



THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 14:1-7

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4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

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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,

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.

Scriptural Introduction

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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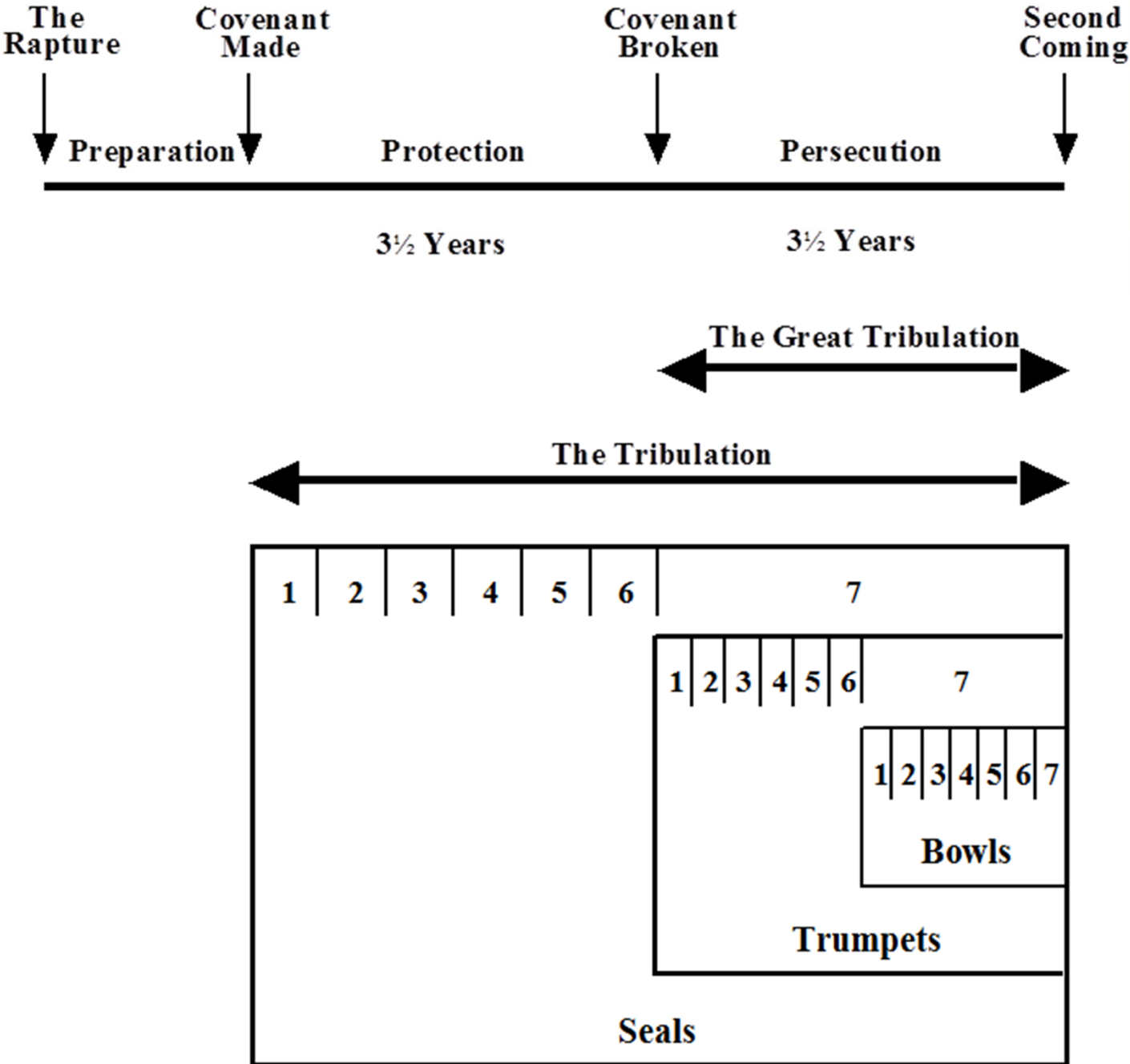
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(1) They Are an Exalted Company, 14:1

Rev. 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, **a Lamb stood on the mount Sion**, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Heb. 12:22 But ye are come unto **mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Psa 48:1 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised **in the city of our God, in** the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* **mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.**

➤ In the ancient world, a mark upon a person could stand for at least five different things:

1. Ownership
2. loyalty
3. security
4. dependence
5. safety.

Barclay, William. *The Revelation of John*. 2 vols. The Daily Study Bible series. 2nd ed. Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press, 1964. Vol. 2:134-35.

(2) They Are an Exultant Company, 14:2-3a

Rev. 14:2 “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:

3a And **they sung as it were a new song before the throne**, and before the four beasts, and the elders...”

Rev 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3 And **they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb**, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.

Deut. 32:44 And Moses came and spake all the words of **this song** in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.

(3) They Are an Exclusive Company, 14:3b

Rev. 14:3b “...and **no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand**, which were redeemed from the earth.”

Psa. 33:3 **Sing unto him a new song**; play skilfully with a loud noise.

Psa. 40:3 And **he hath put a new song in my mouth**, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Psa. 96:1 **O sing unto the LORD a new song**: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

Psa. 98:1 **O sing unto the LORD a new song**; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

Psa. 144:9 **I will sing a new song unto thee, O God**: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

Psa. 149:1 Praise ye the LORD. **Sing unto the LORD a new song**, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

Isa. 42:10 **Sing unto the LORD a new song**, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

(4) They Are an Exemplary Company, 14:4-5

Rev. 14:4 **These** are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. **These** are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. **These** were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

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Mt. 25:1 Then shall **the kingdom of heaven** be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ...

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to **meet** him.

Psa. 45:13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: **the virgins her companions that follow her** shall be brought unto thee.

Song of Solomon 6:8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and **virgins without number**.

9 My dove, my undefiled **is but one**; she *is* the *only* one of her mother, she *is* the choice *one* of her that bare her. The daughters saw **her**, and blessed **her**; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised **her**.

b. The Special Commission in Heaven, 14:6-13

(1) The Proclamation Concerning Belief, 14:6-7

Rev. 14:6 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,
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.

The four categories of earth's creation encompass all of it:

- 1. "heaven" (sky, atmosphere),
- 2. "earth" (the solid planet: rocky structure, core, and crust),
- 3. "the sea" (all the oceans),
- 4. "the fountains of waters" (all the rivers, lakes, and streams).

❖ The first four “vial” judgments will affect each of these four aspects of creation (16:2-8).

Rev. 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the **earth**; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and *upon* them which worshipped his image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the **sea**; and it became as the blood of a dead *man*: and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and **fountains of waters**; and they became blood. ...

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the **sun**; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Conclusion

Isa. 40:31 But **they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their strength***; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; **they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**

1 Chron. 29:11 **Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty**: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

1 Cor. 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which **giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Jn. 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even our faith.***