

“Revelation #18”

Revelation 14: 1 – 20 (Heaven, the Harvest, and the Judgement of God)

Review: Chapter 13

- *In chapter 13th we see the unholy trinity... the Dragon, the Beast from the sea, and the Beast from the land.*
- Final Empire is combination of the four beast of Daniel 7... **The power it will wield.**
- The takeaway of chapter 13 is... The Dragon is Satan, first Beast is a political system, and the second beast is a theological or religious system.
- **666...** It's the number of man or humanity as some translations have it.

Matthew 24: 23 – 25 Jesus speaking of the last days...

*“If anyone says to you, look, here is the Christ! Or there! Do not believe it. For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, **if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.**”*

Amir Tsarfati: *“The number 666, or possibly 616 according to some early Greek manuscripts, is most likely referring to the future Antichrist. What exactly do those numbers mean. It's another one of the mysteries of this intriguing of books... if God has left blank the final word in the sentence, we shouldn't waste too much brainpower on speculation... This chapter is about two people who will rise up and take over the world. Rather than turning people to the worship of the living God, they will force the worship of the Antichrist. Those who don't worship his image will be put to death.”*

Text 14: 1 – 5 Read. (ESV)

I see three things that stand out to me... someone else may see things different and teach differently.

1. (V1) *“I looked and behold on Mount Zion stood the Lamb...”* (Vision into Heaven)
2. (V3) *“They were singing a new song before the throne...”* (144,000, all redeemed)
3. (V4) *“Redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb...”* (First-Fruits)

(1) Mount Zion... Exodus 19: 10 – 16 and Exodus 20: 18 – 21 (Mount Sinai, 10 commandments given)

John 4: 19 – 24 Read. (NKJV)... Woman at the well V's 1 – 26

- *“True worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth...”*

Fast forward to:

Hebrews 12: 18 – 21 Read. (NKJV) Reference to mount Sinai (Exodus 19 and 20)

Hebrews 12: 22 – 24 Read. (NKJV) Take note of the distinction... **“firstborn who are registered in heaven.”**

- **But you...** that's us the redeemed, *“Have come to Mount Zion...”* (V22-23...)
- *“TO JESUS THE MEDIATOR OF A NEW COVENANT...”*

(2) Redeemed will be given a new song... **a new song of worship before the throne of God.**

➤ A song no one can learn, given exclusively to the redeemed.

(3) We are the first fruits for God and the Lamb...

- **First fruits is an old testament concept... First fruits belong to God!**
- Remember Heb. 22:23, *“We are the church of the firstborn... registered in heaven.”*
- There's a new name written in glory... *and its mine...*

1 Cor. 15: 20 -23 Read. (NKJV)

Text 14: 6 – 11 Read. (ESV)

- What we see here in these verses, is the Gospel is good news of God's mercy, it also has a judicial side.
- We have an Angel proclaiming the gospel to all that dwell on earth.
- Also, a cry with a loud voice to: *"Fear God and give Him glory..."*

Another Angel follows saying: *"Fallen, Fallen is Babylon the great..."* (Not physical Babylon but spiritual Babylon, a system of sinful passion and sexual immorality)

And we have a third angel saying with a loud voice: *"If anyone worships the beast and it's image... will drink the wine of God's wrath..."*

Text 14: 12 – 13 Read. (ESV)

- I believe the whole book of Revelation can be boiled down to this.
- A call to endure, to be overcomers in Christ Jesus! (Warnings to the 7 churches)
- **Jesus said: when I come back to earth... "will I find faith on earth."**

Text 14: 14 – 20 Read. (ESV)

- First, we have the harvest of God's people. (The redeemed) V15... *To the Son of Man, the Angel says: "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe."*
- Second, we have the harvest of the unredeemed marked for God's wrath. V18... Two angels, one with a sickle another crying out: *"Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the VINE of the earth... for its grapes are ripe."* (Christ is our vine)

Parable of the wheat and the tares: at the second coming the Angels will separate the wheat from the tares. *(That is not our job) Jesus said: "let them grow together."*