#### **Table Revelation 14:1-20**

- And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
- And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
- And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.
- These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.
- And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.
- And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
- Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.
- And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
- And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
- The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
- And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.
- Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
- And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
- And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.
- And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.
- And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.
- And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

- And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.
- And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
- And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

See Dr Ruckman's commentaries *The Book of Matthew* pp 236, 541, 546-548, *The Book of Revelation* pp 108-109, 175-176, 260-262, 266-267, 393-438, 518-520 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 309, 982, 1284-1285, 1569, 1601, 1660.

1. Revelation 14:1-4. The "hundred forty and four thousand" standing with the Lord "on the mount Sion" Revelation 14:1 are those described when on earth in Revelation 7:2-4 "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

As today's believer assuredly will be in that "...Jerusalem...above is free, which is the mother of us all" Galatians 4:26 they now "...are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem..." Hebrews 12:22 having concluded their ministry which yielded the outcome of Revelation 7:9-10 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

The above scriptures are a reminder to today's believer of Paul's exhortation to a young man by name "And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it" Colossians 4:17.

See <a href="www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/">www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/</a> Revelation 7 pp 2-3 for further remarks. Revelation 14:1 gives further revelation that the seal is "... his Father's name written in their foreheads" that the devil seeks to counterfeit via "the mark of the beast" Revelation 16:2, 19:20. Today's believer has this assurance that he is the Lord's with this exhortation "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" 2 Timothy 2:19.

Revelation 14:2 opens with "...the glory of the God of Israel...and his voice was like a noise of many waters" Ezekiel 43:2 and the Lord's voice is then followed by the heavenly harpers introducing "a new song" Revelation 14:3 insofar and this should be the mindset of today's believer "...he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence" Colossians 1:18.

Revelation 14:3 "...they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth" is in the immediate context "the song of Moses" Revelation 15:3, to be addressed in more detail in the study on Revelation 15. Revelation 14:3 is, however, remarkable in that at least nine hundred "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...to the Lord" Colossians 3:16 have been composed versus effectively zero for any other belief system founder. Yet here "they sung as it were a new song...which were redeemed from the earth...redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb" Revelation 14:3-4 after the manner of Psalm 40:3 "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD" in that after the

manner of Psalm 34:22 "The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate." They did "trust in him" and today's believer does according to 1 Peter 1:18-19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

"...the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth...redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb" Revelation 14:3-4 are firstfruits in that manner by association with Revelation 7:9-10 given above.

"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth" Revelation 14:4 because they "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body" 1 Corinthians 6:18 and God enables them even to eschew marriage because as Paul testifies "...he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife...And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction" 1 Corinthians 7:33, 35.

No limit of course can ever be reached with respect to worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ insofar as "...prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised" Psalm 72:15.

- 2. Revelation 14:5-12. Revelation 14:5 "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God" is a very applicable scripture devotionally, practically, spiritually for today's believer, noting both singular and the plural, according to Titus 2:7-8, 13-15 "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you...Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."
  - "...the everlasting gospel...unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people...Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" Revelation 14:6-7 is clearly not "the gospel of the grace of God" Acts 20:24 "the gospel of Christ" Romans 1:16, Galatians 1:7 because if "...an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" Galatians 1:8.

Revelation 14:6-7 reveal nothing about "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31. Instead in that this is an angelic gospel delivered by "an angel...in the midst of heaven" Revelation 14:6 not by "witnesses unto me" Acts 1:8 on the ground Revelation 14:6-7 vividly depict for End Times salvation the Old Testament principles that "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath...The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil" Proverbs 15:24, 19:23.

In that respect only by "*rightly dividing the word of truth*" 2 Timothy 2:15 can the potential pit-fall of a perceived contradiction in scripture be studiously avoided.

See attached study **Reply to DiVietro's Attack on Gail Riplinger – Flotsam Flush** pp 87-88 also found in <a href="www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/">www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/</a> Revelation 5 pp 14-15 with respect to the language spoken by the angelic witnesses in Revelation 14:6-11.

Revelation 14:8 is the End Times fulfilment of Jeremiah 50:18, 22-24, 51:7 "Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria...A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD...Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad" insofar as this Babylon is "... MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" Revelation 17:5 that "...made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" Revelation 14:8 because she set herself up as a centre of global false worship as "... The Lady of kingdoms... And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever" Isaiah 47:5, 7. She even deceives the Lord's people so that the Lord declares "Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger" Jeremiah 7:18 in an early condemnation of the so-called sacrifice of the Catholic mass as Paul reveals for today's believer in 1 Corinthians 10:20-21 "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils."

Revelation 17, 18 will be addressed in more detail when those chapters are considered explicitly but for now in sum note the specific fulfilment of Revelation 14:8 especially against the idolatrous Catholic mass of Rome aka "....MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" Revelation 17:5 in Revelation 18:8 "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."

See <u>store.kjv1611.org/the-mass/</u> for a Biblical evaluation of the idolatrous Catholic mass of Rome "the wine of the wrath of her fornication" Revelation 14:8 rightly contrasted with scriptural fact as follows. See mb-soft.com/believe/txc/thirtyni.htm.

#### **Article XXXI**

#### Of the one oblation of Christ finished upon the Cross

The offering of Christ once made is the perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual, and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifices of Masses, in the which it was commonly said that the priests did offer Christ for the quick and the dead to have remission of pain or guilt, were blasphemous fables and dangerous deceits.

"...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all...For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" Hebrews 10:10, 14.



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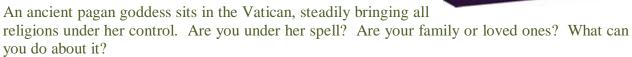
See further <a href="www.chick.com/catalog/books/0187.asp">www.chick.com/catalog/books/0187.asp</a>. This extract identifies Rome and the Catholic Church as "...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" Revelation 17:5.

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"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen" 1 John 5:20-21.

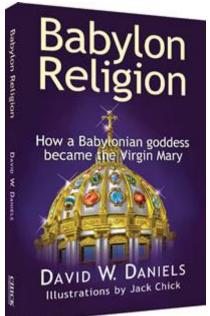
Noting that as King David testifies "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?...if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there" Psalm 139:8 Revelation 14:9-11 are an explicit angelic admonition for the End Times not the Church Age that "...If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb" Revelation 14:9-10.

"...the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation..." Revelation 14:10 will be considered further when Revelation 16 is considered as introduced in Revelation 16:1 "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

Revelation 14:9-11 are really an admonition to the End Times saint, not to the Church Age saint, faithfully to observe Hebrews 3:12-14 "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end."

Therefore for the End Times saint whether Jew or Gentile "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" Revelation 14:12 "...whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end" Hebrews 3:6 and as the Lord said in a non-Church Age context "...if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" Matthew 19:17 steadfastly believing as Simon Peter testifies in Matthew 16:16 "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

See also <u>www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/</u> Revelation 12 p 7 and this extract with respect to the companion scripture Revelation 12:17.



Given that the devil has been thwarted in his pursuit of Israel into the wilderness Revelation 12:17 focuses on the devil's wrath being directed against any of Israel's believing remnant and their supporters located elsewhere and abiding by the End Times plan of salvation whereby those saints "...keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" as set out doctrinally in James 2:14, 17 "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?...Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

By contrast the condition of the Church Age saint with respect to partaking of the Lord Jesus Christ is fixed and permanent as Paul testifies in Ephesians 5:30 "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."

3. Revelation 14:13. Revelation 14:13 confers a blessing on the faithful End Times saint who in the End Times fulfils Revelation 2:10 "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

However Revelation 14:13 exhibits further differences between the End Times saint and the Church Age saint in that the End Times saint is "in the Lord" in that he has declared himself to be in the Lord's kingdom as revealed in Revelation 12:10 "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

He has thereby exiled himself voluntarily and practically from the beast's kingdom that suffers the judgement of God in Revelation 16:10-11 "And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."

By contrast the Church Age saint undergoes a purely spiritual transformation "...from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..." Acts 26:18 which results in "...newness of life" Romans 6:4 via the infusion of "...the life of God..." Ephesians 4:18 into him that does not apply to the End Times saint as Paul testifies further in 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 3:26 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new...For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

That "...their works do follow them" Revelation 14:13 for the End Times saint is not the same for the Church Age saint for whom Paul testifies and to which today's believer should carefully take heed "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" 2 Corinthians 5:10.

4. Revelation 14:14-16. John beheld "a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown..." because he saw "...he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven" John 3:13 "...to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" Daniel 4:17 in the End Times he that "As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear...is a wicked ruler over the poor people" Proverbs 28:15. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 13.

John also saw a precursor to the Second Advent according to Revelation 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" and then, especially by way of encouragement to today's believer, "Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him" Psalm 72:18.

With "... in his hand a sharp sickle... for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe... he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped" Revelation 14:14-16 is the visible fulfilment that John saw of the pre-Second Advent catching-up of End Times saints in Matthew 24:30-31 "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Matthew 24:30-31 include the seventh trumpet of Revelation 11:15 "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" because the timing of Matthew 24:30-31, Revelation 11:12, 15, 14:14-16 matches that of "the feast of tabernacles" according to Leviticus 23:27, 33-34, 25:9 "Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD...And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD...Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land."

Today's believer in the light of Revelation 14:14-16 and conscious that the end of the Church Age is near should consistently apply Romans 13:11-12, 14 "...knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light...put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

5. Revelation 14:17-20. John then saw that "...another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel...cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs" Revelation 14:17-20 in the End Times fulfilment of these scriptures.

Deuteronomy 32:32-33, 42 "For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps... I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy"

Isaiah 13:11, 15 "And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible... Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword"

Isaiah 63:2-4, 6 "Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?...I have trodden the winepress alone...for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come...And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth"

Joel 3:13, 16 "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great... The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."

Today's believer should therefore remember the following.



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#### Conclusion



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# Revelation 14 Study Questions and Sample Answers Study Questions

- 1. What did John see in Revelation 14:1?
- 2. How does this select group react in Revelation 14:2-3 to being with the Lord?
- 3. What should Revelation 14:4-5 teach today's believer about his testimony?
- 4. How would you summarise the preaching of the three angels in Revelation 14:6-11?
- 5. How do the saints that Revelation 14:12-13 describe differ from today's saints?
- 6. How do the harvests that Revelation 14:15-20 depict differ from each other?
- 7. What would be one application that today's believer could draw from the events that Revelation 14 portend?

## Sample Answers

1. John saw "the heavenly vision" Acts 26:19 of an End Times fulfilment of Isaiah 8:18 "Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion" and a Second Advent precursor to Hosea 1:10 "...the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God."

It is noteworthy that via John's vision "...we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" Hebrews 2:9 including of course "...the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth" Revelation 14:3.

- 2. "I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me" Psalm 13:6.
- 3. "...dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" 2 Corinthians 7:1.
- 4. "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him" Isaiah 3:10-11.
- 5. By inspection of Revelation 14:12-13 the key differences are apparent in that for today's saints "...ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" Romans 8:9 and "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" 1 Corinthians 3:13.
- 6. The first harvest, that of Revelation 14:14-16, is the End Times fulfilment of Psalm 50:5 "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice" and the second harvest is the End Times fulfilment of Isaiah 66:16 "For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many."
- 7. Do what you are called to do while you can according to the principle that the Lord expressed in John 9:4 "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

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The New Testament reveals even more startling information on 'inspired translations. See Revelation 5:13 and note that the events described are still future.

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

Because Revelation 5:13 is yet future, "every creature" will not have spoken Koine Greek, even if that was the language in which John originally wrote down the statement "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Whatever languages the creatures did speak must, like the Lycaonian language of Acts 14:11, have been spoken 'inspired originals' that were spontaneously translated in the third heaven 2 Corinthians 12:2 into Koine Greek, say, so that John could understand and record what the voices had said in unison.

If so, then Revelation 5:13 is more evidence that gives the lie to Dr DiVietro's notion that inspiration of translations is found nowhere in the New Testament. The implications of Revelation 5:13 with respect to inspiration of translations are even more striking and will be explained below but for now, consider another example.

See Revelation 14:6-7.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

Like Revelation 5:13, the literal fulfilment of these verses is yet future. When they are fulfilled, the angel's words in Revelation 14:7 cannot be spoken in Koine Greek, which is now a dead language<sup>1</sup>, as even Dr DiVietro admits, *Cleaning-Up*, pp 7, 16. No-one would understand it.

That observation leads to a striking conclusion.

Even if the angel will have the power to speak more than one language simultaneously, he will have to include King James English, as the *Biblical* language of the End Times or the *scriptural lingua franca*. See comments in this author's earlier work<sup>2</sup> on questions for Dr Waite to answer. See also Dr Mrs Riplinger's work<sup>3</sup> on *The Missionary Bible KJV*.

What now follows is most compelling for anyone who believes what God said in Isaiah 46:9-10.

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, <u>Declaring the end from the beginning</u>, and <u>from ancient times the things that are</u> not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"

If John wrote down what he saw and heard in the prophetic vision of Revelation 14:6-7 in Koine Greek as inspired scripture (and the DBS Executive Committee would unanimously declare that he did), then John's Koine Greek 'original' must have been an inspired translation of an inspired spoken original at least in part in King James English because, as indicated above, the angel's words in Revelation 14:7 are yet future. Similar remarks apply to Revelation 5:13. Most, if not all, of the creatures, including, peoples in Revelation 14:6, will not be able to speak Koine Greek but many of them will be able to speak King James English, as the Biblical lingua franca of the End Times! In God's timing, wisdom and power, the spoken inspired King James English 'original' that John received prophetically almost 2,000 years ago became the written inspired 1611 Authorized King James English Holy Bible historically and to the present day. (With "his mouth as the mouth of a lion" Revelation 13:2, even "the beast" has to speak English<sup>4</sup>.)

This is also an additional proof that a translation can be inspired given that John's Koine Greek 'original' was in fact a translation of the language (or various languages) he heard spoken by the angel.

That conclusion merits prayerful reflection, James 1:5.

## References

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koine\_Greek

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Dr D. A. Waite and The Dead Bible Society, p 11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *In Awe of Thy Word*, pp 19-21, 456ff

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Book of Revelation, pp 367ff