

Revelation 14: Spiritual Rest and the Sabbath Day in which City? Mount Zion or Babylon, the great?

So we have finished the **First** set of Seven chapters, which speaks to Day's 1 object created: Light, and we move on to the **Second** set. Just to recap, the first set of seven **chapters, 1 through to 7** dealt with subject of the Name of the Lord: His Presence and person, mark of identity or individuality, a memorial that infers power, authority and character. In **Chapter 1** we dealt with the all embracing appellation: **Jesus Christ, the Alpha & Omega**; **Chapter 2**: His presence in the **baptism of the Spirit** and **the ability to hear what the Spirit says**, and the **calling upon His Name in prayer**; **Chapter 3**: **the generation of the upright**, those who bear the character of their maker and are preachers by profession; **Chapter 4**: **hearing of faith**, preachers of righteousness having all power and authority; **Chapter 5**: the perpetual efficacy and merit (**redemption**) of the **blood of the Lamb**; **Chapter 6**: **The Resurrection and the Life**: **those who died in the Lord shall stand in their lot**; and **Chapter 7**: **the Remnant are like the Sheh-bah (7th)Day** they shall stand, abide and continue as and having the Seal of God.

The **Second** set of Seven Chapters which speaks of the object created on Day 2, The Firmament, covering Chapters **8 through to 14** will now be recounted. Remember Chapters 8 through to 11 are **four of seven Chapters** which do not use the appellation of the Lamb in reference to Jesus (see introduction in Chapter 5). This Second set is all about the subject of the Spirit, the Lofty nature of God as Most High: when He the Spirit of Truth is come He will guide you into all truth, **John 16: 13**. He shall take from me and show it unto you. He will reprove of sin, of righteousness and of judgement: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged, **John 16: 8-11**. The time of Judgement has come and as it was in Old Testament when on 1st day of seventh month there was the Feast of Trumpets warning that Judgement was imminent on the 10th, even so, now 7 Trumpets are to be sounded.

Jesus said His words are Spirit and they are life, **John 6: 63**. How many knows that we live within a Scroll? Stand in open field at night time and turn around 360 degrees looking towards the Heaven you would have covered the messages in the signs of the stars. In this set we shall review at least two of these signs: **Virgo**

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(Woman) and the draco (dragon), previously we touched Pleiades or 7 Stars in His Right hand: the 7 Angels of the 7 Churches from chapter 1 through to 3. The last event under the 6th Seal is that the Heaven departs as a Scroll Rolled up. We inhabit the fourth object from the sun as explained before in Creation's Sanctuary which equates with the 4th Commandment and precept of Dueteros which is embedded therein. The foundation of our planet, Earth, is Deuterios a recount of the 7 precepts. How fitting for our planet(s) to be enclosed and wrapped within the Scroll of Heaven? The Scroll of Heaven is the Oracle or Word of God (Pentateuch) which is an exposition of the precepts or statues of God, together with the 10 Commandments (typified by The Sun and the Nine Planets), they constitute the Torah Torah or Law of God.

So Heaven's Scroll is rolled up and there is gaping hole above and when the 7th Seal is opened there is silence in (third) Heaven for ½ hour and 7 Angels are given trumpets to sound. Where is all of Heaven's Hosts for ½ hr.: the four beasts, the four and twenty elders and Ten Thousand times Ten Thousand and thousands of thousands of Angels who worship and perfume Heaven's portals with thanksgiving and praises of the Father and the Lamb? Behold! the gaping hole is filled with the Sun of Righteousness coming in His glory and that of His Father and that of the Angels, thus is fulfilled **Daniel 12: 3**, And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. So the Stars which fell from Heaven under the 6th Seal and now the Heaven which is rolled up as the Scroll are replaced for the moment with the glory of the Hosts of Heaven which they typified and the redeemed now resurrected and translated. So as it were, God shall come forth from His Throne out of His Oracle or Word. Do you grasp or see this imagery? Many in that day will drop dead at the glory that shall stream (even as they wrestled with the scriptures to their own destruction) but the redeemed shall stand.

In this set of seven also we are told of John receiving a reed like a measuring rod, having 7 or Sheh-bah Measures (see **John 2 for Jesus' First Miracle**) and he was instructed to rise and measure the Temple and its worshippers but to leave the outer court for it was given unto the gentiles and they shall tread it down 42 months. The outer court is the Courtyard or the Earth and the treading down of the earth being the symbol of the 4th Commandment is what is alluded to in: if ye

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shall take away thy foot from the Sabbath Day from doing thy pleasure on my Holy Day and shall call the Sabbath a delight the Holy of the Lord, **Isaiah 58: 13**. It means the gentiles or heathen will have no regard to the Deuterios or 7 precepts that constitute God's Character of righteousness as embedded in His Law and the Ten Commandments. However, the true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth. For God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him, shall worship in Spirit and in truth, **John 4: 24**. Therefore, here is the patience of the Saints here are those that keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus Christ, **Revelation 14: 12**. None of the worshippers measure up to God's Holiness or Sheh-bah: Sacred Fullness, His Seven precepts embedded in His Law and Ten Commandments but they have washed their robes and have made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, **Revelation 7: 14**, and they have due regard to His Law, they do not trample them under foot. And so the 7 or Sheh-bah precepts or Holiness of God which were symbolized in the Object Lesson of Creation which was for our good unto life will be the basis for the destruction of those who continue in rebellion to the Holiness or Sacredness of God. And this is the whole concept of **the sevens: Sheh-bah** that we have been encountering in Revelation: God creates or He destroys! God has both the knowledge of good and evil and all His works are done in righteousness!

So then as high as the Heavens (Firmament) are above the earth so are His ways, thoughts and deeds MOST HIGH and He is called by the number which symbolizes this, **7 or Sheh-bah, perfect, complete or Sacred Full One**: His Mark, Number and Name. He is MOST RIGHTEOUS, HOLY OR SACRED. And this is the meaning of the 7s or Sheh-bah that we have been encountering in Revelation so you may know that it is of His doing: 7 Stars, Angels, Ministers or Witnesses, of the 7 Churches in Asia; John in the Spirit on the Lord's Day (Sheh-bah or 7th Day); 7 Lamps burning before His Throne; the Lamb slain having 7 horns and eyes; The Book sealed with 7 Seals; The Seal of God, the 7th Day Sabbath; 7 Angels with 7 Trumpets; the Measuring reed or rod (having 7 measures); 7 thunders utter their voices; Two Witnesses both engaged in a period of 3 ½ times=7 Times; and the 7 Angels with 7 last plagues.

Continuing, in this (second) set of seven we are shown how the period of witnessing, time, times and half a time (3 ½) is tied into the foundation of the creation and written in its record by the reference to the Two Witnesses who are

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engaged dressed in sackcloth (see **Revelation 3**, 7 times period for further explanation), this is why also the Sun of Righteousness was not set in the sky or Firmament until after day 3 plus evening ($\frac{1}{2}$) or $3 \frac{1}{2}$ times had passed and it and the Moon functioned for the other $3 \frac{1}{2}$ days of that First Creation week, thereafter they had equal time of $\frac{1}{2}$ of day (24 hrs) for 7 times each week ($3 \frac{1}{2}$ days each) to dispel darkness. The message climaxes with Temple of God in Heaven (Third) being opened for the ark of His Testament or Covenant to be seen like what happens in the Old Testament time when once a year the High Priest went into the Most Holy Place on the Day of Atonement, **the 10th of 7th Month**, with blood for the cleansing of the Sanctuary. The Day of Judgement has come.

The second set of seven climaxes in the last three chapters, **in twelve**, the great wonder (miracle or **sign**) John saw in Heaven or **Firmament**, the Woman (**Virgo**) clothed with and founded upon the emblems or symbols of the Two Witnesses, The Sun, and the Moon and crown also with Twelve Stars; and also another wonder (miracle or **sign**) in Heaven or **Firmament** the **great red dragon (draco)** having **7 heads and ten horns** whose tail drew one third of the stars and cast them to the earth, who stood waiting before the Woman to devour her Child.

It goes on in **Chapter 13**, to speak of the Beast having 7 heads and ten horns (like unto a leopard, feet of a bear and mouth of a lion) **rising up out of the sea** unto who the Dragon gave him his power, seat and great authority and one of his head had a deadly wound by sword which was healed and also of the two horn lamblike beast **coming up out of the earth** who also spake as a dragon and who exercises the same power of the first beast who **made an image** unto the beast for all to worship and also **issued 'a mark, name or number of his name'** and killed all those who would not comply with its dictate.

From **Chapter 12** the commentary resumed with reference to the Lamb of God and climaxes in **Chapter 14** with the Lamb on Mount Zion (in Heaven) and with Him the 144K Witnesses who now join the choirs of Heaven singing a **New Song**. And we are introduced to **the Three Angels Messages** which were championed by these Witnesses just before the Coming of the Saviour, symbolized as the Son of

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Man sitting upon a cloud having a sharp Sickle to harvest the earth. These Three Angels Messages are the basis of the sealing work that was carried out by The Angel from the east having the Seal of God and the others who assisted and it is the basis of the work that the 144K will accomplish in all the earth before Jesus comes the second time. These are of the Army of the Living God!

We will now do the recount of **Chapter 14**.

By a Sabbath Day's journey we travel through the Oracle of the Word of God (which includes The Firmament) to the Lofty grandeur of the portal of Heaven into the Presence of God. The Sabbath is both the door and the Sanctuary in Time and those who know how to use it enters the rest of God and are cause to ride upon the high places of the earth. As earthly Jerusalem was the Capital of Palestine, a city upon 7 Summits, even so is the Jerusalem above. We are travelling to Zion, beautiful, beautiful, Zion. We are travelling upwards to Zion the beautiful City of God. The Hills of Zion yields a thousand Sacred Sweets but before we reach the heavenly field, before we reach the heavenly field or walk the golden streets or walk the golden streets. So from earth through 'the gaping hole' into the celestial realm we arrive:

MOUNT ZION!

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

The loud voice of the **first angel message** is what is heard every Sabbath in its commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Six days shall thou labour and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it, thou shall not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord thy God made the heaven, and the earth and the sea and all in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it, **Exodus 20: 8-11**.

Revelation 14:14

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It's a time for worship and praise and to honour Him that sits upon the Throne and the Lamb. We wake the song of joy and gladness and to Zion we bring our noblest lays; we banish every thought of care and sadness and our grateful homage pays. The loud cry of the First Angel Message is an imperative that warrants our love that we keep all of the Commandments of God, **Joshua 22: 5**.

We consider it a joy rather than an obligation to obey and serve our Heavenly Father and the Lamb so we make the trip through 'the gaping hole' as seen in the recount:

- 1 **And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.** The answer is now given again in this verse to the question of the Day of the Wrath of the Lamb has come and who shall be able to stand? We see that with Him are standing on Mount Zion, one of the 7 lofty summits of the City of God in Heaven (**see also Matthew 24**), the 144K from the Twelve Tribes of Israel, having the **Name of His Father (Sheh-bah, means Sacred Full One or Holy One)** in their forehead. These are seen to have made the trip first as in **chapter 7** when they also preceded the great multitude which no man could number from every tribe, nation, kindred, tongue and people. They standing on Zion's lofty summit with the Lamb speak of their holiness unto God as prophets after the order of Elijah and John the Baptist.
- 2 **And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:** Now they wake the Song of Joy and gladness!
- 3 **And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.** As Heaven's multitude sang, worshipped and praised the Father and the Lamb in the first set of seven

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chapters, it is now time for the first fruit of the end of crop year harvest of the earth to praise God in the Song of The Redeemed!

4 **These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.** Virgins are morally pure and faithful so these are complete (sheh-bah: means complete or whole).

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin, **Romans 14: 23.** And faith works by love, **Galations 5: 6.** And perfect love casts out all fear, **1 John 4: 18.**

5 **And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.** Whosoever, offends not in words is a 'perfect' (sheh-bah: perfect or complete) man mark him, **Psalms 37: 37.** They are one with God because they obeyed the call of the gospel in the verse that followed.

6 **And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,** They precede the great multitude of the earth from every nation, kindred and tongue and people (who will obey the 3 Angels Messages) which no man could number in Revelation 7, but Jesus numbers them in the arithmetic series of the 17 nations and people groups of **Acts 2** in the **153 Big Fishes** that were caught in the First and Last Harvest of **John 21.**

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

The Son of Man is the Son of God, the Lamb, He sits on the Cloud of His Throne, when He comes from Heaven through the gaping hole to harvest the earth of all who obey the Three Angels Messages with the Sharp Sickle which He has in His Hand. Will I make the trip from earth to Heaven to appear in the Presence of God and before the Four Beasts, the Four and Twenty Elders, and myriads of Angels?

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Those for who in His Presence is fullness of joy and to His right hand are pleasures evermore like that of the Sabbath will make the trip to the hills of Zion. For earth will not remain much longer in a state for our habitation:

- 8 **And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is**
9 **fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.** In which city will you spend your rest? In that which is fallen, though it is upon 7 summits (see **Matthew 24**) as the City of God? Spiritual Babylon is fallen and has become the habitation of every hateful and unclean bird, **Revelation 18: 2**. Remember the image of Daniel 2. Daniel said unto Nebuchadnezzar thou art the head of gold, Babylon is therefore the head of the image that represents kingdoms of this world. Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon ceases to exist with this influence over all the kingdoms of the world today; therefore, the Babylon which the bible speaks of today is by inference to that great city which bears rule over all the earth. In Constantine's Day he moved the Capital of His Roman Empire to the 7 summits of Constantinople (which was overrun by the Ottoman Empire) from the 7 summits of Rome in Italy (**Matthew 24**). However, Rome in Italy exists still today and bear rule over all the earth.
- 10 **And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,** Those who worship the Creator by being obedient to His Commandments and His Laws receives His mark or seal by His Spirit in their Foreheads as seen in chapter 7 and in verse 1 of this chapter, similarly, those who worship the beast and his image receive his mark in their forehead and in their hand (**chi xi stigma (khee xee stig'-ma) or 666**) as they are void of the Spirit of God, they are sealed by the spirit of demons. In his forehead or in his hand speaks to how he thinks and what he does, remember, as a man thinks in his heart even so is he, **Matthew 12: 35**. Those who receive the mark of the beast think and do even as the beasts and the dragon even as **the 144K are like the Lamb's Father**.

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11 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be

tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

12 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

13 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

14 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

CONCLUSION: THE TEMPLE IN HEAVEN

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. This is that great city called: Babylon.

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Clearly Mount Zion in Heaven affords the better of the two fates. Babylon, the great, inhabitants will be processed as the grapes of the winepress of the wrath of God and they will be tormented (there is no rest to them, day or night) those who receive the mark of the beast and worship his image.

