

St. Therese Adult Study Series
The Book of Revelation with Father Andrie

Reflection Questions for Chapter 14

For the next session on February 18th, please read Chapter 14, pages 239-253 in *The Revelation* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "God, our Father, your Word is creative, sustaining what you have made. May Holy Scripture bring me new hope in the blessings which I await. Lord Jesus, remembering your love, in your care, I have been blessed. I am one in the communion of faith Blessed by Your Word and Eucharist. Holy Spirit, come in wind or whisper, giving me comfort and grace. Constant companion on my life's journey, be my help in struggles I face. Father, Son, and Spirit, you invite all to come with our gifts and heartfelt prayers, as child, brother, sister, or friend, sheltered within your constant care. Amen." <https://www.heartofthenation.org/daily-prayers> Your reflections will be shared **February 18th** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

In this chapter we meet the Lambs and the 144,000 (1-5), the Three Angels (6-13), and the Harvest of the Earth (14-20).

The Lamb and the 144,000 (1-5)

1. (1) One gets either the mark of the beast or the name of the Lord. *What does the name of God on the foreheads of the 144,000 signify? What is unique about them?*

2. (2) "I heard a sound from heaven..." *How did John describe the voice he heard? What could we learn about God from His voice here?* (Prov. 18:10, 2 Tim. 2:19)

3. (3) "No one could learn this hymn except the 144,000..." *Why do you think no one else could learn the song they were singing?* (Ps. 96:1-3)

The Three Angels (6-13)

4. (6) God typically uses people to witness to other people. Here God sends angel messengers with special messages. These messages go out to "every nation, tribe, tongue, and people." *Why do you think God sends angels with these messages instead of people?*

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5. The first message we read in vs. 7 tells us to "Fear God and give him glory..."
Why is this an important message even today? (Luke 12:4-5)

6. (9-11) The third message announces eternal doom and judgment on those who choose the beast. *Why do you think people risk an eternity in hell for a temporary sinful pleasure?*

7. When things are going smoothly, it's easy to trust and follow God. *What words could you offer someone to keep them strong in times of trouble or to bring them back to church if they wandered away?*

8. On page 250 the author writes, "Evangelization must be a matter not of preaching *either* grace or judgment but of preaching *both*." *What are your thoughts on this?*

The Harvest of the Earth (14-20).

9. (14-17) We read about a sickle in the hand of the "one who looked like a son of man," and "another angel." *What do you think the sickle represents?*

10. If we look at both harvests as what is *going* to happen, this chapter seems to be looking forward rather than at that moment in the timeline. *How can this be seen as an encouragement or a call for endurance?*

What else stood out for you in this chapter?

For your personal prayer:

Consider writing your own praise hymn to God. Sing it to Him in your prayer time.