount Zion – They are under God's sovereign reign and rule.

Having the name of the Lamb and His Father written on their foreheads – They belong to Christ and are His own.

2) The 144,000 saints singing a new song before the throne of heaven (vv. 2-3)

The new song – A song celebrating the redemption accomplished through the precious blood of Christ on the cross. If there is a supreme blessing and comfort reserved for those who remain faithful throughout their lives, it is this: to stand before the throne of God and of the Lamb, joyfully singing the new song and offering unending praise to God.

3) Who are the 144,000 who sing the new song? (vv. 4-5)

- a. They are those who have not defiled themselves with women but have remained spiritually pure.
- b. They are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.
- c. They are those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, belonging entirely to Him.
- d. They are those in whose mouths no falsehood is found; they are blameless before God.

2. God Announces His Judgment upon Those Who Receive the Mark of the Beast (vv. 6-12)

1) The Message of the First Angel (vv. 6-7)

The final judgment is near. Therefore, people are urged to believe the gospel without delay, receive salvation, fear God, and give Him glory. This message represents God's final opportunity for repentance before judgment.

2) The Message of the Second Angel (v. 8)

The angel proclaims the fall of Babylon—representing, in John's day, the Roman Empire, and more broadly, the ungodly world system that stands in opposition to God. God once again confirms the certain judgment and ultimate destruction of all powers that rebel against Him.

3) The Message of the Third Angel (vv. 9-11)

Those who receive the mark of the beast will experience God's righteous wrath and will be cast into the lake of burning sulfur, where they will suffer eternal punishment. As believers, we must be willing to share in Christ's sufferings if we are to share in His glory (Romans 8:17-18).

4) Endurance Is Necessary to Preserve Faithful Devotion (v. 12)

Those who receive the mark of the beast may enjoy temporary comfort and security, but everlasting judgment awaits them. Those who remain faithful to Christ must endure suffering in this present life, yet they will ultimately enter God's eternal rest. Therefore, steadfast endurance is essential for all who desire to remain faithful to the end.

3. Rest and Eternal Rewards Are Promised to the Saints Who Endure and Remain Faithful (v. 13)

1) Those Who Die in the Lord Will Enter into Eternal Rest

Those who die in the Lord will cease from their earthly labors and enter into the perfect rest of heaven. Their faithful service and perseverance will find their fulfillment in God's eternal presence.

2) Rewards Will Be Given According to What Each Person Has Done

Believers will receive rewards according to what they have done while living in the body (2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Romans 2:6-8; Revelation 22:12).

Although salvation is by God's grace through faith alone, Scripture teaches that God will graciously reward the faithful for their obedience, service, and perseverance in Christ.

III. Conclusion

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.. (Revelation 14:12)

Bible Reading

Bible Reading Passage

6/29(Mon)	6/30(Tue)	7/1(Wed)	7/2(Thur)	7/3(Fri)	7/4(Sat)	7/5(Sun)
Psalms 29-34	Psalms 35-38	Psalms 39-44	Psalms 45-50	Psalms 51-57	Psalms 58-65	Psalms 66-69

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Quiet Time Passage

6/29(Mon)	6/30(Tue)	7/1(Wed)	7/2(Thur)	7/3(Fri)	7/4(Sat)	7/5(Sun)
Nahum 3:1-11	Nahum 3:12-19	Psalms 107:1-22	Psalms 107:23-43	Psalms 108:1-13	Psalms 109:1-16	Psalms 109:17-31

Sharing Questions

1. What is one new truth you learned or one particular blessing you received through today's message? Please share your thoughts with the group.
2. Revelation 14 portrays the 144,000 redeemed standing with the Lamb on Mount Zion and singing a new song. Discuss how this vision would have brought comfort and hope to the believers who were suffering persecution in John's day, and how it continues to encourage us today.
3. After proclaiming God's coming judgment upon Babylon and those who receive the mark of the beast, the three angels declare that endurance is essential for God's people to remain faithful. Discuss how we can cultivate such endurance amid the temptations, pressures, and persecution of the world.
4. Revelation 14:13 declares, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Why are those who die in the Lord called blessed? Share one reason that especially encourages or strengthens your faith.