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## **Our God Reigns Revelation 14**

### **I. The Lamb Reigns – 14:1-5**

1. As conflict rages John sees the outcome  
We see the conflict in Rev. 12 & 13  
Dragon & the Beast seem to prevail – Rev. 13
2. Lord shows John the end of the conflict – 1  
The Lamb was standing on top of Mt. Zion  
Mt. Zion is in Jerusalem, where David reigned  
Lamb's people stood on the mount with Him – 1  
144,000 sealed by God & endured persecution  
Suffered from the beast but are victorious  
Father's name is written in their foreheads  
They reject Beast's mark, have God's mark
3. They celebrate victory with the Lamb – 2-3  
Loud voices celebrate in Heaven  
There are harps and voices singing  
They sing a new song to celebrate victory  
Celebrate before the Throne giving God glory  
Cherubim (4 living creatures) & 24 elders also celebrate  
Those experiencing deliverance can truly sing  
They were redeemed from the earth
4. They are virgins, not defiled with women – 4  
This is not physical celibacy – all unmarried men  
Nothing defiling about sex within marriage –  
Hebrews 13:4  
It is spiritual fornication – 14:8; 17:2; 18:3; 19:2  
Other Scripture– 2 Corinthians 11:2; James 4:4  
God is a jealous God, no place for other lovers  
Theme is found in both Old and New Testament  
Proverbs warns us against the "Strange woman"
5. Follow the Lamb wherever He goes – 4  
Totally committed to the lamb, faithful to Him
6. They are Redeemed from among men – 4  
Follow Him because He redeemed them  
Purchased with His blood, they are His
7. First-fruits unto God & the Lamb – 4  
Beginning of harvest, 1<sup>st</sup> part of renewed creation
8. Free from guile, blameless before God – 5  
Not into Satan's lie – free from guilt in Christ

### **II. The Lamb's Invitation – 14:6-7**

1. Messenger sent with everlasting gospel – 6  
For all people who dwell on earth, all nations
2. Message is to fear God & glorify Him – 7  
Proclaimed with loud voice so all can hear  
Stand in awe before Him, He is worthy of glory  
The time of judgment has come  
Bow before the Creator in true worship
3. Respond to the Lamb's invitation  
You can stand with the Lamb on the Mount  
Victory comes through Jesus Christ

### **III. The Lamb will Judge – 14:8-13**

1. Babylon is headed for destruction – 8  
Another angel announces this destruction  
Babylon is name given to this world system  
Idolatry, resistance to God began there– Gen. 11  
All nations have been intoxicated with its wine  
All nations drawn into this illicit love affair  
Destruction detailed in Rev. 17-18; 1 John 2:17
2. All who embrace the Beast are doomed – 9-11  
Beast is final phase of this system "Babylon"  
Drink his wine; you will drink wine of God's wrath  
God's wrath will be poured out without mixture  
They are doomed to the Lake of Fire – 10-11  
Tormented with fire and brimstone  
Torment goes on forever and forever  
They have no rest day or night  
Those who worship beast & receive his mark  
will suffer
3. God's people are blessed forever – 12-13  
The saints are encouraged to be patient  
Trust Christ, continue to keep God's commands  
There will be rich eternal dividends – 13  
They will be blessed of the Lord  
They will rest from their labors  
Their works will endure forever & be rewarded

### **IV. Lamb will be the Reaper – 14:20**

1. Harvest time will come as promised – 14-16  
Son of Man will come with crown & sharp sickle  
He is seated upon the cloud of God's glory  
He has been crowned with all authority  
His sharp sickle will reap harvest of judgment  
The harvest of the earth is declared to be ripe  
The time has come to reap this harvest  
One on cloud used His sickle to reap the earth  
The Lord has reserved this right for Himself
2. Time to reap the vineyard – 17- 20  
The grapes are ripe and ready for reaping  
The grapes are cast into the winepress – 19  
Winepress is Great winepress of God's wrath  
When winepress is trodden blood flows out - 20  
The flow is as deep as a horse's bridle  
Length of flow, 1600 furlongs (stadia)  
about 180 miles  
A river of blood flows as judgment falls on earth
3. Lamb stands as victor on Hill of Zion  
God's people stand with Him on that hill  
At the bottom of the hill flows a river of blood  
All of His enemies are conquered and judged  
All glory and honor belong to the victor