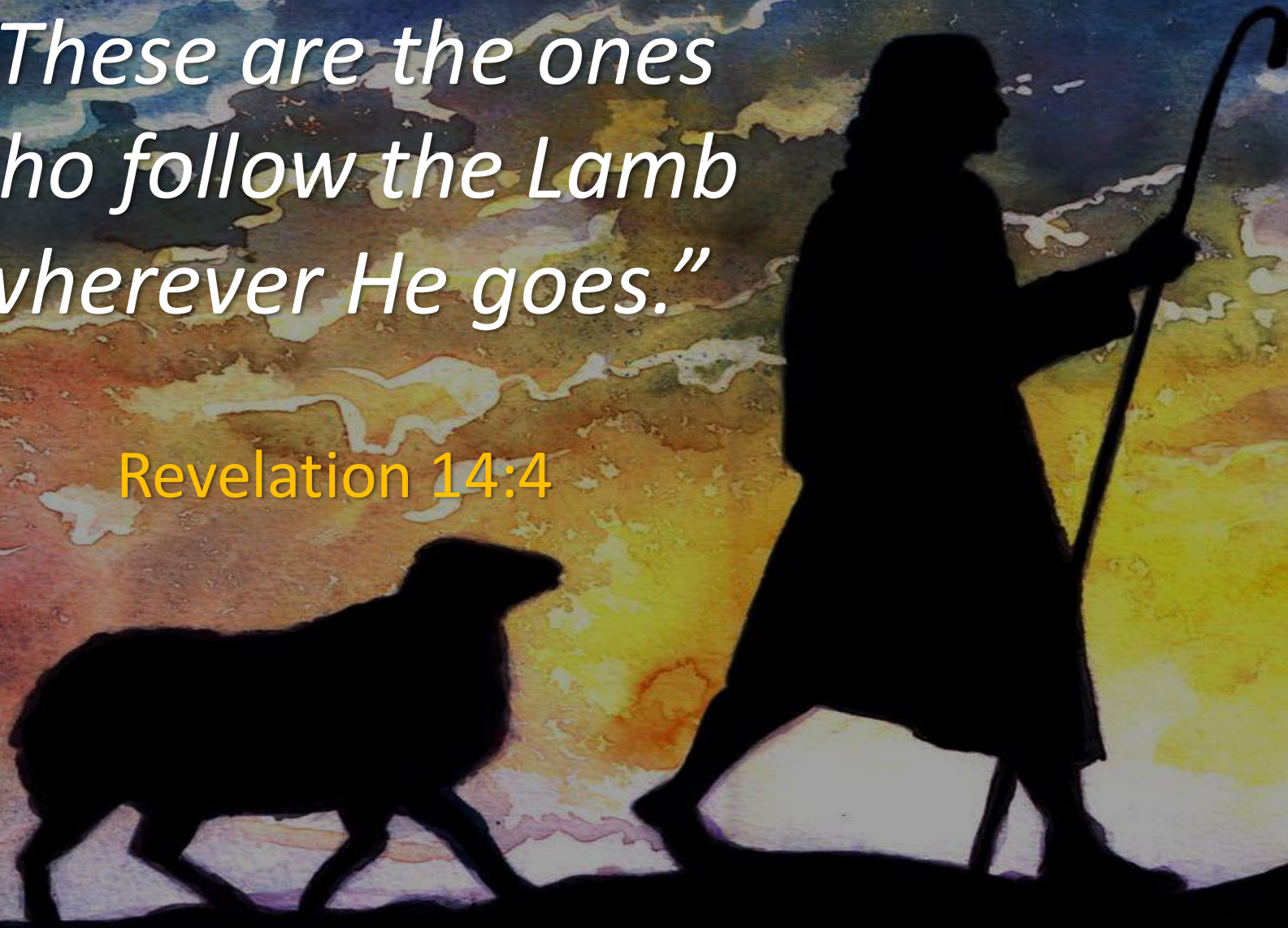


*“These are the ones
who follow the Lamb
wherever He goes.”*

Revelation 14:4



Signature



**Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad
Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto,
l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God.
The LORD is One.
Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom
for ever and ever.**



Revelation Chapter 14

(voice like)
Many waters....
Loud thunder...

A new song

144,000

NOT Defiled
Follow the Lamb
Redeemed
Firstfruits

No deceit
Without Fault

"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him..."

"Babylon is fallen..."

Revelation 14

PATIENCE of the Saints

"WRITE: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on..."

REST

"If anyone worships the beast... and receives his mark...he will also drink of the wine of the wrath of God..."

TORMENT
666
NO REST

"Thrust in your sickle and reap..."

"Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth..."

Trampled outside the city

1,600 Furlongs

3 Distinct “Scenes:”

- Lamb + 144,000 on Zion
- Messages from 3 Angels
- Divine Harvests



REVIEW
TIME

Revelation 1



"I AM ... the Almighty."

"Blessed...those who read, hear and keep..."

"... the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will happen hereafter."



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Revelation 2

Letters to the first 4 assemblies



Ephesus
2:1-7

Smyrna
2:8-11

Pergamos
2:12-17

Thyatira
2:18-29

Age	Apostolic Church 30-100 AD	Persecuted Church (age of Martyrs) 100-312 AD	State Church (Constantine to 1 st Pope) 313-590 AD	Established Church (1 st Pope to Reformation) 590-1517 AD
Speakers Title	“He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands.”	“The First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life.”	“He who has the sharp two-edged sword.”	“the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass.”
Praise	Works, labor, patience, non-toleration of evil, tested false teachers, perseverance, hated Nicolaitans	Works, perseverance (He knew their suffering, poverty, Jewish persecution—Synagogue of Satan!)	Works, steadfastness, held to faith (He knew where they lived, Satan’s throne)	More works, love, service, faith
Problems	Left first love, passion and joy gone	NONE!	False teachers in their midst (Balaamites and Nicolaitans)	Toleration of false teachers who lead others into sin (Jezebel)
Counsel or Warning	Remember from where you have fallen; repent; do first works (heart!) OR ELSE I will come quickly and remove your lampstand...	Don’t be afraid, be faithful to death (<i>would be imprisoned soon</i>)	Repent OR ELSE He will fight them (those spreading false teachings, not whole church) with Sword of His mouth	Problem with “Jezebels” and her followers, not entire church. Would not “burden them” further, but hold fast what they have until He comes. Gave time for “Jezebel” to repent, but didn’t want to, so will cast her on a bed of suffering, and her followers, and kill her “children.” They would ALL be judged on their “works.”
Promise	Eat of the tree of life in Paradise (of God, with Him), (<i>eternal life in Paradise, comparable to Garden of Eden</i>)	Crown of life, not hurt by second death (<i>saved from eternal separation from God</i>)	Hidden manna to eat, white stone with unique name known only to holder and Jesus (<i>eternal sustenance, acquittal, free pass to heaven, unique love from God</i>)	Power over the nations, and the morning star (<i>will reign with Him in Millennium</i>)
Warnings	No passion for Jesus, agape love missing	NONE	False doctrines, not testing teachers, not remaining separate from world	Compromise, toleration of false teachers, not remaining separate



Revelation 3

Letters to the last 3 assemblies



Sardis
3:1-6

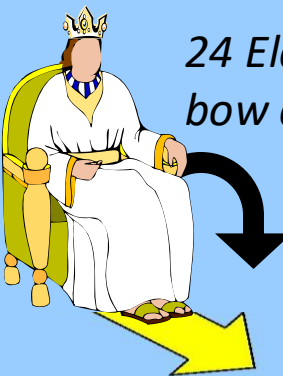
Philadelphia
3:7-13

Laodicea
3:14-22

Age	Reformation Era 1518 -1750 AD	Missionary Church 1750-1900	Apostate Church of the Last Days 1900-present +
Speaker Title	"He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars."	"He who is holy, He who is true. He who has the Key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens."	"the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God."
Praise	NONE! (did find a few who had not "soiled their clothes" and they would walk with Him in white)	Works, have a little strength (influence, ability), kept His word, not denied His Name. Kept command to persevere* (Missionary church)	NONE!
Problems	Works indicated they had a reputation for being alive, but they were dead. He did not find their "works" complete or perfect before God.	NONE!	Neither hot nor cold (wished they were cold or hot); lukewarm. Say they are rich, have need of nothing, but He says they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.
Counsel or Warning	Be watchful, strengthen what remains (is about to die!) Remember what you heard, hold fast to it, repent OR ELSE I will come as a thief (suddenly) to take away what remains.	<i>(This letter informs more than warns)</i> Will make those of synagogue of Satan come and worship before their feet and know that He has loved them. "I am coming quickly!" Hold fast what you have so no one can take your crown.	Will vomit you out of my mouth! Buy from Me gold refined in fire (that you may be rich) white garments (that you may be clothed), anoint your eyes with eye salve (that you may see) As many as I love I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous and repent. Open door to Him!
Promise	Clothed in white garments, will not blot name from Book of Life, will confess name before Father and His angels. <i>(covered with righteousness of Christ, remain in Book of Life, right to be with God)</i>	<i>*will keep them from hour of trial coming upon whole world to test those "who dwell on the earth"</i> Make him a pillar in temple of God, will go out no more, will write on him name of God, name of city of God, New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from God..will write on him My new name. <i>(eternally have access to God's place, identified with His city, identified with Jesus)</i>	Will sit with Me on My throne. <i>(will share in ruling over Millennial kingdom)</i>
Problem in a nutshell	Complacency , spiritually dead, more interested in material riches	NONE	Lukewarm, pride , more concerned about material wealth than spiritual wealth

Revelation 4

24 Elders on Thrones
bow down

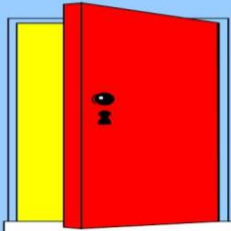


"come up here!"



"Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and
is to come!"

"You are worthy, O Lord;
to receive glory and honor
and power; For you created
all things, and by your will
they exist and were created!"



10,000 X 10,000 and thousands of thousands!

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

"Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose the seals?"

No one worthy

"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the lamb, forever and ever!"

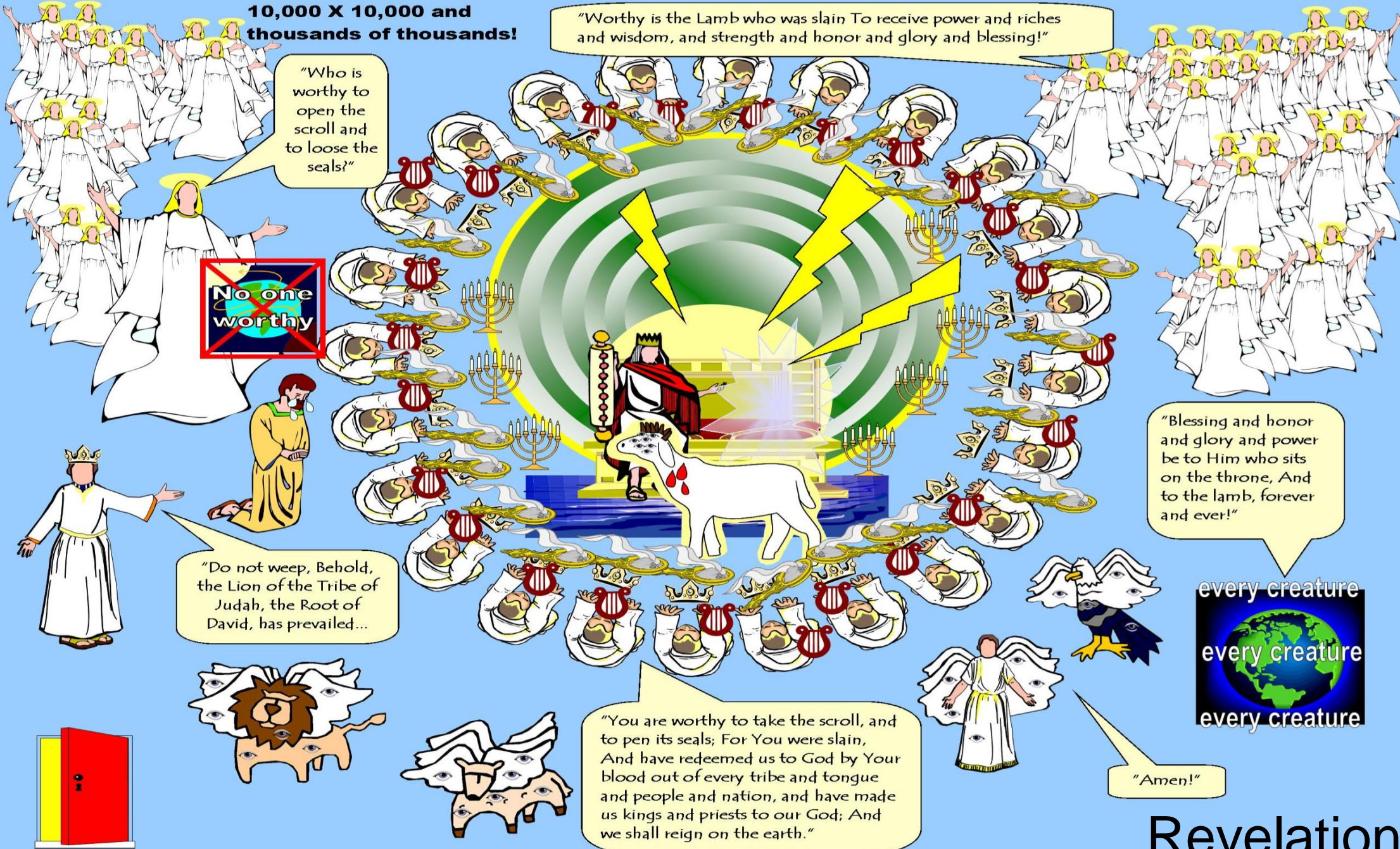
"Do not weep, Behold, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed..."

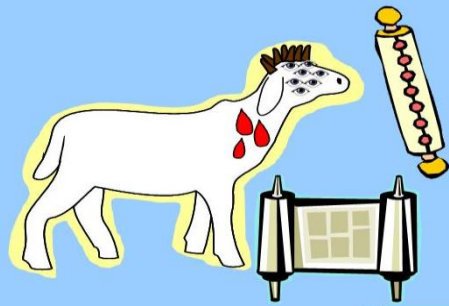
"You are worthy to take the scroll, and to pen its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

"Amen!"

every creature
every creature
every creature

Revelation 5





1

"Come and see. (GO!)"



2

"Come and see. (GO!)"



3

"Come and see. (GO!)"



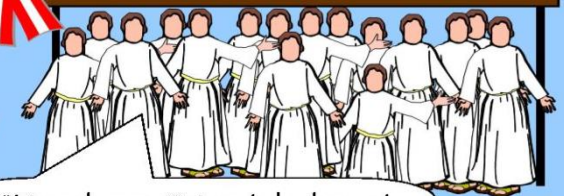
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"Come and see. (GO!)"



5

"Rest a little while longer..."



"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood...?!"

Revelation 6

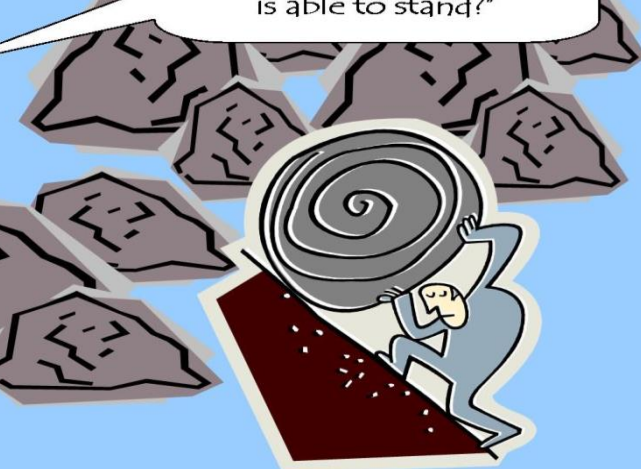
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"Fall on us!..."



"For the great day of his wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"





"Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

Judah 12,000
Reuben 12,000
Gad 12,000

Asher 12,000
Naphtali 12,000
Manasseh 12,000

144,000 Witnesses

Simcon 12,000
Levi 12,000
Issachar 12,000

Zebulun 12,000
Joseph 12,000
Benjamin 12,000



"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen!"

"Who are these...?"

TRIBULATION Saints

~~Hunger~~

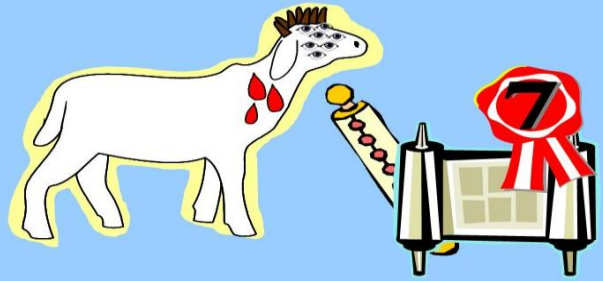
~~Thirst~~

~~Sun and Heat~~

~~God will wipe away every tear~~

Revelation 7





SILENCE
"1/2 Hour" Interlude



**noises!
thunderings!
lightning!
earthquake!**



1/3

ALL



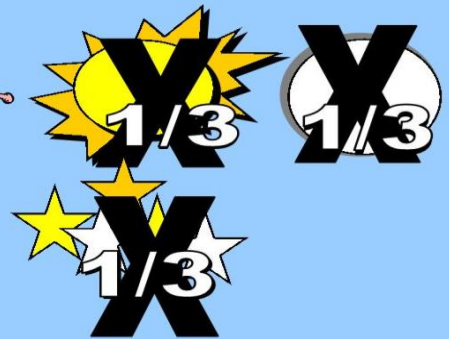
1/3 blood

1/3 died

1/3 destroyed



1/3 bitter



"Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Revelation 8



1st Woe



Do NOT harm
GRASS, TREES
Any green thing

ONLY
NO SEAL
TORMENT
do NOT KILL
5 Months

Death
will flee



2nd Woe



"Release the
four angels who
are bound at the
great river
Euphrates."



3 Plagues

200 Million



Did NOT Repent



Revelation 9



7 Thunders



"Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

No more delays!
7
Mystery of God completed

Revelation 10

"Take and eat it...."



bitter +



Honey in my mouth

Bitter in my stomach





"Rise and measure the Temple of God..."

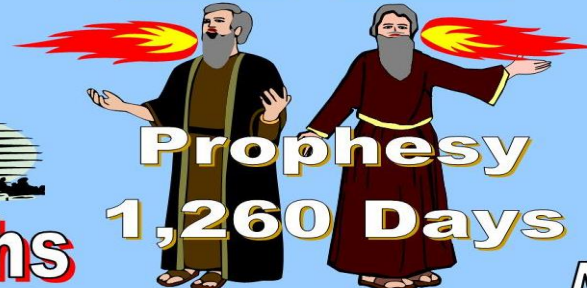
"Do not measure the court of Gentiles"



42 Months



~~NO RAIN!~~



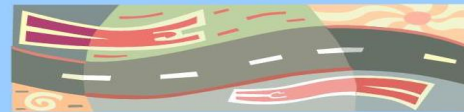
Prophesy
1,260 Days

Water
2
BLOOD

All Plagues



The Great City
Sodom
Egypt
Jerusalem



Rejoice and
make merry!

Revelation 11a

3 1/2 Days

Breath
of Life

"Come up here!"



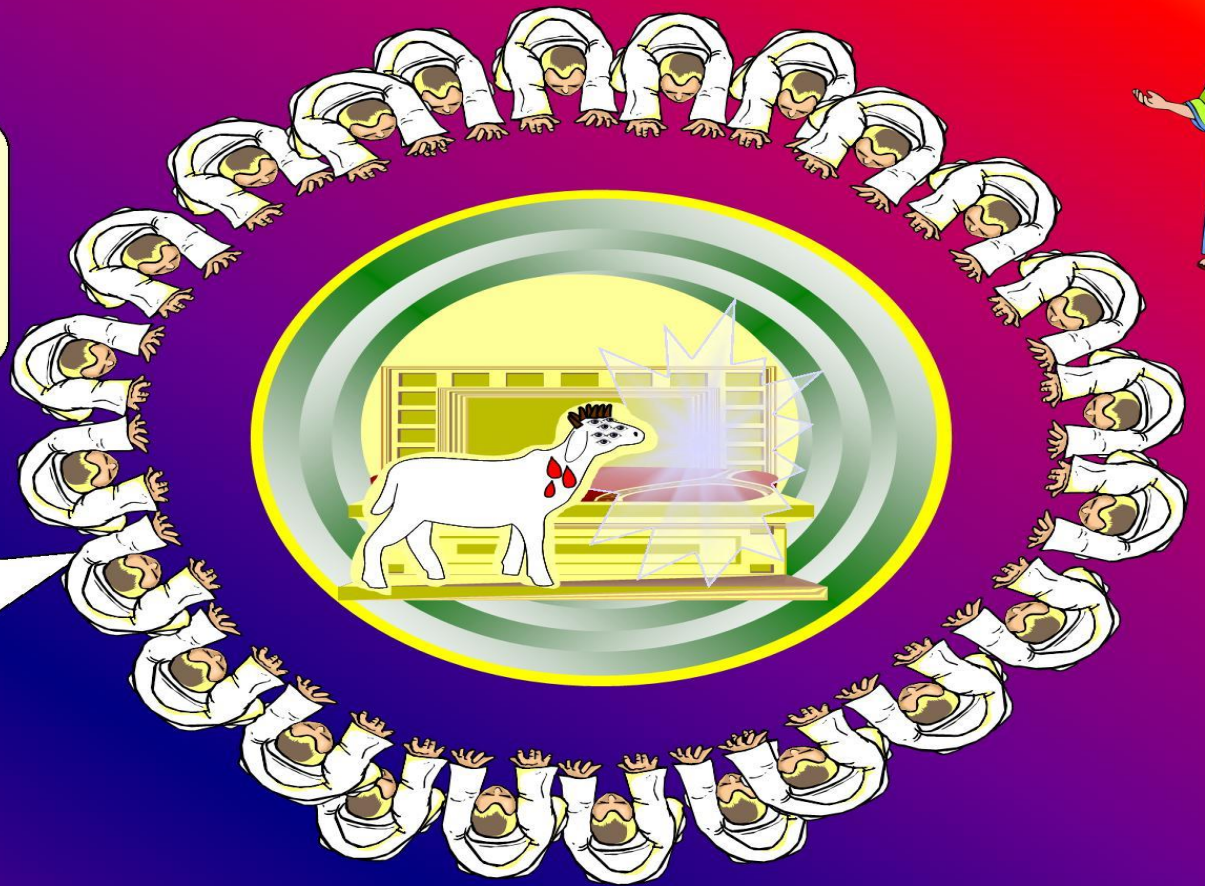
~~Earthquake!~~
1/10 Fell
7,000 Killed
REST: Afraid
Gave glory to God!

2nd Woe: PAST
3rd Woe:
Coming Quickly!



"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

"We give you thanks...the One WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME. Because You have taken Your great power and reigned, The nations were angry and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your Name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

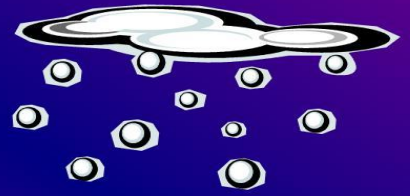


Revelation 11b



NOISES
Thunderings

Earthquake





Revelation 12

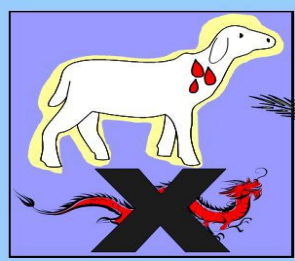
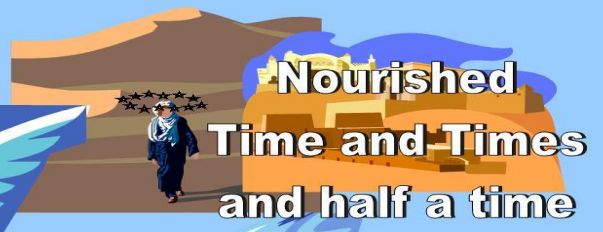
"Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."



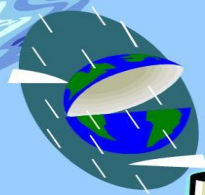
"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

"Rejoice, O Heavens and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea!"

"For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."



SHORT TIME



Revelation 13a



Blasphemous Name



"Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"



"Great" things, blasphemies

AUTHORITY
42 Months

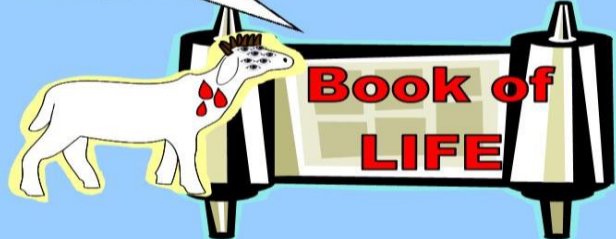


BLASPHEMY AGAINST GOD, HIS NAME, HIS TABERNACLE, THOSE WHO DWELL IN HEAVEN



AUTHORITY OVER

Names NOT written in...



Patience and Faith of the Saints



**ALL
AUTHORITY**



**Breath...to
image...**



IMAGE SPEAKS



= DEATH



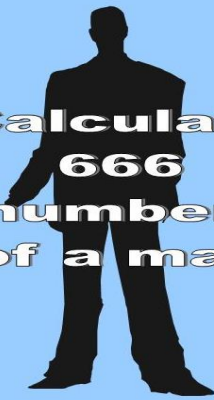
ALL



**NO NAME
NO NUMBER
=
NO BUYING
OR SELLING**

Wisdom =

**Calculate
666
number
of a man**



Seals

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Trumpets

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls

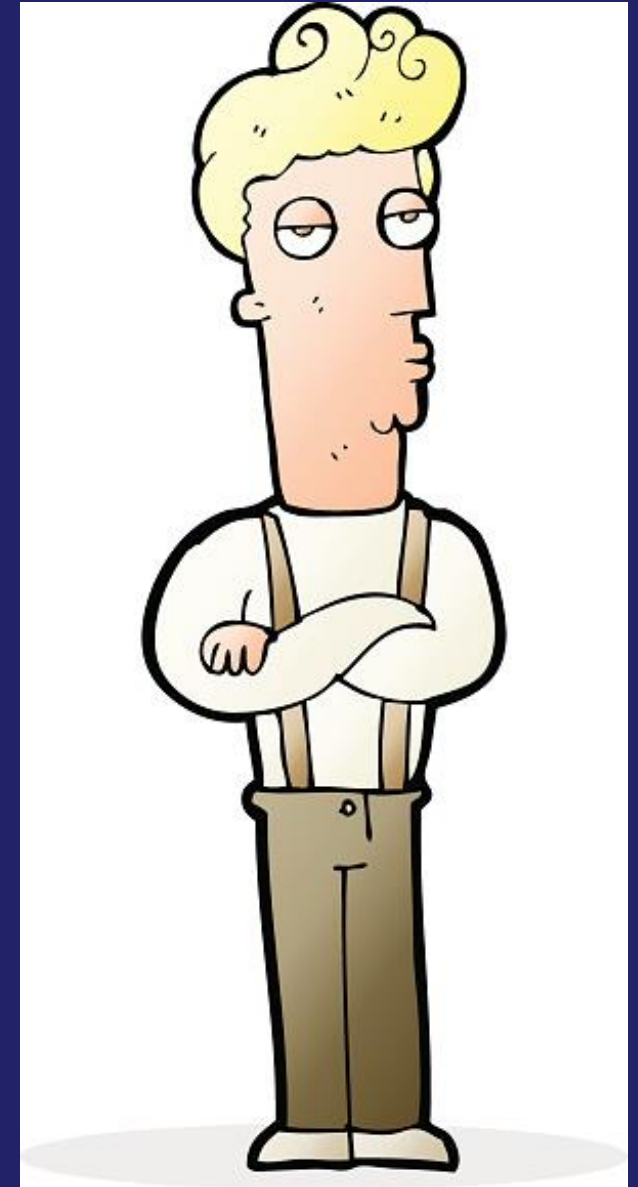
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A few things before we get started...

- Chapter begins with “*Then I looked and behold...*” something new.
- “Behold” = John startled, reader to pay attention.
- **CHRONOLOGY...Where and When are We?**

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- End of chapter 9 = Man still unrepentant.
- For this and other reasons, many believe at end of chapter 9 have reached near **end of Daniel's "70th Week,"** near end of 7-year tribulation (*how near???*).
- Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 informational visions only, not "events" in certain time period, *or advancing a timeline.*



REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1



- **Chapter 10 = timeout for John**, new instructions. More to prophesy, won't be pleasant. Seems grace period up, final judgment soon. No more delay.
- **Chapter 11 = spiritual condition of worshippers; two witnesses**, 3½ year ministry ends in this chapter.
- **Chapter 12 = history of Israel and Messiah**, war in heaven, persecuting “woman” (Israel) and her “offspring.” Focuses on last 3½ years.

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- **Chapter 13 = two beasts**, final world rulers (AC + FP), + dragon (Satan) will persecute saints, kill those who do not worship 1st beast, control entire world economy. Happening last 3½ years.
- **And now chapter 14.** three distinct parts: 1) revisit of 144,000 Jews, 2) some great news and some dire warnings from angels, and 3) divine harvests.



YOU ARE
HERE?

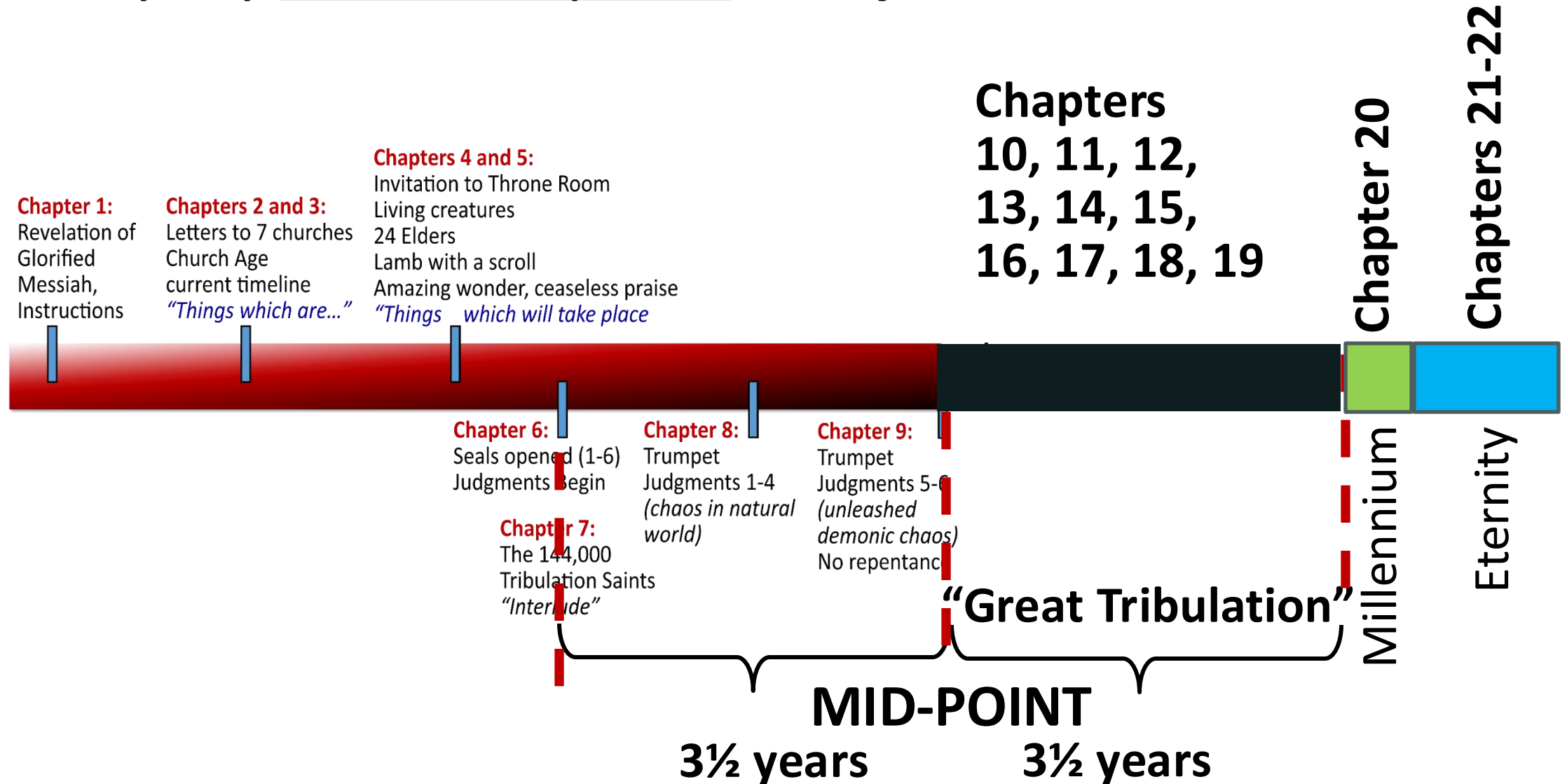
REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1



- All (chapters) seem to be those that will **happen at end of tribulation.**
- Makes sense then, 70th week, 7-year tribulation, **may be almost “up”** at end of chapter 9.
- **Only thing left** = final Bowl Judgments (*includes Armageddon*).

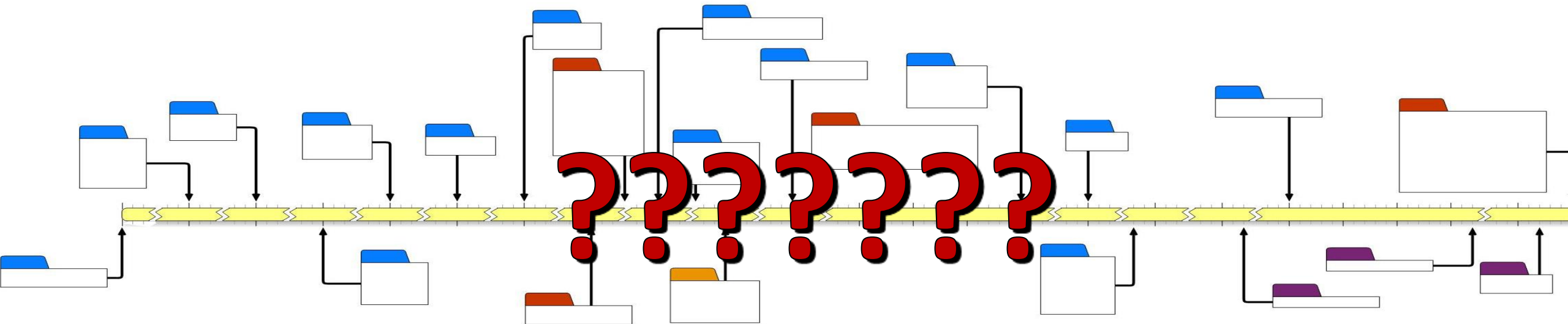
REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- Many say end of chapter 9 mid-point of Tribulation.



REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- **Chronology in Revelation:** often difficult to tell precisely WHERE we are on 7-year timeline.
- 3rd set of judgments (“bowls” ch 16) poured out in very rapid succession. No clues how much time.



**Scene 1:
The 144,000
and the Lamb on Zion**

v. 1- 5



Scene 1: The Lamb and the 144,000

¹ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.



³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

¹ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.



REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

Just in verse 1 a few issues to solve:

- **The Lamb** – obvious!!!
- **Mt. Zion** – earthly and heavenly?
- **The 144,000** – same as chapter 7, or others?



THE LAMB

- “*...behold, a Lamb...*” Lamb in direct contrast to beasts of previous chapter. same Lamb in chapter 5, and chapter 7. **Yeshua HaMashiach.**
- “*behold*” emphasizes importance. Commands reader to pay attention, something important here.

MOUNT ZION

- “*...Mount Zion...*” traditional Zion on earth, *Jerusalem*, OR in heaven?? (Hebrews 12:18-24) *Could be either, or partly both (144,000 on earth, harpists in heaven, etc.)*
- If earthly Zion, *Jerusalem*, maybe even Messiah returning, joining sealed 144,000.
- If in heaven, obviously would be heavenly Zion. *(John may be seeing both heaven and earth in this vision.)*

THE 144,000

- all kinds of suggestions and speculations for identity of this 144,000, including:
 - Original 144,000 Jews selected from each of 12 tribes of Jacob, and sealed from harm in chapter 7
 - Special elite group of believers (Gentiles?) other than 144,000 in chapter 7
 - Representative sample of all believers, symbolic of all redeemed
 - *And others....*

NO EVIDENCE

NO EVIDENCE

NO EVIDENCE

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- Logical, same 144,000 sealed chapter 7. Some say others. *We really don't know.*
- Safest (*at least for now*) interpretation = **same 144,000**, perhaps to indicate God faithful in bringing them safely through Tribulation.
- Some allegorize as Zion and 144,000 representing "Church." ***No! Based on replacement theology, a LIE.***
- Reminded **those who love God also sealed, mark of God.** Contrast to mark of doom (666).

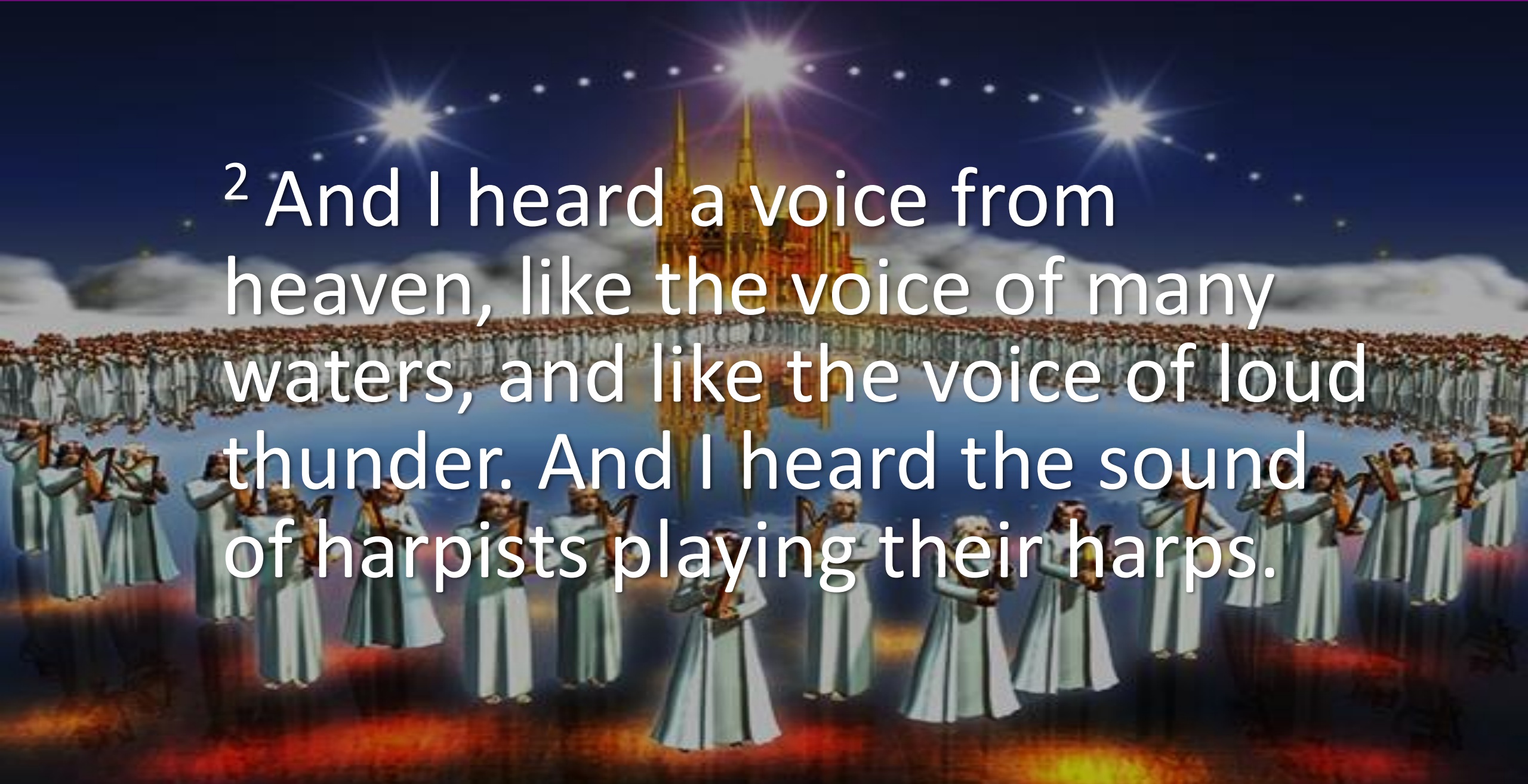
REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- If mid-point, can assume these **still being kept safe**, and appearance here = reminder of this.
- Others say 144,000 are same as chapter 7, but here are with Lamb, so possibly *martyred*?
- **Questions still remain:**
 - Same 144,000 as chapter 7?
 - Still on earth ? (Alive in physical body?)
 - Redeemed already, returning with Yeshua?



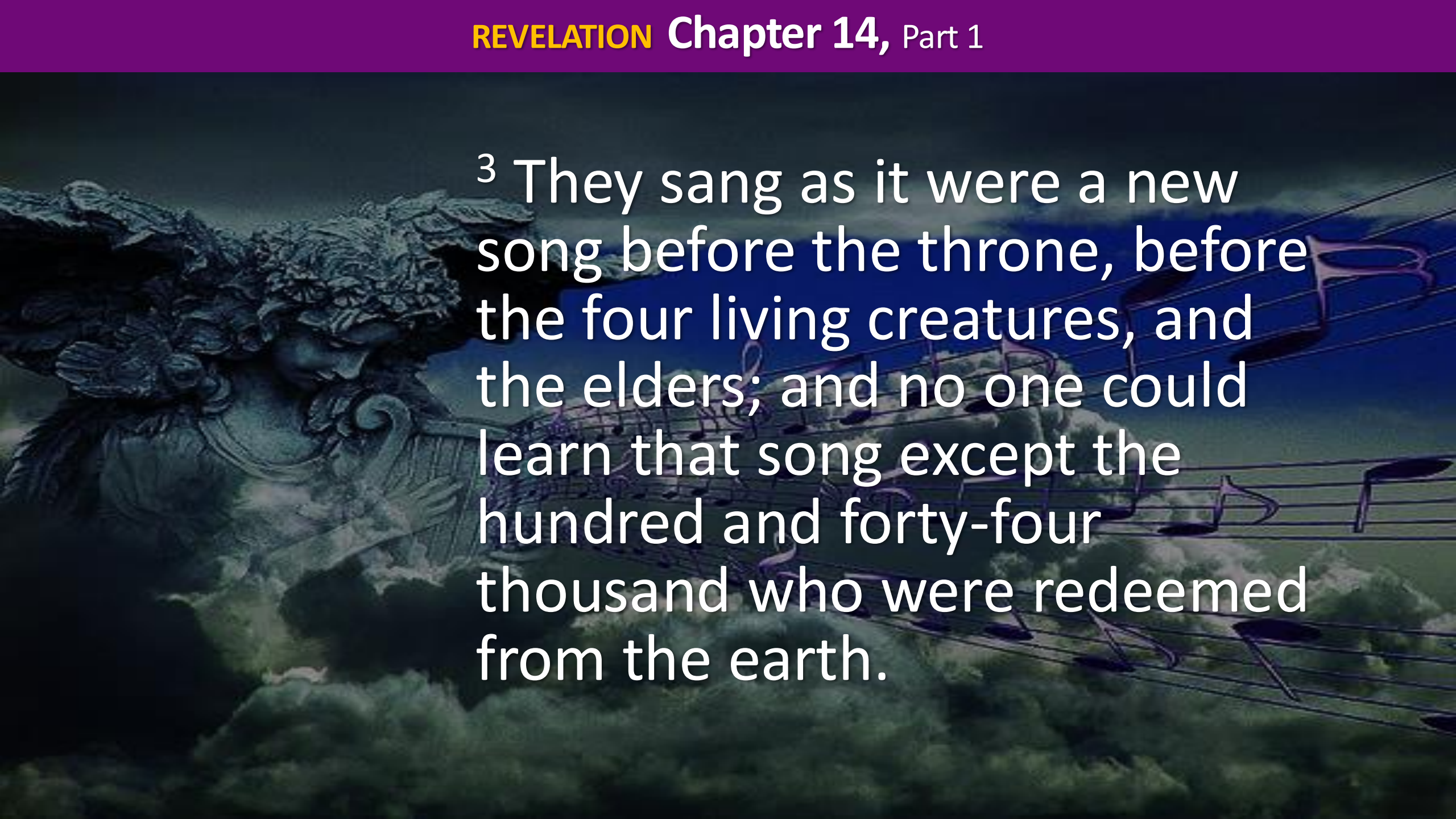
WE JUST DON'T KNOW!!

² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.



- “voice” = *phone* also translated “sound.” Perhaps *not a voice*, but loud noise of harps. If harps, *sound made by MANY, thunderous, amazing!*
- Harpists Chapter 5 = saints in heaven.
- Chapter 15 = tribulation saints, redeemed out of this terrible time.
- **Together, represent all redeemed of God.**





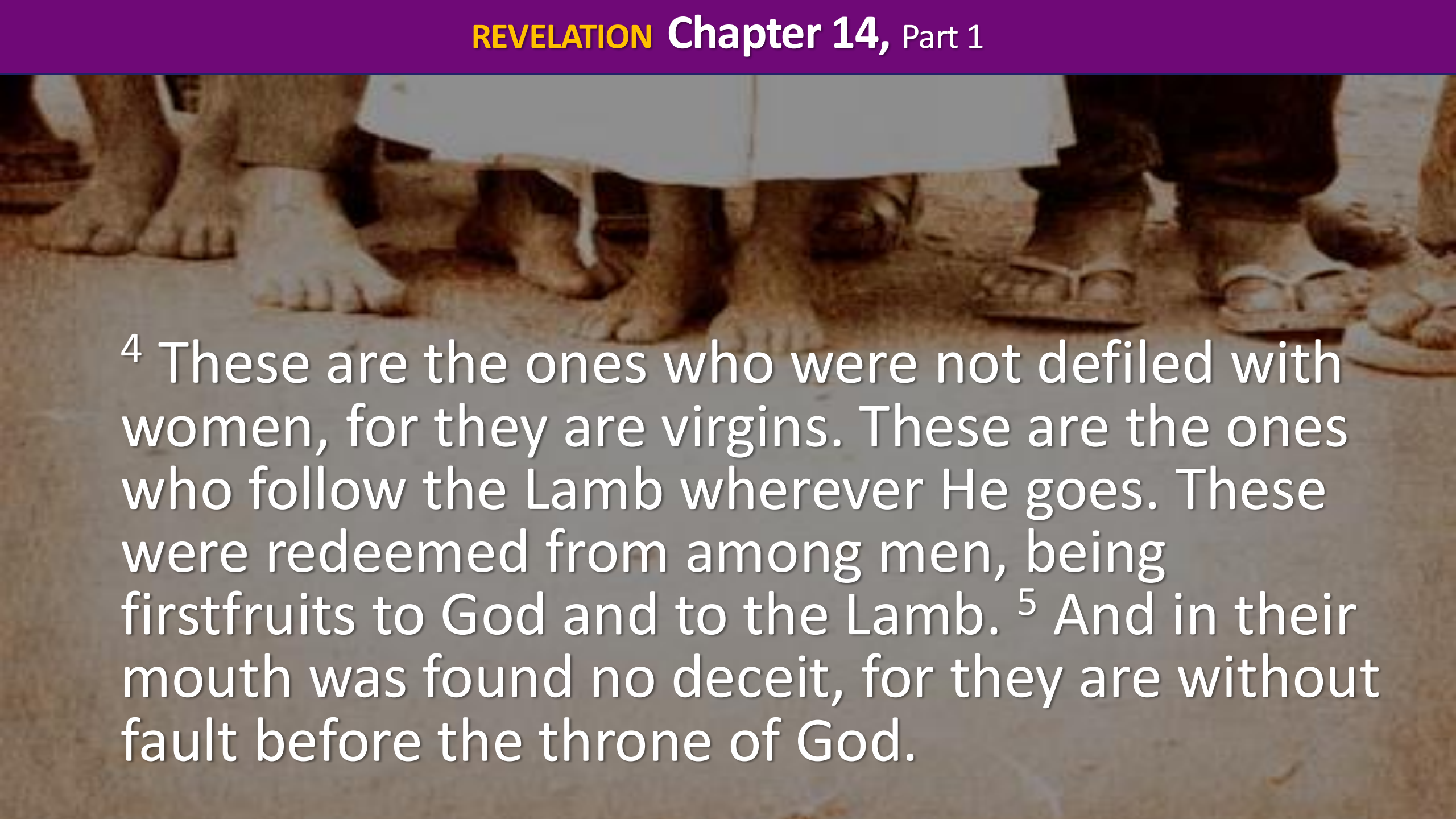
³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- **new song** = New act of divine deliverance/blessing - *deliverance of 144,000 through tribulation?*
- Proclaims **“Look what new thing God is doing!”**
- Church already redeemed, resides in heaven (ch 5). Now Jewish **144,000 also redeemed** (ch 14).
- **MAY INDICATE 144,000 NO LONGER ON EARTH, BUT IN HEAVEN WITH OTHER REDEEMED?**
- God doing *new thing* (redeeming Israel?)

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- No one else could learn song except 144,000, being sung in heaven. **Exclusive to 144,000.**
- **Not given lyrics** of this new song – *only song in Revelation where this is true.*
- Very loud noise! **Salvation for Israel BIG DEAL**, hence loud noise.
- *Resort to speculation. Don't have all the answers.*



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- Verse 4 = most of controversy, differing opinions regarding *this* group of 144,000.
- Not given this info in chapter 7 of 144,000, so sometimes **thought to be different group**, with different set of characteristics. Cannot assume that.
- Indicates faithfulness and redemption, and now “**virgin**” status spiritually (*perhaps as well as physically*).



REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- Literal, or symbolic, or spiritual? **Could be both.**
- On “defiled” + *Moluno* = “soiled” or defiled, **sexual relations outside of marriage.** Never applied to marriage union.
- Does **not necessarily mean they were not married** (celibate, set aside for God like eunuchs). *Could be married, but keeping vows of marriage covenant.*

- Passage should never be used to justify celibacy (*sometimes called “monkery”*). Refers to relations OUTSIDE marriage, repeatedly condemned throughout scripture. **Sexual sin one of humankind’s biggest downfalls.**
- Tribulation will be known for rampant sexual sin, (end times one world false religion, **paganism.**) *Already well on its way.*
- Greek “women” = **gune**, “women” but specifically WIVES. Both spiritual and physical adultery (sin) intended here.

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- May chose celibacy, like Jeremiah, **forbidden to marry** (Jeremiah 16:1-4).
- Others say *“The 144,000 virgins are undefiled in the sense that they have refused to defile themselves by participating in the fornication of worshipping the beast.”* (Ladd)
- May also be symbolic that 144,000 are Jews of ch 7, and **God likened unfaithfulness of Israel to adultery.**

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

- Israel “wife of God,” committed adultery by “fornicating” with other gods. **Adultery = metaphor for infidelity to Israel’s real husband... Elohim.**
- When Israel faithful, called “**virgin.**” When unfaithful, called “**harlot.**” (*See 2 Kings 19:21, Isaiah 54:5, Hosea 2:5, Ezekiel 16, 23*)
- NT, after birth of Church, **believers called virgin bride of Christ.** “...I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”
(2 Corinthians 11:2a)



PURE
IN
SPIRIT

- These = faithful believers, **“virgin”** status.
- In a nutshell, 144,000 **probably both physically chaste** (“virgins”) *whether married or not*, having not defiled themselves with sexual relations outside of marriage (*will be common in that time*)
- AND **spiritually faithful to the Lamb**, as spotless bride (*not worshipping Beast*). Would be true even if consecrated and “set aside” and do not marry.


REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1

COMMENTARY: *During the Great Tribulation there will be an exaggerated emphasis upon sex, and obviously immorality will prevail. The 144,000 will have kept themselves aloof from the sins of the Great Tribulation. Now, considering adultery in the spiritual sense, in the Old Testament idolatry was classified as spiritual fornication. The classic example is in Ezekiel 16 where we find God's severe indictment against Israel for fornication and adultery—which was idolatry. The 144,000 will also have kept themselves from the worship of the Beast and his image during the Great Tribulation. Therefore, the comment, "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins," is probably referring to chastity in both the literal sense and the spiritual sense. (McGee)*

REVELATION Chapter 14, Part 1



- Follow Lamb everywhere. Where He leads, they follow. **DO WE?** Personal will, desires, lusts, goals all submitted to Him. **ARE OURS?!!**
- Another contrast to “**inhabitants of the earth**” who follow unholy trinity (dragon, 2 beasts).
- Notice believers follow Lamb. ***Too often we head out in front of Him!***
- Being “**firstfruits**” may indicate first of many to come, representative perhaps of all Israel redeemed.

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- ***“And in their mouth was found no deceit,...”***
Deceit = *dolos*, craftiness, guile, deception.
 - Some say “deceit” here = “**the Lie**” of the enemy. Original lie = *we can be like God*, or gods ourselves, do not need God or His gift.
 - ***“...for they are without fault before the throne of God.”*** ONLY way to be without fault before God: receive gift of life from Him, blood of Jesus that covers our sins. By not believing the LIE.

3 Distinct “Scenes:”

- Lamb + 144,000 on Zion

- Messages from 3 Angels

- Divine Harvests

Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha

May the LORD bless you and keep you

Ya'er Adonai panav elekha viḥunneka

May the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyase
lekha shalom.***

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

