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A Study of Revelation 14

Questions on Chapter 14,

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Questions on 14:1-20

01. **Give the descriptive meaning of the numbers “12” and “1000.”**
The number TWELVE is used to represent organized religion. The number ONE THOUSAND stands for completeness [p. 118].
02. **Using the above definitions, give the descriptive meaning of the number “144,000.”**
According to 7:5-8, 12,000 were sealed from each of 12 tribes. If we multiply 12,000 by 12 for the number of tribes, the product is 144,000. This represents all the saved of all ages—or COMPLETE ORGANIZED RELIGION or ALL OF THE FAITHFUL ONES OF ALL AGES [p. 119].
03. **What name did the 144,000 wear in their foreheads? (14:1).**
The name of the Father of the Lamb. God's name.
04. **Who are the 144,000? (14:3-4).**
The REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH (v. 3); those NOT DEFILED WITH WOMEN (v. 4); THEY WHICH FOLLOW THE LAMB (v. 4); FIRSTFRUITS unto God and to the Lamb (v. 4).
05. **Compare the giving of the Law of Moses on Mount Sinai with the description of the giving of the Law of Christ on Mount Zion (14:1).**
Micah 4:2 says, “For the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” Christ is pictured here as giving His law on Mount Zion. Because Christ gave His law on Mount Zion, or His Word went forth from Jerusalem, it became possible for the 144,000 to be redeemed to God. Hebrews 12:22 says, we are “come unto Mount Sion.” Therefore, when one obeys the gospel, he comes to Mount Sion and becomes a part of the 144,000. [p. 240].
06. **Give the symbolic meaning of the following:**
 - a. **Lamb--Jesus**
 - b. **Mount Sion--Jerusalem**
 - c. **144,000—All of the faithful ones.**
07. **Who are the harpers harping with their harps? (14:2).**
This must have been the VOICES OF THE 144,000 because verse 3 says they were singing a song which no man could learn except the 144,000.
08. **What do the harps represent?**
Harps are used to represent and describe the voices of Christians.
09. **Why was the song they were singing called a NEW song? (14:3).**

Before Christ figuratively stood on Mount Zion giving His life as an atonement for man's sins and bringing in the New Law, which was the gospel, there was NO SALVATION. Man could not sing the song of salvation before Christ died on the cross. It is also a NEW SONG in the sense that when a sinner becomes a Christian, he/she has a new song to sing.

10. Why could no one learn that song except the 144,000? (14:3).

The ASV translates the last phrase as, "even they that had been purchased out of the earth." Acts 20:28 admonishes elders to "feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." When Christ died, He purchased salvation for ALL THOSE WHO ARE OBEDIENT TO HIS WILL and become members of the church. The new song was only for those who were the REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH!

11. Why are the 144,000 described as virgins? (14:4).

This must refer to spiritual virginity, for we know that God has sanctioned the marriage relationship, which would eliminate the possibility of this meaning physical virginity. To be a spiritual virgin would mean that ONE HAS REMAINED TRUE TO GOD. He has not committed spiritual adultery by forsaking the true God to follow other gods. In James 4:4, James calls those Christians who would be a FRIEND OF THE WORLD adulterers and adulteresses. To forsake God to become a friend of the world is to commit spiritual adultery. The 144,000 are spiritual virgins or Christian who remain faithful to God.

12. What does it mean to stand without fault before the throne of God? (14:5). Compare 7:15.

ASV translates this as WITHOUT BLEMISH. This symbolism is similar to that of 3:4 which says that there were some in the church at Sardis "which have not defiled their garments." To be without blemish means to keep our garments white by remaining faithful to Christ and being continually cleansed from our sins by His blood. The 144,000 are Christians who are continually faithful to Christ, thereby keeping their garments white.

13. What must all people do who wish to become a part of the 144,000? (14:6).

HEAR the gospel.

14. What will be the end of the great city of Babylon? (14:8).

It will fall! The point of verse 8 is that Babylon will fall and those who become residents of Babylon by committing spiritual fornication will have no hope.

15. What does the great city of Babylon represent? (17:18, 5, 1).

Babylon represents all those who seek to worship God by following man's laws instead of God's. The Great Whore (17:1); Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the world (17:5); Reigns over the Kings of the Earth (17:18).

16. What will happen to all those who worship the beast and his image? (14:9-11).

They will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation—they will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the Lamb. Worshipping the beast means to worship anything other than the true God. 13:8 tells us that all who dwell upon the earth, except Christians, will worship the beast. Thus, anyone who worships anything other than the true God will be subject to the wrath of God. The warning given here should be sufficient to cause man to desire to avoid the wrath of God in the only way possible—BY BEING OBEDIENT TO HIS WILL.

17. Who sits upon a white cloud with a sharp sickle in his hand? (14:14).

This must have been Jesus sitting upon the cloud, even though the phrase LIKE UNTO is used. This same language is used in 1:13 as John saw ONE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF MAN. From the description given there, we know that Jesus was the one being described. ... Jesus was taken up in a white cloud and the apostles were told that He would return in the same manner (Acts 1:9-11). This cloud was WHITE to represent the holiness and righteousness of Jesus.

18. What does the sharp sickle represent? (14:14-16).

It represents that He has the power and authority to execute the judgment which is about to take place.

19. What does this reaping represent? (14:15-16).

This indicates that the time is right for Jesus to claim the redeemed. Just as grain is harvested when it has matured, the redeemed of this earth will be harvested when it is fully matured. Exactly what this means or when this will happen, man has not way of knowing, but it is possible that verse 15 means that Jesus will come the second this earth has yielded all the righteous saints it will ever produce. At that time, the harvest will be ripe.

20. Who is instructed to gather the clusters of the vine of the earth? (14:17-18).

Another angel with a sharp sickle.

21. What does this gathering of the vine of the earth represent? (14:19).

At the end of time, the unjust will be gathered together to receive their punishment.

22. Why did the instructions to gather the vine of the earth come from the angel out of the altar? (14:18).

At 6:9-11 (5th Seal) Christians under the ALTAR are asking the Lord HOW LONG it will be before He will avenge their blood on those who persecuted them. 14:18 is the beginning of the answer to that prayer. The angel who has the control over the fire is the one who gives the command to gather the clusters of the vine.

23. What will be the end of those who are among the vine of the earth? 914:19-20).

The vine of the earth, or ALL SINNERS, will be gathered together on that last day. They will then find themselves committed to a place of eternal punishment because the wrath of God will wax strong against them. This eternal punishment is pictured as being like a great winepress.

24. What does it mean to be trodden without the city? (14:20).

Most likely, this is a reference to the fact that Jesus was crucified WITHOUT THE GATE (Hebrews 13:12). Just as Jesus suffered outside the city of God under the Law of Moses, these people will suffer outside the spiritual city of God, which is the church. The church will live eternally in heaven while those outside it will be punished forever.

25. Discuss the two pictures of the end of time as given in verses 13 through 20.

Verses 13-16 picture the gathering of the righteous to be taken HOME to heaven. Here they will have their REST (v. 13). Verses 17-20 tell about the gathering of the wicked. They will be punished with everlasting punishment which is described in verse 20.

Questions Based on LW's End of Chapter 14 Questions

True/False

01. ____ John is the one sitting upon a WHITE CLOUD in this chapter.
02. ____ Verses 13-20 describe the TWO ultimate destinies of mankind.
03. ____ Mount Sion/Zion equals Jerusalem.
04. ____ Seeking to worship God by following man's laws is pictured here as BABYLON.
05. ____ VIRGINS is used in its literal sense in chapter 14.

Fill in the Blanks

06. The gathering of "the vine of the earth" represents the _____ being gathered together to receive _____.
07. _____ 13:____ tells about _____ suffering WITHOUT THE GATE.
08. The name of the _____ of the _____ is the name worn by the 144,000.
09. The 144,000 were _____ a _____.
10. There is only one way to avoid the wrath of God: be _____ to _____.

Place the symbol in the space next to its description:

11. _____ Power and authority to execute judgment.
12. _____ Eternal punishment.
13. _____ Organized religion.
14. _____ Voices of Christians.
15. _____ Being without blemish (3:4).

Answers to Revelation 13 Questions: [(01) False, 1; (02) True, 17; (03) True, 18; (04) True, 30; (05) True, 39; (06) Destiny, Destroyed, Second, Coming, 49; (07) Charlemagne, Roman, Emperor, 9; (08) not, written, Lamb's Book, 14; (09) commandments, forever, 27; (10) powerful, the devil, deceive, 32; (11) Two Horns of 2nd Beast, 39; (12) 666, 49; (13) Make an Image to the Beast, 37; (14) The Sword, 23; (15) The Sea, 2].

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GATHER	GREAT	HARPS	HAVING	HEARD
HEAVEN	HUNDRED	LAMB	LOOKED	LOUD
NAME	NATION	REAP	SAYING	SHARP
SICKLE	THOUSAND	THRUST	TORMENT	VOICE
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