

# A Vision of the Redeemed

Revelation 14:1-12



# Revelation 14:1



- Then I looked, and behold,  
on Mount Zion stood the  
Lamb,

**John's next vision is in heaven as  
opposed to on the earth in ch. 13.**

## Psalm 9:11

- Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

## Psalm 48:2

- beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

## Psalm 50:2

- Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.



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**Mount Zion is where  
the throne of God is  
in Heaven.**



# Revelation 14:1



• Then I looked, and behold, on  
Mount Zion **stood the**  
**Lamb,**

This reminds us of Revelation 5:6

# Revelation 5:6

- And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders **I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain,** with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.



# Revelation 14:1



- Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000

**12 x 12 x 1000**

**Remember, I do not believe the 144,000 is the exact number of Jews who are redeemed during the tribulation.**

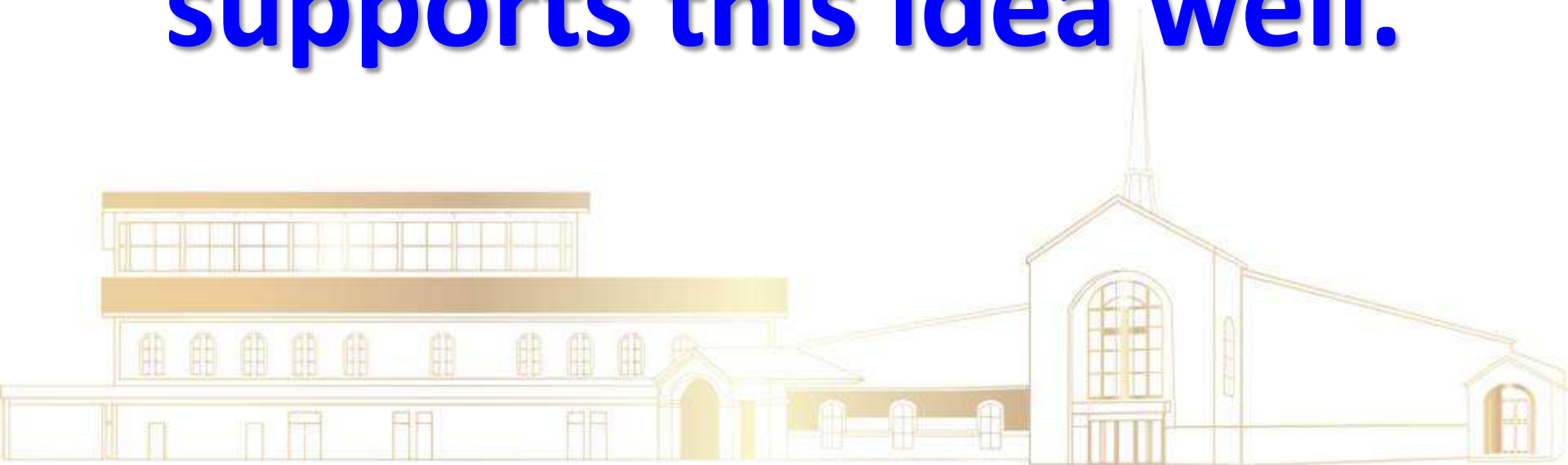
**Instead, I believe 12 tribes of Israel (OT) x 12 Apostles of Christ (NT) x 1000 (a very large #) is a symbolic number for each and every person who was saved, is being saved, and will be saved by the blood of the Lamb.**





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**I think the 24 elders  
(12 OT +12 NT)  
supports this idea well.**



# 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.

**In stark contrast to earth dwellers, who have the mark of the beast on their forehead, John now sees those who have been redeemed and they have the name of the Lamb of God and the Father on their foreheads.**

**Now we know for sure we are NOT talking about a computer chip or tattoo.**

**The name written on the forehead is a symbol of ownership which separates the redeemed from the earth dwellers.**



# 1 Corinthians 6:20, 7:23

- for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.
- You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.



# Revelation 14:2



- 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,

**Notice the text does not say the 144k are playing harps.**

**Instead John says “was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps”**

**The operative word in this case is “like.”**



# Revelation 14:3



- **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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**Now we know, John is  
circling back to  
chapter 5.**





# Revelation 5:9

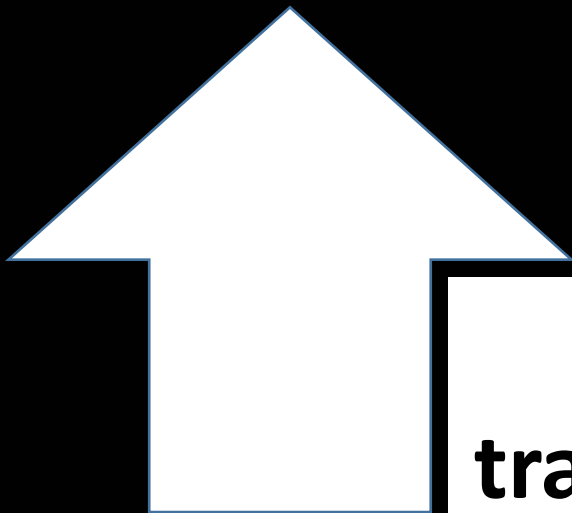
- And they sang a new song, saying,  
“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals, for you were  
slain, and by your blood you  
ransomed people for God from  
every tribe and language and  
people and nation,



# Revelation 14:3

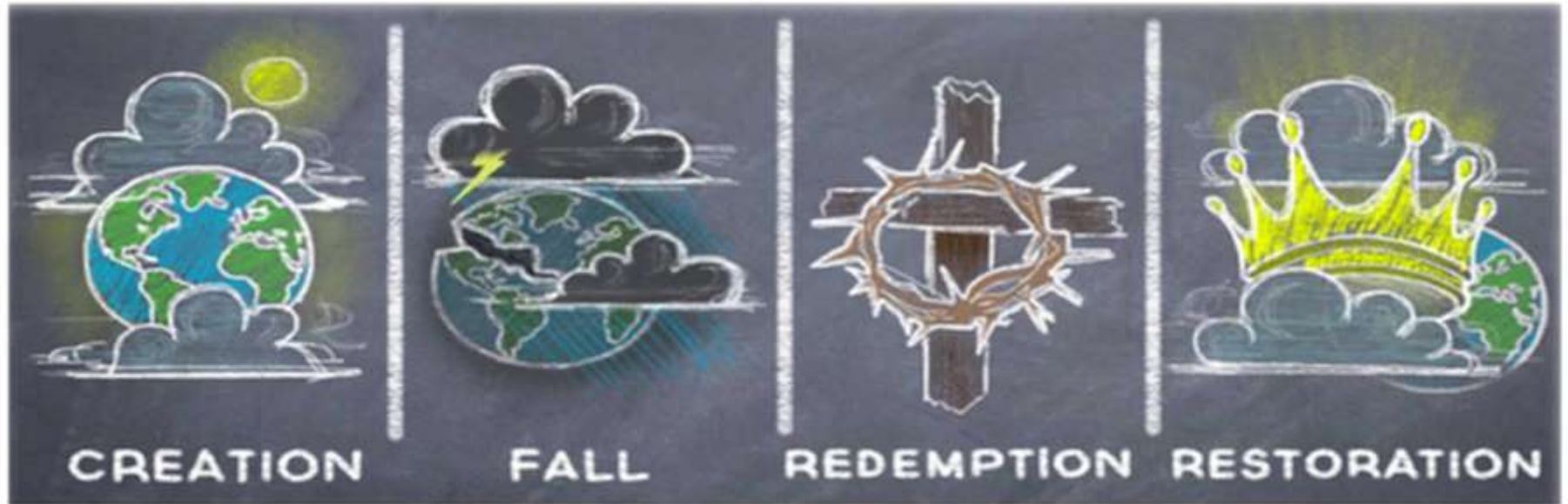


- **No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.**



**This is the same word translated ransomed in ESV and redeemed in KJV in Rev 5:9.**

# The epic story of the Bible in 4 parts.



**The Bible opens with a tree of life (Gen 2:9) and the Bible closes with the tree of life (Rev 22:14).**

## **Ransom**

**A consideration paid or demanded for the release of someone or something from captivity**

## **Redeem**

**To free from captivity by payment of ransom**

Merriam-Webster



## ἀγοράζω

The Greek word here [G59] is more often translated bought or buy; however, it is important to note that **Christ did not pay anyone in particular anything (esp. Satan).** “Ransom, redeem, and bought” are words employed to help the saint of God understand that their salvation was NOT free.



**Christ left the glories of heaven.**

**Christ experienced life in a fallen world.**

**Christ was tempted and tested.**

**Christ suffered.**

**Christ was mocked and reviled.**

**Christ endured the wrath of God.**

**Christ was in excruciating pain.**

**Christ shed His own blood.**

**Christ died.**

**Christ did all this to secure our redemption.**



**Interestingly this  
same Greek word is  
found in chap 13.**



# Revelation 13:17



- so that no one can **buy** or  
sell unless he has the mark, that is,  
the name of the beast or the  
number of its name.



**Revelation describes a time in the future when those who have been redeemed or ransomed or bought with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ will not be able to buy anything on the state sponsored economy because they do not have the mark of the beast; instead, according to chap 14, they have the mark of the Lamb and the Father.**



# Revelation 14:4



- It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins.

**Virgins is symbolic like the parable of the ten virgins of Matt 25.**

**Virgins is symbolic language  
for the purity of the  
redeemed. It is not be taken  
literally or gender specific.**

**This is in contrast to the great  
whore of Rev 17.**



# Revelation 14:4



- It is these who follow the Lamb [Jesus] wherever he goes.

**Symbolic or Literal?**

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**Jesus expects his  
disciples to follow  
him AND they do.**



# Matthew 16:24

- Then Jesus **told his disciples**, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross **and follow me**.”

**John 10:27**



# John 10:27

- **My sheep** hear my voice, and I know them, and they **follow me [the Lamb]**.



# Revelation 14:4



- These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb,

Now let me show you how we know unequivocally that they 144K are not a special group of people being saved during the Great Tribulation.



# Firstfruits

**Rev 14:4**

These have been redeemed from mankind **as firstfruits** for God and the Lamb,

**2 Thess 2:13**

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because **God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved**, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

**James 1:18**

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that **we should be a kind of firstfruits** of his creatures.

**Jesus the Lamb of God is the firstborn among many brothers (Rom 8:29), the firstborn of all creation (Col 1:15), and the firstborn from the dead (Col 1:18).**

**While, we, those who have been redeemed from the earth by the firstborn are the firstfruits.**



# Revelation 14:5



- and in their mouth  
no lie was found,  
for they are blameless.

**“In their mouth no lie was found”**

**This is NOT sinless perfection; this is another characteristic of the redeemed.**

- **The redeemed are not limited to 144k.**
- **They are not literal virgins.**
- **They don't physically follow Jesus everywhere he goes.**
- **And we are not saying they have never told a lie.**

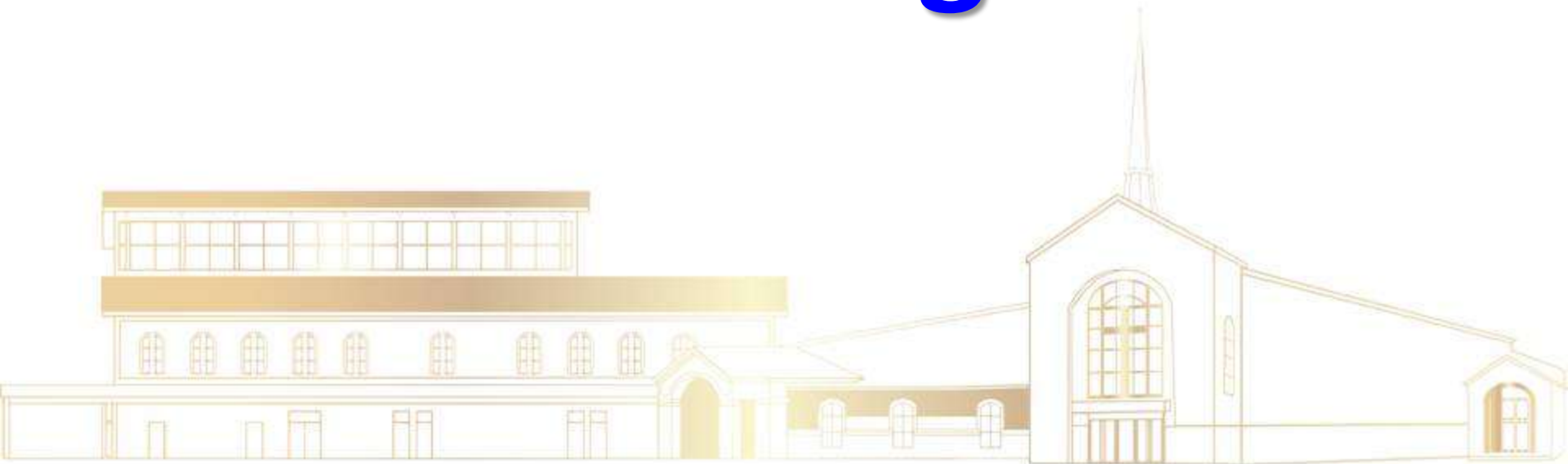


# **Compare and Contrast Revelation 13 & 14**

<b>Dwell on the earth</b>	<b>Redeemed from the earth</b>
<b>Beast has mortal wound</b>	<b>The Lamb was killed</b>
<b>Mark of the beast</b>	<b>Mark of the Lamb &amp; Father</b>
<b>Worship the beast</b>	<b>Worship the Lamb</b>
<b>Commit sexual immorality</b>	<b>Are not sexually immoral</b>
<b>World followed the beast</b>	<b>Disciples follow the Lamb</b>
<b>Have been deceived</b>	<b>Do not lie</b>
<b>Found guilty</b>	<b>Are blameless</b>
<b>Experience the wrath of God</b>	<b>Saved from the wrath of God</b>
<b>Tortured w/ fire &amp; sulfur</b>	<b>Rest from their hard work</b>

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# **The Message of the 3 Angels**



# Revelation 14:6



- 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.

# **The Eternal Gospel**

**The gospel is the good news that God is reconciling sinners to Himself eternally through the sacrificial and substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection of the man Christ Jesus through authentic faith in what Jesus, the one and only Son of God, accomplished on a tree 2000 years ago on a skull-shaped hill in the city of Jerusalem.**





# Revelation 14:7



• And he said with a loud voice,

**“Fear God**

**Be Afraid**

# Turn to

Romans 3:10-18



“None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> no one understands; no one seeks for God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” <sup>13</sup> “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” <sup>14</sup> “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” <sup>15</sup> “Their feet are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery, <sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known.” <sup>18</sup> **“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”**



# Revelation 14:7



- And he said with a loud voice,
- give him glory,

**What does this mean?**

# **Give Him Glory**

**To give God glory is to give Him all that He is due as:**

- 1.The Sovereign God of the Universe.**
- 2.The Creator of the Cosmos.**
- 3.Your Savior and Redeemer.**
- 4.The Lord and Master of your life.**
- 5.The Giver every good and perfect gift.**



# **What is the Sovereign, Lord God Almighty, Creator and Sustainer, Savior and Redeemer of my life due?**

- 1. My consistent fidelity (authentic faithfulness)**
- 2. My absolute allegiance (loyalty)**
- 3. My full obedience (willing submission)**
- 4. My reverential adoration (fear and worship)**
- 5. My undiluted devotion (dedication and love)**

**Give God the Glory He is Due.**



# Revelation 14:7



- And he said with a loud voice,  
because the hour of his  
judgment has come,

**This is what folks don't  
believe will ever come.**

# 2 Peter 3:4

- They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”





# Jude 14-15

- It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”



# Revelation 14:7



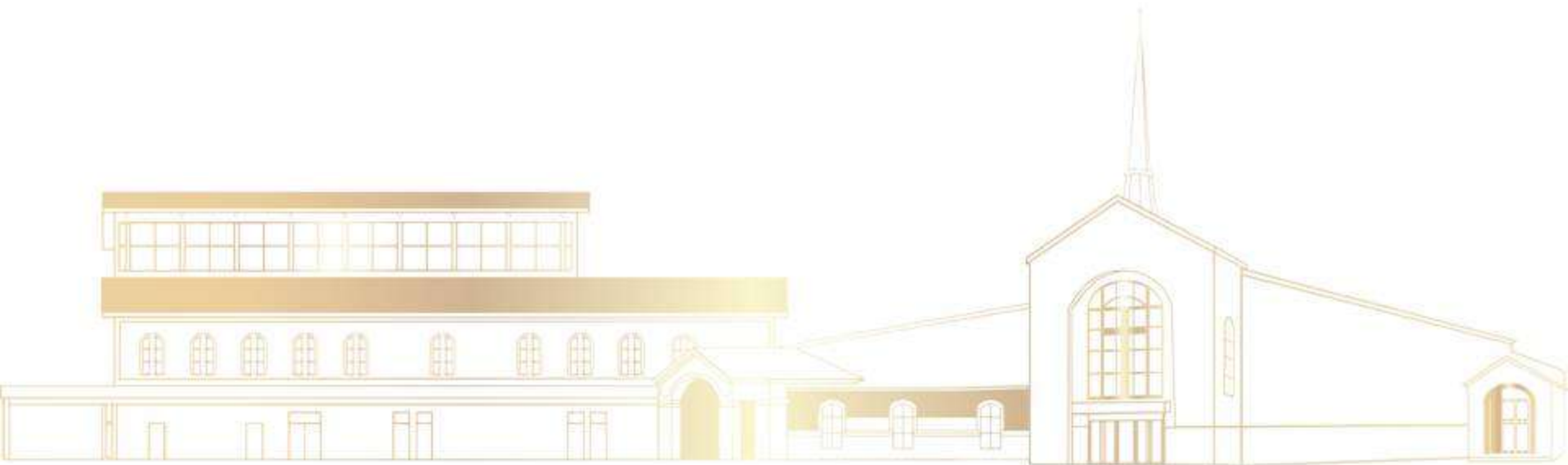
- And he said with a loud voice,

- **worship him**

who made heaven and earth, the  
sea and the springs of water.”

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# Angel #2



# Revelation 14:8



- Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

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**Babylon is in contrast  
to the New Jerusalem  
or the city of God.**



# Revelation 17:5



- And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.”

**Babylon is not a single a city. In the world there are multiple cities that will have to be dealt with when Christ returns.**

**Babylon represents the heart of Satan's kingdom on the earth where those to have taken the mark of the beast rule and reign.**

**At the time of John writing, Babylon would have been Rome.**

**Peter calls Rome Babylon in 1 Peter 5:13.**



# Revelation 18:10

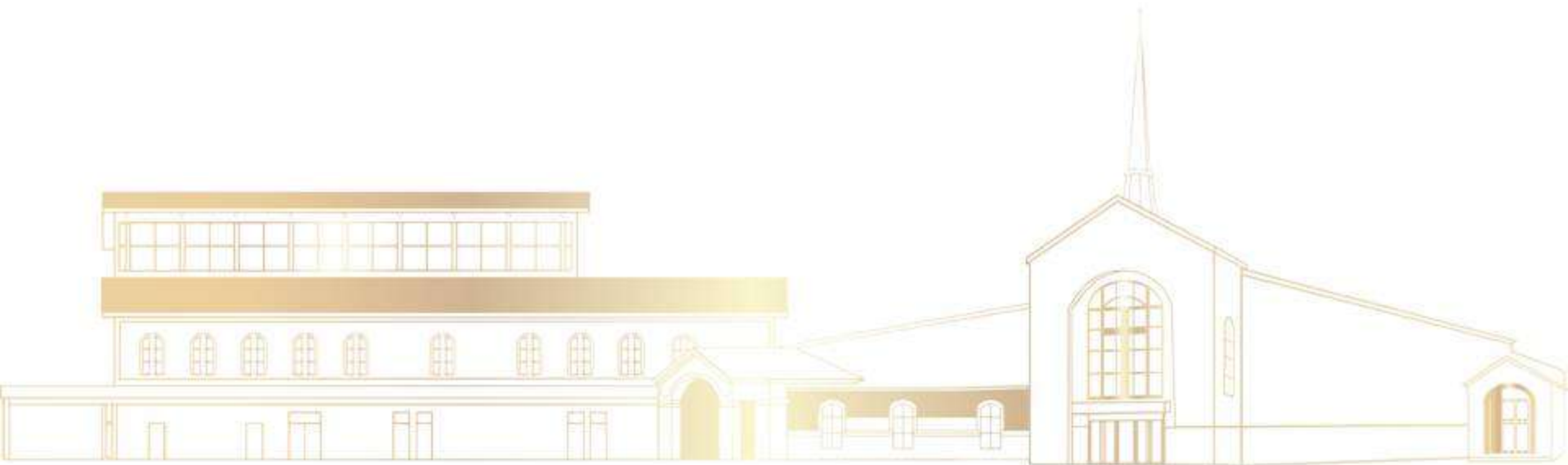


- They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.”



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# Angel #3



# Revelation 14:9



- And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

# Revelation 14:10



- **he also will drink the wine of God's wrath,**

**To drink the wine of God's wrath  
is to be on the receiving end of  
God's fury.**

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# Why is God so angry?



# **Satan has led humanity to worship the created rather than the Creator.**

**Romans 1:25**

**because they exchanged the truth about  
God for a lie and worshiped and served the  
creature rather than the Creator, who is  
blessed forever! Amen.**



## **Fact:**

- 1. We worship what we love.**
- 2. Since we love ourselves we must continuously be vigilant that we are not worshipping ourselves or anything but God.**
- 3. Jesus summarized the first 3 commandments of the Decalogue in Matthew 4:10.**

**For it is written, “ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ”**



# Revelation 14:10



- poured full strength into the cup of his anger,

**In order to make wine last longer, it would be diluted. In this case, God's wrath NOT being diluted.**

# Deuteronomy 8:19

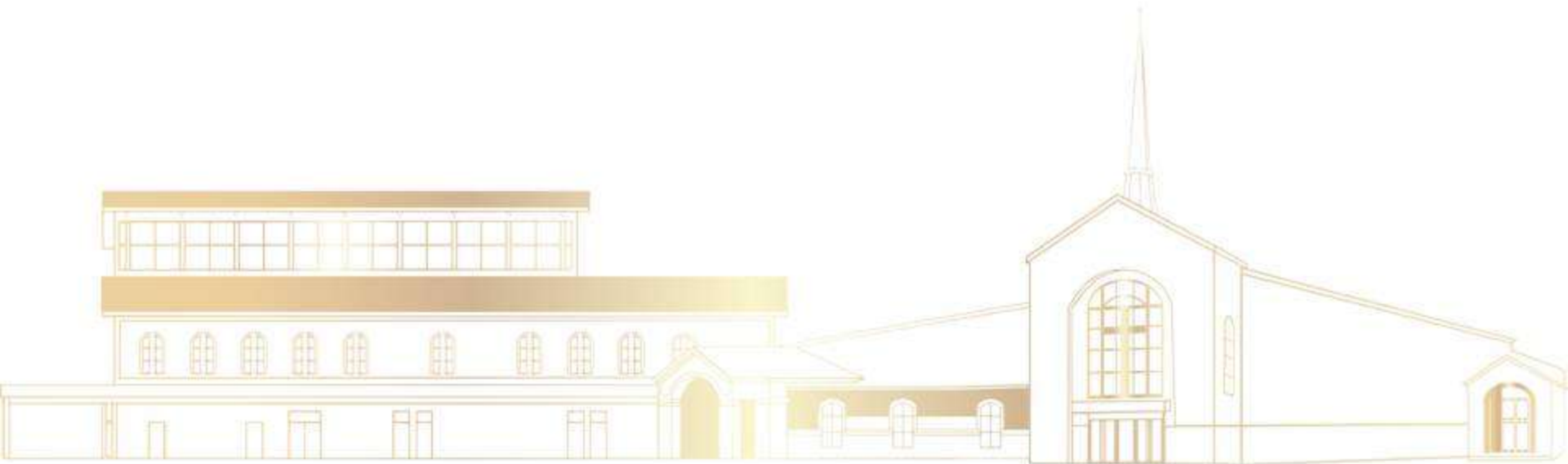
- And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, **I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.**





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**We don't believe  
Hebrews 10:31.**



# Hebrews 10:31

- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



# Revelation 14:10



- **and he will be tormented**  
**with fire and sulfur in the presence**  
**of the holy angels and in the**  
**presence of the Lamb.**

# Revelation 14:11



- And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

# Revelation 14:12



- Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.