



Leader

2/25- Revelation 7 & 14 (The Promise to Abraham)

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

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2. Let's read chapter 14. Who is the lamb standing on Mount Zion? Is Mount Zion on earth or in heaven?

Jesus is the Lamb standing on Mount Zion (Jerusalem). We have reason to believe that this is Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb, whose name is written on the foreheads of the redeemed. It is also safe for us to assume that this is the actual earthly Mount Zion given the juxtaposition in verse 2 - "I heard a voice from heaven."

3. What unique identifiers are given the 144K?

- Father's name written on their foreheads
- Only one's who could learn the "new" song
- Not defiled
- Redeemed (divinely protected)
- No lie was found in them
- Found blameless (not sinless, but exhibits uprightness or integrity)

4. How does chapter 7:1-8 help us identify this unique 144K group?

While many scholars debate exactly who is identified in this group, there is strong evidence from this text that these people are Jewish people (i.e. "sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel"). This understanding would also affirm the greater narrative of redemptive history derived from the Abrahamic Covenant.

5. Given the understanding of 7:1-8, who might the group be in 7:9-17?

Many scholars believe these are Gentile believers that are in heaven that have "come out of the great tribulation" (the raptured church). [Those who hold this view, maintain the pretribulation rapture view]

6. How could someone's robes be "washed white by the blood of the Lamb" (v.14)?

Through faith and the atoning work of Christ, the sins of mankind are "washed away" and we are "clothed in the righteousness of Jesus" (justified by grace through faith). In Christ, we stand "faultless before the throne."

7. In chapter 14, God provides one final chance for someone to repent and believe in Jesus. Where is this found? What is unique about these verses?

Verses 6-7. It is the only instance in the entire Bible where an angel is used to share the gospel. God's normative means for gospel proclamation is through his chosen people, but now He must use an angel.

8. How does the remainder of Chapter 14 display how Jesus will harvest the earth?

There are two reapers found in this text. The first is "one like a son of man" (Jesus) who gathers the grain of the earth (likely believers) and another reaper (3rd angel of second set) who harvests the grapes of the vine (judgment of the wicked) that will be crushed in the winepress of God.

9. Any closing thoughts concerning these chapters?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.