## **Glory to the Lamb** Session #8: The Lamb

## **Goals for Session #8**

- To become better acquainted with the Lamb
- To learn the identity of the 144,000
- To discover the timing and reason for the "great harvest"
- To make personal application of the teachings in these verses

### Last Week

 Experienced two "mini-visions" that spoke of past events

- Experienced two more that likely point to future events
- Discussed the meaning of the number 666

## Reminder

The events of chapters 12-14 are all part of one section (even though we are considering them over two weeks)
Chapter 13 is "dark"
But Chapter 14 brings "light"

## Mini-vision #5: The Lamb

<u>Read Revelation 14:1-5</u>
Timing: mid-tribulation?
Same Lamb as earlier (Rev. 5:6)
Stands on Mt. Zion

## Mini-vision #5: The 144,000

- Lamb appears with an "army" of 144,000
  Characteristics
  - All male
  - Obedient, pure, blameless
  - Redeemed
  - Offered to God as first fruits
  - God's name on their foreheads
  - Sang a new song

#### **Read Revelation 14:6-7**

- The Angel with the Eternal Gospel
  - Proclaims the "last chance" for repentance
  - Proclamation made to all
  - The hour is no longer "near" it has now come

#### **Read Revelation 14:8**

The Angel announcing fall of Babylon
Babylon is the center of evil (often Rome)
See 1 Peter 5:13 for example
Her crimes are cited as the reason for her demise (maddening wine of adultery)

#### **Read Revelation 14:9-12**

- The Angel announcing doom on those who worship the Beast
  - All who are marked
  - Will drink God's wrath undiluted
  - Forever be condemned to misery in hell
- Repeat of the call for patient endurance

# Read Revelation 14:13 Beatitude #2 "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

#### Read Revelation 14:14-20

- The idea of a harvest is used two ways:
  - The cutting down of the wicked
  - The gathering in of the righteous

•The reaper described: Sitting on a white cloud Looks like the Son of man Crown of gold on his head Sharp sickle in his hand Waiting for the command to begin

The reaper in action:
"Go" command is given
Message is that the harvest is "ripe"
One swoop and the harvest is over

Two more angels
One has another sickle
One was in charge of the first at the altar
The harvested ones are put into the winepress of God's wrath

 Two more angels Winepress judgment is outside the city Amount of blood is staggering High as the bridle of a horse • About 200 miles (approximate size of the holy land)







## **Read Revelation 15:1 – 16:21**

The Seven Plagues and Seven Bowls