

# REVELATION

The Hope of the Gospel  
(Revelation 14:1-7)

*“My wife is in heaven . . . We didn’t lose her. When you lose something, you can’t find it. I know exactly where my wife is.” ~Monty Williams*



*Psalm 2:6: As for me, I have set my King on  
Zion, my holy hill.*

No matter what happens on  
earth, Christ will rule as King.

We must live faithfully in light  
of the Gospel.



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- ❖ Revelation 11: Seventh trumpet, leading to the seven bowl judgments
- ❖ Revelation 15-16: Seven bowl judgments
- ❖ Revelation 12-14: Extended parenthesis that steps outside the narrative to give extra details

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- ❖ Revelation 11:15: Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”
- ❖ Revelation 11:18: The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.

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- ❖ The nations rage and set themselves against the Lord and against His Anointed.
- ❖ God holds them in derision and will pour out His wrath.
- ❖ God has set *His* King on Mount Zion.

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- ❖ Revelation 15-16 shows God pouring out His wrath.
- ❖ Revelation 19 shows the climax of Revelation with the Second Coming of Christ.
- ❖ Revelation 12-14 set the stage for the climax by showing the raging of the nations in the last part of the Tribulation.

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A. Revelation 12 shows the spiritual warfare as Satan tries to rebel against God.

- ❖ Satan fights a two-front war, but he is cast out of heaven.
- ❖ He fails to reach the child (Christ) and then the woman, so he turns his rage against the rest of the woman's offspring.



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B. Revelation 13 introduces the Antichrist and the False Prophet.

- ❖ Satan uses them to persecute believers
- ❖ Revelation 13:7: Antichrist prevails over the saints.
- ❖ They call people to worship Satan and take the mark of the beast.

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C. Revelation 14 reminds us that God will be victorious.

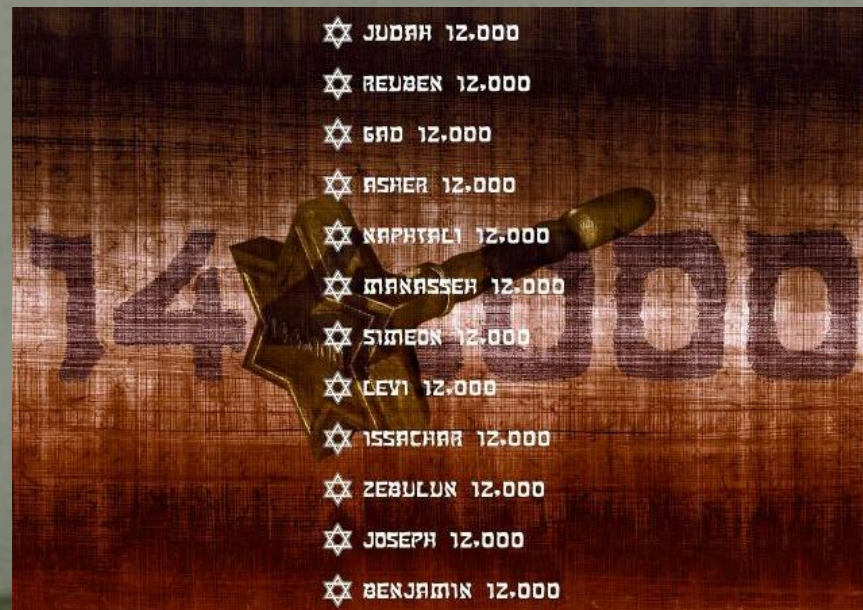
- ❖ Encouragement to believers: These promises will come true no matter how difficult things look on earth.
- ❖ Warning to unbelievers: God's wrath is coming.

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- ❖ Revelation 14:1: Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

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- ❖ These 144,000 Jewish men were mentioned in Revelation 7. Why are they mentioned again here?
- ❖ They are brought up as a contrast to Revelation 13:16-18.





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❖ Psalm 2:6: God promised His Messiah would be King on Mount Zion.



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- ❖ Revelation 14:1-5 jumps ahead to the time of the Second Coming and the Millennium when Christ is on Mount Zion.
- ❖ The 144,000 will be severely persecuted, but they will be a part of Christ's kingdom.



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B. The 144,000 also learn a new song of praise to God.

❖ Revelation 14:2-3: And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.



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B. The 144,000 also learn a new song of praise to God.

- ❖ Some see the 144,000 as the ones singing in heaven.
  - ❖ But they are *learning* the song, not singing.
  - ❖ Often in Scripture when a voice speaks from heaven, it is speaking *to* the ones in the narrative.

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C. The 144,000 have been set apart for service to God.

❖ Revelation 14:4-5: It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

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1. They are dedicated in their service to God.

❖ They have remained morally pure.

❖ 1 Corinthians 7:32-34a: I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided . . .

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2. They follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

❖ This is the privilege of the Gospel.

3. They are firstfruits to God.

❖ Firstfruits were given as a sacrifice to God.

❖ Firstfruits typically pointed to a coming harvest.



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4. They are truthful and blameless.

❖ The False Prophet gained a great following by speaking lies and performing lying miracles.

❖ These ones are truthful, and they receive great reward.

### 3. God graciously gives a final call to receive the Gospel.

❖ Revelation 14:6-7: Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an **eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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A. This is the final time the Gospel is proclaimed in Revelation.

- ❖ The third angel will proclaim judgment on those who take the mark of the beast.
- ❖ God gives a final call to follow Him.

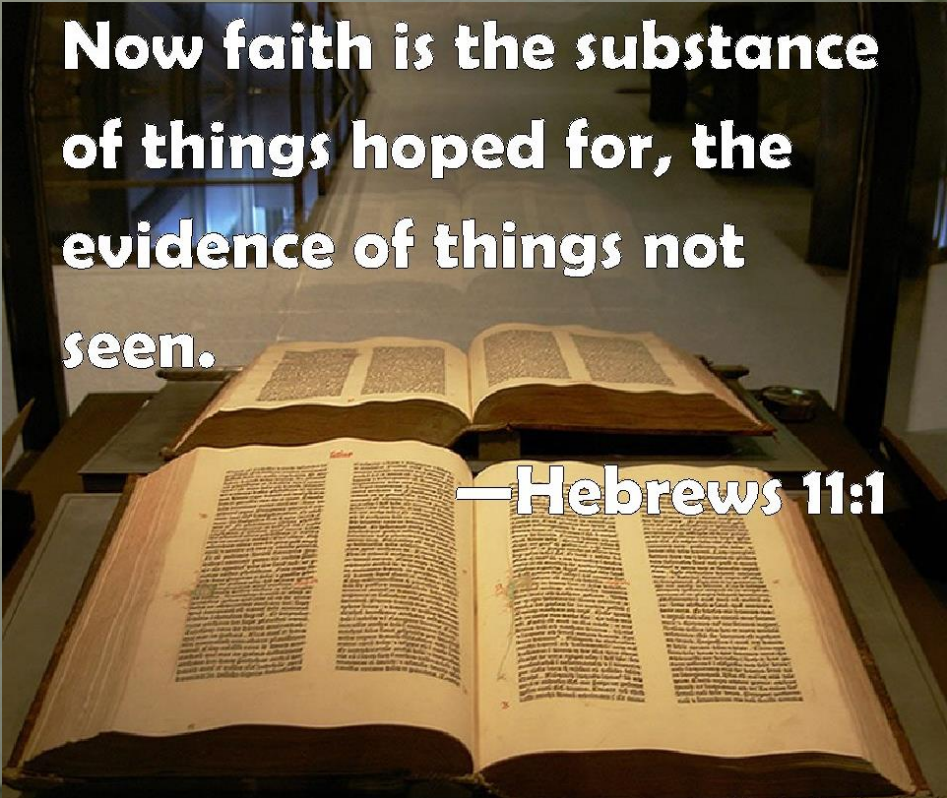




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B. People are called to follow God.

- ❖ Fearing God, giving Him glory, and worshipping Him will require great faith.
- ❖ They must turn from what they can see to what they cannot see.



**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

**—Hebrews 11:1**



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C. God shows great grace in giving the Gospel to those who have repeatedly rejected Him.

- ❖ We are not told if anyone believes, but God gives the call anyway.
- ❖ If God still gives the Gospel, then so should we.
- ❖ God is patient, gracious, and merciful. We should be as well.

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D. The angel points to the fear of judgment as the motivation to accept the Gospel.

- ❖ “Fear God and give him glory, *because the hour of his judgment has come.*”
- ❖ Christ did not come simply to give us a better life or to help us through the problems of life. He came to save us from the just wrath of God.
- ❖ The Gospel is a message of hope. The next two announcements show the utter hopelessness of rejection of God.

# Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?

- We have the wonderful message of hope in the Gospel.
  - We must seek to share the Gospel with others.
- We must live by faith in God's promises.
  - God's promises should encourage us in the midst of the difficult times of life.
- We must live faithfully in light of the Gospel.

NEXT TIME:

REVELATION 14:8-13

- Angelic  
Announcements  
of Judgment