

Revelation 14 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb,

Please don't take lightly what this means. John's gospel immediately points out that Y'shua is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Y'shua isn't called the Lamb for no reason. He is savior, atoner, and redeemer who is the righteous one, the only righteous one who is holy enough to be seated with Yahweh and take the scroll from His hand.

The Lamb is the Tzadik, the righteous one who connects heaven and earth.

standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

Mount Zion is the place where heaven and earth meet. Some studies talk about Mt. Zion as only a place on earth, but Ezekiel talks about Mt. Zion being in heaven as well. When the Lamb of God stands on Mount Zion with the 144,000 who had been martyrs, there is a definite connection to what was and what is and what is to come. There is a definite connection to the Tsiyon in heaven and the one on earth. Yashanet talks about how, traditionally, it is a prophet who connects above and below, heaven and earth. I'm way oversimplifying these concepts, but when the lamb of God stands on Mount Tsiyon at this point in time it is a major event. This is the beginning of the end of evil.

War is coming. Here's the thing about when God is involved in war. This is true of every old testament war and it is true of the last battle. When God is involved in war it is an act of mercy. God gets involved in war in order to keep His covenant promises. God gets involved in war because if He didn't then wars would eventually annihilate all people and all creation. God allowed Babylon,

Assyria, Persia, Greece, and Rome in order to sort out the adulterous behavior of Israel, and rescue the faithful remnant. The Lamb of God sorts out the demonic powers in the heavenly places as well as on earth.

The groom returns for His bride that He won, first by dying for her so he could remarry her, and also by conquering any evil that would destroy her. He takes His covenant vows seriously.

² And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. ³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

The sound is very similar to other times in scripture when God spoke, or an angel spoke. The difference is that the harpists are included. The sounds was like harpists, but it is voices of this song that no one could learn to sing except the 144,000. These people had been redeemed from the earth. That means that this is the Tsiyon in heaven. Some commentaries want to say that the 144k are raptured, but don't forget that they are martyred. They died.

⁴ These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. ⁵ No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

The most Jewish idea I saw about vs. 4 and 5 is that these are all Messianic Jewish Rabbis. They are all men who, like Sha'ul, Saul, remained unmarried and devoted their lives to Y'shua completely.

They were purchased from among mankind. How were they purchased? By the blood of the lamb. They were offered as first fruits to God and the Lamb. Jesus was the first fruit of the resurrection. These are the ones that the accuser, from chapter 12, could find no fault with. They are also those who would clearly reject the mark of the beast and they would be the first that the beast and the false prophet would want dead. Because they are blameless and no lie was found in their mouths people will be confused why such godly people are put to death. The hope is that by their sacrifice they would bring a renewing to Israel. The “new song” that they sing can also be read, a song of renewing. It is a song of Y’shua’s work. I am making all things new. They are the only ones who can sing it because these representatives of the 12 tribes, are the Messianic Rabbis from every tribe that point to Y’shua.

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

The first messenger, angel, has the eternal gospel. The good news is about God’s judgement. This answers the martyrs from before who said “how long.” The time is now. The eternal good news is that God is always God. Yahweh. I am that I am. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. No matter what anyone says He is God. His plan is perfect. He is unchangeable. He is just. Fear God and give Him glory. This is not only an encouragement to those who died for the sake of the good news of “Y’shua haMeshiak” but of it is a final plea to the heavens and the earth to repent, because judgement ha come. It is inevitable and imminent.

⁸ A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,^[a] which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”

The second angel proclaims that Babylon falls twice. Fallen, Fallen. There is a spiritual and then a physical fall of Babylon. Who is Babylon? This is the one world religion that tells people there is salvation apart from Y’shua. The maddening wine of her adulteries is the intoxicating drink that the church pours out saying there is no sin, all religions are the same, all roads lead to Rome. This is the wine that tastes great but drives people mad because it causes them to commit adultery against God. The modern mainline church is already doing this. Wide swaths of the Catholic church are doing this. When humanism turns into religion there will be hell on earth.

⁹ A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, ¹⁰ they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”

The third angel lays out the consequences and the reason for God’s judgement. That is completely characteristic of God. Whenever He pronounces judgement He always says what it is and why. If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or hand. That is why. Complete, abject, rebellion against God and a total rebellion against repentance leads to the consequences of God’s fury which has been poured full strength into the cup of His wrath. Think of the comparison of the cups. The cup of the beast was for deception and adultery against God. It was for hedonism and revelry. Think of the cup Jesus took.

If this cup can pass from me. Y'shua drank the cup of the sins of the world. He was crucified to appease God's wrath for all who would believe. But God doesn't forget the sins of those who don't ask to be forgiven and Jesus was tortured and died for those sinners. God's wrath is undiluted against those for whom Jesus died and yet they mocked him, blasphemed him, and rejected his gift.

¹² This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

This is an important verse. It is a call for patient endurance on the part of the people who keep his commands, Torah Observant. Whenever a Jew talks about keeping God's commands he is talking about being Torah observant. Obeying God's law. And, they remain faithful to Y'shua. Y'shua who came to fulfill the law and not destroy it is the one who took the cup for all, but salvation is for those who believe.