***REVELATION***

**Ch. 14**

Chapter 14 is a series of 7 separate visions

Chapter 14 is like a table of contents for the rest of the book.

**I. THE FIRST VISION (VS. 1-5)**

 A. The Person----The lamb or Jesus

 B. The Place---Mount Zion---common term for the hills on which Jerusalem sits

 C. The People---144,000 ----These were last seen in chapter 7

 1. **Ch. 13** ended with the beast overcoming the saints

 2. **Ch. 14** explains that his victory was not total

 a. Divinely Protected - They are God's Untouchables!

 b. Divinely Preserved - 144,000 sealed and 144,000 taken home, not 143,999! Eternal Security!

 c. Divinely praising

 1) We need to be happy and sing to the Lord down here! - **Psa. 100:1-5**

 2) A song no one else can sing---Everyone has a song, a testimony, a praise that is unique to them!

**II. THE SECOND VISION (6-7)**

 A. An Angelic message---God’s “Last Call” to an unrepentant world

**III. THE THIRD VISION (vs. 8)**

 A. This is a preliminary announcement of the overthrow of the false religious system

 B. This actually occurs in **chapters 17-18**

 C. “Babylon” is the name used because it was at Babylon that the groundwork for this religion was laid

**IV. THE FOURTH VISION** **(9-11)**

 A. Second angelic messenger---The Doom of the worshippers of the Beast

 B. This tells us that there is something more to this “Mark” than just economics.

**V. THE FIFTH VISION (12-13)**

 A. Many will be killed for refusing the mark or worshipping the beast

 B. A special blessing is upon these individuals

**VI. THE SIXTH VISION (14-16)**

A. The Harvest of the Earth

 1. Not the harvest of the Church----That occurred in chapter 4

 a. This is shown in the use of the word “ripe”

 b. The Greek word used here actually refers to being “over ripe” or dry and withered

 c. God does not rush to judgement. He waits until there is no more time to wait

**VII. THE SEVENTH VISION (17-20)**

 A. The winepress---Isaiah discussed Christ’s share in this press----**Isa. 63:1-6**

 B. It will cover an area of over 200 miles radius

 C. This vivid picture of judgment was the inspiration for The Battle Hymn of the Republic

 1. Probably describes blood splattering up to the horses’ bridles

 2. A river of blood this high and long is not likely as this would be an almost incomprehensible river of blood

 D. At the end of Rev. 13, it almost seemed like Satan and the Antichrist might win.

 E. Rev. 14 shows who is really triumphant and in control

 1. God, His Messiah, and His people

 2. Not Satan, the Antichrist, and his followers.