THE SPIRITUAL 144,000

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Revelation Chapter 14

The religious realms have so chopped this book up to make it say so many horrible, terrible falsehoods. This is a book about Jesus Christ being revealed in us.

Vs 1 And I looked, (after he had the wisdom of Chapter 13; the understanding of the mark of the beast.) 'And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having their Father's name written in their foreheads.

Vs 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:

Vs 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.

Vs 4 These are they, which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they, which follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb

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

Vs 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,

Vs 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.

Vs 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

- Vs 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,
- Vs 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:
- Vs 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name.
- Vs 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus
- Vs 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 labors: and their works do follow them.
- Vs 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.
- Vs 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
- Vs 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.
- Vs 17 And another angel came out of the temple, which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
- Vs 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.
- Vs 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
- Vs 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.
- Vs 1 'And I looked up and lo, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion." Who is this Lamb? It's the Christ. He stood upon, not on, but upon Mount Zion. Zion literally means a 'parched place'. Now why would it be a parched place? Why is the Lamb standing in a place where everything is burned up? All

flesh has been burned. When we stand in the presence of God, there is no flesh. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. This parched place represents all the earth. Everything living in the earth has been dealt with; all of these foreign things that have been in our life, from the time of our conception, have been dealt with by this Lamb. Every foreign thing that is in our body that came out of humanity has been dealt with, when we get to Mt. Zion. It's not something that we can just do. We can't go climb up on a natural mountain that says, Mt. Zion, with a sign at the bottom of it and think that we have arrived. This is dealing with everything that is in our life. Every detail of our life has to be dealt with before we hit Mt. Zion. Mt. Zion also represents the third covenant. There are three mountains in Jerusalem: Ophel, Moriah, and Zion. Those three mountains represent the three covenants. And in this realm of God there are three covenants: Dust, sand, and stars. The stars would be the same covenant as Mt. Zion.

'And with him there was a hundred and forty-four thousand.' Now we see this hundred and forty-four thousand, as some branches of religion teach, that these are the only ones that are going to make it to heaven, and there are many who speak of these things. If you go back to Chapter one, verse ten it says that John was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. Well if he was in the Spirit when he got this vision, there is no one in their carnality or in their intelligence or in their intellect that are going to understand this, is there? They will not understand what happens in the Spirit in their natural He said, 'They're standing on the mountain.' This is understanding. something he is seeing in the Spirit: 'A hundred and forty-four thousand standing with the Lamb'. Now this lamb he seen wasn't some wooly creature; this was the Christ. This is the totality of the Christ; this is the corporate Christ; A hundred and forty-four thousand. Twelve times twelve times ten. There were twelve thousand in fact, from each tribe taken. It's speaking of the government of God. It's the leadership of the Kingdom of God. Twelve thousand from each of the twelve tribes; what do we have? A hundred and forty-four thousand; it's not a natural thing; it's a Spiritual thing. It's not a literal number of a hundred and forty-four thousand like some people try to make it. It is the government of God. Whoever God deems is the government of God from every tribe, nation, and kindred, and tongue. Those will be the ones standing there. We can't make this thing read literal, because it is Spiritual. Didn't Paul say in Corinthians that the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit because they are spiritually discerned? 'And these hundred and forty-four thousand have their Father's name.' The word name is onoma: the nature and character of God, written in their forehead. So let's

just reduce this down, there are a hundred and forty-four thousand standing here with the mind of Christ in their head. That is all it is. They have got the mind of Christ. This is the leadership of God's Kingdom, and there are a hundred and forty-four thousand (which as we said again is a spiritual number), it's the leadership of God. Those are the ones that are going to have the mind of Christ.

Vs 2 'And I heard a voice from heaven.' Now when he says this, do you think that this voice came down out of the clouds? He heard something within himself; it's out of the Spirit realm. Where does the Spirit of God dwell? Within each one of us; so when I hear the Spirit speak, I don't hear some big booming voice coming out of a speaker or something, I hear God within me speaking. And He says, 'I heard this voice from heaven.' (He literally heard from the Spirit.) He heard the Spirit crying in his spirit. If I line my spirit up with the Spirit of God, and the same in your situation, you are going to hear the same thing in the Spirit that I hear. You are going to hear the Spirit cry out the very same things. There is only one Spirit; it is the Spirit of God. 'He heard this voice crying as the voice of many waters'. Literally he is speaking of the corporate son. He is speaking about this many membered body of Christ. It says in Revelation 17:15, that the many waters were the many peoples, nations, tongues, and kindreds. So he heard this many waters; he heard many voices coming out. He heard the corporate son speaking the word. Now what word were they speaking? They were speaking the word of God, by the Spirit of God. If we come together, how can two walk together except they be agreed? I can't speak the word of God unless I'm walking as one with the Spirit of God. I'm still speaking out of duality and mixture. I have to walk in the Spirit of God, and most people try to play both sides of it. It doesn't work.

And it says that, 'he heard the voice of many waters, as the voice of a great thunder.' That is the word of God. 'And I heard the voice (or literally the sound) of harpers harping with their harps.' Do you think that when you play a harp it sounds like someone talking? He heard something spiritually. He heard the voice of the harpers harping with their harps. So he heard this group of people that were speaking as one (this hundred and forty-four thousand spoke as one). And they spoke by the Spirit, and he heard the sound of them worshiping, as a corporate worship. They were all harping with their harps; they were all doing the same thing. They had the same thought process. They had the same mind of Christ. So if they have the mind of Christ and the time is come for worship, don't you think they would all worship? It's all in one flow. It's not fifteen different things going on. They

have become one, they have the same mind. Why do you think God has no problem with giving you control of the Kingdom? Once you have the mind of Christ, you have the mind of the Father. It is the same thing. And if you have His mind, why would you do anything contrary to it? All He is trying to do is to prove to you right now that you have the mind of Christ, and if you make the decisions that you know are right, not by your intellect, not by your fleshly desire, but by the Spirit of God that lives within you, He is trying to prove to you that you are that son of God that He said you are. And in consequence, you will do exactly what He says, when you believe who you really are.

That is what this book of unveiling is all about. It's unveiling you to yourself. Are you not the Christ? He is going to unveil yourself to you, so you can have the confidence to stand up and be what He has told you that you are supposed to be. It's not something new; it's what He has always had in design. You are the Christ upon this earth today. Didn't I just teach in John the other night that we know that when He appears we will be like Him? We don't know what it is going to be just yet, but when He appears we know we will be like Him. We will be as Him? So guess what? That is what it's all about. He is trying to reveal to us that this is just to teach you who you are. You need to know who you are; you need to be very confident about that. **Don't let anyone take it away from you.**

Vs 3 'And they sung as it were a new song (literally it is a fresh new song). It's something that everyone can't sing. And they sang it before the throne or in the presence. The throne speaks of the presence of God. They sang in the presence of God, and in the presence of the four beasts, and the twenty-four elders. `This is all speaking of the same thing, as I taught earlier, the twentyfour elders...that is the government of God; four times six, it is the complete man as the government of God. The four elders, what does four speak of? Complete, it's the complete God-man. It's like the four faces in Ezekiel, the four Gospels; four is the complete picture of it. So where he is saying that they sang this is in the presence of God, it is in His eldership, His leadership. How many times does God say something as a witness? Two or three. He said it here in two different ways. Actually he said it three ways; in the presence of the throne, which is God; and before the four beasts, which is the complete God man; and the elders, which is the complete God man. "And no man could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand, or the government of God, which were purchased (or redeemed) from the what? Earth. Now, notice in the covenants (we already spoke about the covenants,

Mt. Zion, third covenant; star covenant); what are the other two covenants? <u>Dust and sand</u>. So he said, "these were redeemed from the earth." What is on the earth? <u>The dust and the sand</u>. So, He is speaking about people that have come out of the first two covenants. He said these were redeemed from the earth.

Later on He says, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, if we stay in those first two covenants; we have, woe; (pain, grief, and suffering). But when we come out of it...does it mean when we come to the Mt. Zion that we are going to walk in a rose garden all of our life? It just means that we come to an understanding that we know now that God is behind everything that is going on. And what He is doing is fixing me. He is tweaking me so I can be the God man that I am supposed to be. That is all that it is about. We no longer worry about the situation, we are going through the same hell as everyone else, but we have an understanding. We don't have to worry and cry and say, "oh woe is me", because something happened to me. We don't have to do that. We know now who is in control, so we can lay it aside and say, "Hey that's just part of the game; it comes with the program." If I'm going to be a Son of God, I'm going to be persecuted. I've got to be tested; I've got to be proven. Look at the life of Job; that is you. Just take Job's name out and write yours in there. Sometimes you might feel like you went through all the hell he went through. But that is what you are supposed to see, and it's ok that you went through it. It's the attitude in the test that directly correlates the longevity and the severity of the test. If you hang onto that you can get something out of it. You'll understand it.

The beast? The four beasts it says..."a dangerous animal". The word beast means dangerous animal. But the four beasts in this verse, actually speak of the man, the complete God man, who has been completed. The four changes the context of the word beast. It's not just the beast anymore it's the man who has been completed. It's the man who has already been changed; he has walked into Mt. Zion. Once we have come to the four, the complete, it speaks of the complete man; he has been complete and walked to Mt. Zion. In Isaiah it speaks of the highway or that higher way. It says no lion can walk there, and no vulture can even fly there. You see that man has been completed, he is already up on the mountain; the higher way; he's tweaked to the top.

Vs 4: "These are they, which were not defiled, or literally, soiled with women." Now many preach that these hundred and forty-four thousand are going to be virgins and they have them in robes, and all this foolishness over

in Israel; it's not what He is talking about; He is speaking about a hundred and forty-four thousand, the government of God, is not going to be defiled with women (the church realms or the soul realm); the first two realms; the dust and the sand. If we are seated in the heavenlies like Paul states, we can't be defiled can we? We can't be defiled with dust and sand if I'm in the stars; it's impossible. So he is saying that these hundred and forty-four thousand, they were not defiled with women. You can look at it another way: the soulish realm did not defile them; their soul didn't defile them, it's not what I want; it's His will isn't it? He said, because they are what? Virgins. What does that mean? It is not speaking about someone who has never had sex; like our encyclopedia or dictionaries would quote you that this is what that But God is speaking of something Spiritual; He is saying, I am faithful. I'm looking for the ones who are faithful to me. They have not run out with someone else. I've been espoused to one husband. And I've been married to a husband just like you have. Not a sexual thing, it's a Spiritual thing. My husband is Christ. In Galatians Paul says, as long as the woman is married and her first husband is alive and she marries another, she is what? An adulteress. Do you think he is speaking about the natural? He is using the natural to show you a Spiritual truth. If my first husband is yet alive, and that was the Adam man, but now he is what? Dead. Wasn't Jesus the last Adam? That man is dead. I am not married to him anymore. And all these people run around thinking they are married to him, do you know what they are doing? I'll just take a word out of Elwin Roach's word: He said they are performing necromancy. They are having a relation with a dead person. That's what they call necromancy, people who have sexual relations with dead people. That's what we are doing as long as we are still claiming Adam as our husband; we are having a relationship with a dead man. But my man that I am married to is alive, my first husband is dead. I have a husband now that is alive forevermore. I don't have to worry any more. And that is what he is trying to teach us. Not being faithful is what he is calling being defiled. So these hundred and forty-four thousand were not defiled were they? But they followed the lamb, and literally that word there 'follow' means to follow as a disciple, the lamb. Now notice who is in charge here. The hundred and fortyfour thousand do what? Do they lead or follow? Well, they lead only by the lead of the lamb. They lead by the lead of the Spirit. They are not making the choices. The choices come from the Spirit of God, which is the lamb; and these hundred and forty-four thousand are following the lamb. I wonder why? Did you ever think about that lamb? He's a lamb; he's as a lamb just in the natural; it's a beast right? How many legs does it have? Four. That makes

it complete doesn't it? This lamb is complete; exactly what God wants. Jesus was the one who walked out exactly what everything is supposed to be.

'They followed the lamb withersover he leads'. The word 'go' means leads. Wither he leads that is where they are going. These were redeemed (or purchased) from among what? Humanity. The word 'man' is in here but it literally means humanity. We were purchased; we were redeemed from humanity. And in the third verse, didn't it say they were purchased from where? They were redeemed or the same way, or purchased, from the earth. What is humanity except earth? He is saying the same thing again. We have been purchased out of this earth realm. As long as we believe that we are earthy, we are going to live as earthy. Do you hear what he said? You have been purchased from the earth. You have been redeemed from this, right or wrong? If you can believe that God has purchased you from the earth, you no longer belong to the earth, but now you belong to the lamb, to the Mt. Zion, to the heavenly realms. What in God's name are we living in the earth for? Can you hear me? We are living in the heavenlies. We are no longer belonging to the earth; we have been purchased from it. They were purchased from among humanity. (The word being isn't there.) It just says, the first fruits to God and to the lamb. First fruit; no options, no compromise; you will do what He says. That's it. No compromise. If Jesus had compromised one thing that the Father had told Him to do, He could have not have been the sacrifice. What is the pattern then? What is your life? How many things can you do contrary to what God says and be the Christ? **Nothing.** If God has called you as first fruit, you don't have an option; you'll do what He calls you to do. Just like Jonah; Jonah said no, his flesh talked, "I don't want to go to Nineveh; I'll get on a ship and go sailing out and go do my fishing somewhere else." But guess what? God had a way to get him back. God will get you back the same way. If you have the call of God on your life, you don't have an option. Anyone that believes that they have an option is not there yet. They just haven't got the call. You can't get away, no matter what you do.

VS 5: 'And in their mouth was found no what? Guile' (literally falsehood or lies. Do you know how upsetting this is to humanity (For someone to speak the truth)? It stirs people. All Jesus did was come loving all of humanity, speaking truth, and they beat Him all day and all nightlong. And the next day they nailed Him to a tree, and continued to torture Him until He died. Do you really think that you are deserving of less than that? If you don't suffer with Him, you will not reign with Him. It's only the flesh.

'And in their mouth there was found no falsehood or lies, because they are unblemished and unblameable. The word 'without fault' means unblemished and unblameable, before the throne of God'. I don't care what people say about me. My God, I have heard so many things, I've been called so many things, and all I am doing is living what God told me to live. So should I be upset because they do that? Should I be upset? No. They did it to my Lord. They did it to my husband. Do you think they are going to treat me any different? Someone who is married, does the scripture say two are become one? If I'm married to Him, and isn't that me when He was there? Am I not Him? Is He not me? If we're first-fruit we are part of Him. But we stand without fault. I cannot be and you cannot be first-fruit and stand before God, guilty. It cannot be. God has already said, 'You are not guilty'. You are holy; you are righteous; you are unblameable, you're unreproveable, you are unblemished.

Vs. 6 'And I saw another angel, or another messenger, fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel' (he is talking about the age-abiding gospel) not everlasting, but the age abiding. The root of the word is 165 in the Strongs, the aion; it's the aionious life. It's the age-abiding gospel. It goes from age to age to age. I don't like the word eternal because of the context it makes in peoples minds. The innuendos it places there. Literally it is an age abiding gospel. 'To preach unto them that dwell upon the earth.' Now notice who is getting preached to, the dust and the sand; the realms of the earth are the ones being preached to. God doesn't have to preach to the ones He has already redeemed. This gospel is being preached to them that literally dwell or remain on the earth of every nation, kindred and tongue. All three realms are all right here in that verse. 'And he saw another angel'. Now if you think this angel is one little thing flying around with wings, you've missed it. It's a messenger. The messenger is corporate. There is the hundred and forty-four thousand, right there; the ones that are the messengers bringing the message. And who did they preach to? The dust and the sand. They were on Mt. Zion, those hundred and forty-four thousand were on Mt. Zion weren't they? And they preached to the other two realms, the dust and the sand. That is the star covenant preaching to the other two. It was just like Joseph preaching when he saw his vision back in Genesis 37. He saw the sun, the moon, and the stars bow to him. He was preaching the truth and all the rest of them didn't see it did they? It's the same today.

Vs. 7: 'Saying with a loud voice' (now notice they were preaching to the ones on the earth, with what kind of a voice? Loud. You know, I have walked in

places and sat down and I just sit and read. I will never say a word, and people have accused me of screaming and shouting and making a fool out of myself. They have told those stories on me and the stories have come back to me, but I never say a word to anyone, I just sit there and read. How loud do you think I was reading to them? How loud do you think that the Spirit was reading to those people? That is what He is speaking about. It's a loud voice. It doesn't mean that you are screaming and yelling at people. And in the natural, much of the church realm, if you don't scream and shout, then you aren't preaching. You know, I can't find any place in scripture where it says that Jesus screamed and shouted. Lets go back to the verse, "but with a loud voice reverence God and give glory to Him because the hour of His judgment is come". Now what do you think judgment means? <u>Justice.</u> So the hour of His justice has come. Everyone thinks judgment is punishment and that is not true. If Jesus was the lamb who came to take away the sin of the world and He came to purchase us and redeemed us He paid for EVERY sin, and the church world will say, "amen", but then they put God back in here and He is reneging. The preaching of the religious realm is, "but Jesus took care of my sin, but God is going to punish you for it. Something is wrong with that picture. That is saying that men who live on this earth (human vessels) are more honorable than God. If I make a contract with someone and I pay the price for this property we are standing on, that person cannot come back and take it from me can he? But they are saying that humanity is more honorable than God because He is going to renege on the fact that Jesus paid the price for our sin and He is going to come back and punish us.

NO! I'm not saying that there is not going to be things that will be dealt with. I am saying that God is not in the punishment business. There are those who still walk in the dust and the sand, but when you get in the heavenlies you will know that God is not mocked, man will reap what he sows. That is what is going on. I used this; if I take a gun and shoot myself in the foot did God do it to me? I DID IT. If I plant corn I'm going to reap corn. If I sow tares in my life, what am I going to reap? Tares in my life. If I sow to the flesh I'll reap corruption, but God is not punishing me. He is allowing me to learn a lesson. He is giving me an opportunity to grow, but everyone wants to blame God for what is going on. I am not blaming God. I have to take responsibility for the things that I do wrong. If you're mature, a mature person accepts responsibility. Immature people do not accept responsibility. So, "the hour of his judgment is come; and worship that made heaven (that's the life realm) and the earth (the death realm) and the sea

(which is humanity) and the fountains of water. The fountains of water is the "144,000", the many waters. In Col. 1:16, He said He made all things, whether it be principalities or powers, whether visible or invisible, whether in heaven or earth

"And there followed another angel (messenger, or the second messenger) saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen. (Hello, confusion has already passed!) What does Babylon mean? Confusion. "IS FALLEN", it's already passed. There's no reason for confusion any longer, except that I choose to sit in the dust. I refuse or I reject the word of God. All I have to do is to ascend up out of the dust and the sand into the heavenlies and there is no longer any confusion. **NO MORE CONFUSION**. Persecution, yes, but no more confusion. "That great city because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Wine is an intoxicant, it makes you So when we drink of the wine of her fornication, or her unfaithfulness, her adultery, incest, figuratively idolatry, our mind is not right. If you take or drink of her (the religious system of Babylon, or confusion). When we partake of that our mind can't possibly be right. A drunken man can't tell you the truth. His mind is messed up and he can't think straight. It takes away from the thought process. While you are in a drunken state you can't think right. Pro. 20 says, "wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whosoever is intoxicated thereby is not wise." It will take your wisdom away from you. When we are intoxicated with Babylon's wine (or intoxicant) it does nothing but cater to your flesh. The church world is so full of all this because it is just ministering to the flesh. Let it go and let God have what **HE** wants.

Vs 9 "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast (that's the self-man) and his image and receive his mark in his forehead (his mind), or in his hand (his works). Notice in Rev. 13:16 the beast caused all to receive this mark didn't he? So everyone has something to look at here. If we continue to leave this mark in my hand or in my forehead and I continue to have this beast image in my head and that would be that I am concerned about my flesh myself, guess what? I still have the mark of the beast.

Vs 10 "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.' Literally it says, the full strength, undiluted wrath of God which is poured out undiluted, full strength into the cup of His indignation and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone." Literally it is divine purification and correction. Even thou

it is going to seem like torment is it really torment? It is only your flesh crying out because your Spirit man inside is saying, "thank God he has finally got to me. Thank God I don't have to live in this hell anymore." Your Spirit wants out of this hell and your flesh doesn't want to release it. Let's continue. "And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels (messengers) and in the presence of the Lamb." Guess what? You've got the lamb and you are a messenger, and when you realize that God is within you (the Lamb) and the messenger is one of the 144,000, which is you, guess what? You will be tormented in that presence. When you realize that God has got hold of you were you ever tormented? Day and night you are tormented until you submit to your husband, which is Christ. Everyone will be tormented until they accept the fact that the Lamb and His messenger are within them.

Vs 11 "And the smoke of their torment (or testing). Literally the word for torment is testing and when torment is used it really sounds terrible doesn't it, but when you look in the language it is the word testing. It can feel like torment, but it is testing and testing brings forth a benefit. Torment brings no production in your life but testing will. So the smoke of their testing ascended up "into the age of ages". That means the people that are running around saying that the end is coming and they are just about ready to have this great harvest and they are going to bring in all the world right now is doing nothing but showing that they are "full of smoke". Because he said the smoke of their torment or testing would last into the "age of ages". "And they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives (or all those that receive) the mark of his name (or nature, or character)." So as long as I live in the earthly realms of the dust and the sand what is going to happen? I will have no rest day or night. Has anyone ever lived that before? Day and night I will be tormented until I submit to my husband, "the Lamb". No one can get away from that.

Vs 12 "Here is the patience of the saints" (here are they that) these four words are not supposed to be here is this verse they are all added words. In the language these words are not there. Now lets look at this verse without those four added words. "Here is the patience of the saints, keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus". This is that testimony of the Christ within you. These following verses speak of the commandment and the testimony of Jesus. Mt 19:17, Jn 14: 15, 23, Jn 15:10, I Jn 2:3-6, I Jn 3:22-24, I Jn 5:2-3, Rev 12:17.

Vs 13 " And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me", where is this voice? It is calling from the Spirit realm and that is located within you. This

voice is saying this, "Blessed (literally supremely blessed) are the dead which die in Lord from henceforth." Why are they supremely blessed that die in the Lord, from this time on? He said, supremely blessed are they that die in the Lord from this period on. There were people that died under the old covenant. There was a new covenant, and this new covenant changed everything. But now, there is a change. The earthly man is dead; we are into the spirit realm now. "Yea says the spirit, that they may rest, from their labors; and their works will follow them." Literally it says their works will accompany them. Now, I can rest from my labors, why? Because it's all up to the Lord. If you read in Jeremiah 31:31-34, it speaks about the Lord's New Covenant, and this New Covenant, which we call the New Testament, which is the New Covenant, says that He is going to make the covenant, He is going to write in your heart, He is going to place it within you, He will be your God, you will be His children and He will remember your sins and iniquities no more. He didn't say that you had anything to do with anything did He? That's the thing; it's all up to Him. So now I can rest from my labors. That is the covenant. God gave us six thousand years, or actually four thousand years at the time of the change; He gave us four thousand years, four speaks of completeness. He gave us the completion of all of that and saw that we could not do anything, so He sent his son to do it for us. And now we won't even believe what He has done for us. He has all ready done it. He has completed it. We just don't believe it.

Vs 14 'And I looked and behold a white cloud (that speaks of righteousness) and upon the cloud sat one like unto the Son of Man (I see this as the preparation before the foundation; I see Jesus sitting upon this cloud). 'And upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man' (which is the Christ) 'having on his head what? The mind of Christ. 'And in his hand (and there's his apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers) and a sharp sickle (or a instrument prepared to harvest). It's an instrument prepared to harvest. Look at this: In his hand (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers) is prepared an instrument for harvest. What does it say in Ephesians 4:11? He gave us the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher for the perfecting of the Saints and bringing them to the maturity of Christ. Is that not reaping and harvesting? God gave us gifts; I am a gift to the body of Christ. The body of Christ is not a gift to me to bleed and to butcher and to take from; it is for me to be a gift for you. To be a Pastor, a Prophet, Apostle, Evangelist, Pastor, whatever, is a gift. Your life is a gift to the body of Christ; it's not your life. It's a gift to the body. So He is saying, in His hand is that reaping or harvesting tool. That is the purpose of our life. In Romans 8:29 He said,

those He foreknew He did predestine, conformed, that's 'prepared' in any way you slice it or dice it. In going down a few more verses.... They're the ones He called, He justified; if He justified you, He glorified you. You are equipped. You don't have to be anything except to be what He has created you to be. And know that you've al ready been equipped by the Spirit of God before the conception of this world. **You have to believe it.**

Vs 15 - 18 'And another angel came out of the temple' (this word temple is not 'hiron' which is a literal temple over in Israel somewhere. It's 'naos' the spiritual temple. Know ye not that you are the temple of the living God? So where did this angel come from? Where did this messenger come from? It came from within you, and it comes out to tell you something. And another angel came out of this 'naos' temple, which is where? In the spirit realm, which is within you. He also has a sharp sickle. Now, the first one was first fruit. My book says that Jesus is the first fruit of all creation. Now we are going to see the first fruit (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher) come into being. And He says, 'And another angel came out of heaven, which is heaven, he also had a sharp sickle; and another angel came out from the altar. What is the altar? A place of sacrifice. There is some sacrifice involved here isn't there. 'And which had power over fire (fire is also judgment and purification) and cried with a loud voice to him that had the sharp sickle saving. Thrust in your sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.' This is not a first fruit gathering. This is the first fruit gathering from her, and "her" is the church. This is the big harvest that will come; it will come. But it's not now. He is saying, Thrust in your sharp sickle, your gathering instrument, which is the hand (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher) and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth. Didn't Jesus say I am the vine? Jesus said, I am the vine; you are the branches. So He says, 'for her clusters, the clusters are not us, the first fruit, but the rest of the people being grown on the vine. 'For her grapes are fully ripe, or mature.' I am speaking about the church. The time will come when the church will be harvested. It's not now. The church is to bring forth the Son. We saw that in Chapter 12, the woman brought forth a man-child. The man-child grows up, he's mature, and now he (which is a corporate son) goes out and gathers the rest of the church. Under his direction we bring them in, in their time, by His direction. He is raising us up to do the greater works; didn't Jesus say that? 'Greater works than these shall you do'? They were speaking about all He had done and he said, you are going to do more than I did. He was just gathering first-fruit. Now we have to gather the rest of the earth.

Vs 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 (it's literally a great trough); a lot of things go on in that trough. Stomping grapes, did you ever feel like you've been stomped and kicked around a little bit in life? Well, that is what is going to happen, and they are going to feel that. But notice that the wine press was the wine press of what? Not wrath, this Greek word is 'thumos' and it means 'passion'. God's passion is not to punish anyone, that is the wrong thinking. God's passion is to correct us. Whether He does it right now or He does it down the road. He loves us is the reason why He corrects us. We are thinking with our natural intellect, in our natural life when people do things wrong they get what? Punished. So if we do something wrong, we are trying to relate it to the natural and say, 'God is punishing me'. No, God is not punishing you; God is correcting you. He is not punishing you; that is the wrong thinking. God is not a God of judgment, and punishment and eternal torments, and all that foolishness. That is mistranslations done by the intellect and not by the Spirit of God. God is love. You can't love and torment someone like that. God does not torment and punish; God is into correction. Now, it may feel hard at times, but He is correcting you for what is the best for you.

Vs 20 'And the winepress was trodden outside of the city.' What city? Revelation 21:2 talks about the Holy City coming down from God out of heaven. It's Jerusalem, the heavenly Jerusalem, but that's what we are. Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. That's what is going on, the marriage. It has already gone on before. It has already been going on for two thousand years. 'Was trodden without the city'. It isn't going to be in our Spirit, it is going to be outside the city. Outside the city, in the flesh realm, dirt realm, dust realm. 'And blood'. What is blood? Life or death, but here we are going to speak about something good. Blood is life or death so, which one are you going to put in here? <u>Life.</u> Life is going to come out of the winepress. When you take a winepress, literally in the natural you take all of these grapes, these clusters, and you throw them into a winepress and you close it and you start twisting that thing down on that winepress, what comes out of it? <u>Juice</u>. What stays in it? <u>The flesh</u>. That's what they call the flesh of the grape; it stays in there. But guess what comes out of it? The blood; they call it blood. It's the life. The life of that grape comes right out. And that's exactly what is going to happen when God gets through testing us, the flesh is going to remain in that trough, and the life will come out of all that fleshly stuff. It will be separated. The word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, dividing, piercing asunder the soul and the spirit. It is going to be separated. *'Even unto the horse bridles'*. Now what does that speak of? A horse's bridle is about five feet, but it talks about the control over their mouth. The life is going to come out of where? <u>Your mouth.</u> The words of what? <u>Life</u>. My words are Spirit and they are life. When you can understand that God's Spirit takes hold of you, there is nothing that will come out of your mouth, but life. Pure life; rivers of living waters flowing out of your belly, out of your Spirit. God is not doing this to kill humanity; He is doing all of this to restore us, to reconcile us back unto Him. It is not to destroy us.

'Even unto the horse bridles', (the control of the mouth of the over comers,) 'by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. Literally it is two hundred miles; two, it's a witness. In foolishness people talk about all these things and there are not enough horses on the earth, there are not enough people on the earth, that if you took and drained all the blood out of their bodies, that you could get five foot of blood in that valley of Hinnom; it is fifty miles wide, two hundred miles long, and if you took every person on the face of the earth, that is baby and full grown people and give them all (what is it 2.something liters of blood in a body?) If you gave everyone that, and you drained every drop of blood out of them, you would not have 6 inches of blood in that valley. And that is not allowing for the soaking into the ground or the evaporation. It can't be natural can it, it's spiritual. What is He saving? That this life is going to flow up out of you and flow right up out of your mouth. And do you know what? It says in my book that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. That's when that blood comes flowing out of that trough. Out of that wine press. It is going to come up in every human that has ever graced the face of this earth. They are going to speak that Jesus Christ is Lord.

"May God richly bless you in the study of this chapter of Revelation and may He open your eyes and ears to see and hear the Spirit speaking from the words of this study."

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