

Third Interlude, Part 3: Previews of Things to Come

Revelation 14

Preview One: The Redeeming Lamb and 144,000 Redeemed

1. Are these the same 144,000 Jewish evangelists we read about in Revelation 7? Who does Charles C. Ryrie think they are? Where does he think this action is taking place?
2. What two reasons does Ryrie give for his conclusions?
3. What is taking place in this “preview”? (See Revelation 14:3)

Preview Two: The Fall of Babylon

4. Although the author will go into more detail later in the book, Who or what is Babylon mentioned here in Revelation 14:8?
5. According to Isaiah 13:19-20, will Babylon ever be inhabited?
6. What modern dictator tried to re-inhabit Babylon? How did that work out for him?

7. How does the author describe “Babylonian systems” that remain today?

Preview Three: The Marked and the Unmarked

8. How does Revelation 14:9-11 the judgment of God on those who worship the Beast? What act or identifier is on those who have worshipped the Beast?

9. How does the author describe these people’s action?

10. According to the author, how does John describe the, “startling beauty of the faithful saints” in Revelation 14:13?

Preview Four: The Great Harvest

11. Who is harvesting with a sickle in Revelation 14:14-16?

12. What kind of crown is he wearing according to the author?

13. Who is harvesting with a sickle in Revelation 14:17-20?

14. What is the crop that is being harvested? Where is it thrown into?

15. According to the author, what is this last “preview” of?