

Bible Course
Acts to Revelation
Lesson 82

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Read Revelation 14

Perfection only comes in Christ. Chapter 14 reveals the victory of the Lamb! In times of sorrow and disappointment, Christ is still on the throne. Chapter 14 is a sharp contrast to chapter 13. In chapter 13 Satan's power and kingdom seemed so overwhelming. Now, in chapter 14 look at the power of Christ. Remember the story of Elisha and his servant as they were surrounded by Syrian hosts, horses, and chariots. The servant was distraught and fearful. Elisha asked God to open the servant's eyes to see...and he saw the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire (II Kings 6). So in Revelation 13 it is like we are looking through the eyes of Elisha's servant at the power and dominion and intimidation of Satan. Then in Revelation 14 we are looking past Satan to the one who is really in control and His power.

1.	And I looked, and, lo, a stood on the mount
	, and with him, having His
	Father's name written in their foreheads.
2.	What is significant about the Lamb? In chapter 13 we see a dreadful, ominous (threatening)
	view of the antichrist. In chapter 14 we see a weak, vulnerable little lamb. The unique aspect
	of this word in Greek is that it is used in the diminutive form – really emphasizing how little this
	lamb looks. Christ is referred to many times in the Bible as the of
	the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5). However, here the whole gospel is wrapped up in the little
	lamb. The weakness of God is stronger than men. (I Cor. 1:25).
3.	Where does this Lamb stand? Many believe this refers to Jerusalem
	and that Christ will enter Jerusalem by the East Gate (which is cemented shut) at the end of
	time. Yet, throughout Revelation John has used symbolism and code words. Read Hebrews
	12:22: But ye are come unto mount, and unto the city of the

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									Chri	st is	not	coming	some	eday,
	but He	e rules to	oday in M	lount Zi	ion (he	eaven).	He is	standing	g in a posit	ion (	of triu	ımph.		
4.	Many	people t	try to fig	ure out	the n	umbers	in Rev	elation.	. The 144	,000	that	are with	Chris	t are
	explai	ned in m	nany way	s. What	t is the	e biblica	al signi	ficance (	of the foll	owin	g nur	nbers:		
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	c.	4												
	d.	6												
	e.	7												
	f.	12												
	g.	1000												
5.	Often	when la	arge nur	nbers a	ire use	ed, "co	mplete	ness" i	s implied.	Fo	r exa	ımple, w	hen I	Peter
	asked	how of	ten he s	hould fo	orgive	is brot	ther he	e used t	the numb	er ":	7" or	should	I forg	ive 7
	times	? The Lo	ord respo	nded w	ith the	e instru	ıction t	o forgiv	ve 70 time	s 7 c	r to f	forgive c	omple	etely,
	perfec	tly, uner	ndingly.	So the r	numbe	er 144,0	000 ref	ers to tl	he 12 trib	es ar	nd 12	apostles	or th	e OT
	and N	IT churc	ch. 12 t	times 1	.2 is 1	L44. Th	ien mu	ıltiple b	y 1000 f	or 1	44,00	00. Chr	ist wi	ll be
	surrou	ınded by	y His cor	nplete,	abunc	dant, m	ultitud	e (whic	h no man	can	num	ber) of	His pe	ople
	from t	hrougho	out all the	e ages.	What	are the	144,0	00 peop	ole like?					
	a.	They a	re a sing	ging peo	pple.	They su	ung as	it were	a new					
		before	the thro	one, a	and n	o man	could	learn th	nat					_ but
		the 144	4,000 wh	ich wer	e rede	eemed t	from tl	ne earth	n. Note: 1	hey	sung	AS IT W	ERE a	new
		song.	The son	g has be	een kr	nown to	o them	, but no	ow before	the	thro	ne with	thous	ands
		around	l and in	a compl	letely	sinless	state,	it is like	e a new so	ong.	The	magnitu	ıde of	that
		praise i	is incom	orehens	ible.									
	b.	These	are	they v	which	are	not	defiled	d with	woı	men;	for	they	are
						Thi	s is no	t a call	for celiba	cy, k	out it	means	those	with
		Christ a	are <b>spiri</b>	tually p	ure.	They de	esire to	walk i	n spiritual	pur	ity.	They are	not t	hose
		followi	ng the b	east in F	Revela	ition 13	3. See	II Corint	thians 11:	2: Pa	aul sa	ys that t	the go	al of

		his ministry is to "present you as	a
		to Christ." Even th	ough each one of us is prone to all evil
		and has sinned ourselves to hell, those who are	e Christ's will one day stand as pure
		virgins around His throne – what amazing grace!	
	c.	These people "are they which	the
		whithersoever he	goeth." We have ears and feet.
		Sometimes we don't hear and sometimes we hea	ar, but refuse to follow. God's people
		hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:27).	
	d.	And in their mouth was found no	The beasts in chapter
		13 spoke blasphemies and deceived men, but C	Christ's followers desire to speak the
		<u>truth</u> .	
	e.	They are without	Their payment has been paid, those
		around the throne of Christ are faultless through t	he substitution of Christ.
of	Satan a	arning: in every group of people there is an invisited the followers of the Lamb. The division will Flee from the wrath to come!	•
6.	And	saw another angel fly in the midst of	f heaven, having the everlasting
		to preach unto them. Of	ten we hear the gospel referred to as
	the "g	ood news" and it is! The Gospel also includes th	ne dire consequences of rejecting the
	Gospe	Rejection includes despising God and His law ar	nd caring more about our own desires
	than lo	ving and obeying God.	
7.	Three	narks of grace are given by this first angel:	God, and give
		to him; and	him that made
	heave	, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of wate	ers.
8.	And	there followed a second angel, saying,	" is
		, is	" The repeated words are like
		an exclamation mark at the end of a sentence (no	
	to say	hat it will surely happen.	

9.	Wha	t (	or V	Vho	is	Babyl	on?										
10.	And	the	third	angel	fol	lowed	them,	saying	with	a loud	voice,	lf	any	man	wor	ship	the
						a	and his	image,	and re	ceive hi	s						_ in
	his	fore	ehead,	or	in	his	hand,	the	same	shall	drink	of	th	e w	ine	of	the
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11.	Wha	t	is	;	thi	is	ange	el's	wa	rning?			-				
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## **Meditation**

## The Everlasting Gospel

The gospel is properly called "glad tidings," for these reasons: We are polluted with filth of sin; in it is opened a fountain for sin and uncleanness. The way to heaven is blocked up by our sins; it reveals "a new and living way, through the flesh of Christ." We are imprisoned debtors by multiplied transgressions; it shows that a price, the most inestimable, has been paid to discharge us. We have by nature hard, cold, and impenitent hearts; in it is promised a heart of flesh. We can of ourselves do nothing; it shows that through Christ we can do all things. We feel that we are liable to err and backslide; it declares that God will scourge us till we return to Him, but not take His loving-kindness from us. We know that we are liable to many calamities; it teaches us that they shall all work together for our good. We see that we are dying creatures; by it we are assured that we have a Forerunner in heaven, and an eternal habitation with God in glory. Lord, send abroad and bless this gospel!

Salvation! Let the echo fly The spacious earth around; And all the armies of the sky Conspire to raise the sound.

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