

REVELATION -THE FINAL VICTORY

(Lesson 7)

Intro: What picture or scene comes to mind when you think of Judgment Day?

- **The Fourth Vision: The Seven Visions**

1. The Fourth Vision: The 144,000 With the Lamb (14:1-5)

- Who are the 144,000?
 - Where are the 144,000?
 - What marks the 144,000?
- What is the content of the 144,000's "new song"? (Cf Psalm 96:1,2; 98:1,2)
- What makes the 144,000 unique and special to God?

(Not defiling themselves with women is a figure of speech that is closely related to the common designation of idolatry as adultery. In his commentary on Hosea, Luther says that in the imagery of the Old Testament "committing harlotry means practicing adultery". These 144,000 refused to receive the mark of the beast They rejected all idolatry and refused to be unfaithful to God and the Lamb. They remained faithful to the bridegroom who would come at the end of time to claim them as his bride.)

2. The Fifth Vision: The Three Angels (14:6-13)

- What promise of Jesus is being fulfilled in this vision, verse 6?
- What is the message of the first angel?
- How are we to understand the second angel's message?
- What does the third angel add to the message of the second angel?
- What happens to those who "die in the Lord"?
 - In what sense do their deeds follow them?

3. The Sixth Vision: The Harvest (14:14-20)

- Who is the one seated on the cloud that John sees?
- What was the one sitting on the cloud commanded to do? Why?
 - Where did this command come from?
- What is different about the rest of that which is harvested?
- What is this sixth vision clearly describing?
- What is the significance of 1600 stadia? (Hint: $1600 = 4 \times 4 \times 10 \times 10$)

4. The Seventh Vision: The Angels with the Seven Last Plagues (15:1-8)

- How are these plagues described in verse 1?
- Where is John's vision taking place?
- Compare Moses' song of victory in Exodus 15:1-21 to the song quoted here.
- What happened when the seven angels came out of the temple?
- What is the significance of not being able to enter the temple?
- How does this vision prepare John's readers for the vision of the seven bowls?

Conclusion: Should we find joy and satisfaction in the punishment of the wicked?