

1st: The Way of Wisdom

1. Rv 13:18 repeat the last sentence of last sermon: *Here is wisdom*
2. Love Lord w/ mind, but wisdom is not mere intellect: fear God. Prv 2:1-15
3. Way of wisdom moves toward God's promised end - Prv 4:18; 25-27. v23.
4. Resolute obedient faith: Rv 12:11,17; 13:10c, 18a.

2nd: Let's Not Lose Our Way in Revelation

1. Understanding the structure of the literature is key to interpreting Rev. Re-view We're in cycle #4 {ch[t 12:1-15:4] - enmity of 2 seeds. Church-Age. [1:3]
 - i. conflict tw/ dragon & woman - chpt 12
 - ii. woman persecuted by 1stB - 13:1-10
 - iii. woman persecuted by 2ndB - 13:11-18
 - iv. Lamb & 144K on Mt Zion - 14:1-5 [where we currently are - midway thru]
 - v. proclamation of gospel judgment by 3 angels - 14:6-13
 - vi. Son of Man's harvest of the earth - 14:14-20
 - vii. saint's victory over Bsts & song - 15:1-4
2. 4th cycle not = 7 symbolic things, but = 7 things John sees

3rd: The Way of Worship

1. 14:1 - back to heaven - 12:10-12 = worship: *rejoice*.
 - i. 12:13-13:18 earth: Dragon persecute wmn: 13:7 Rv 12:11,17; 13:10c,18a
2. 14:1 - hear heaven rejoicing [15:2-4]: singing a *new song* - 5:8-9.
 - i. In 14:1-5, only the 144K are singing the *new song* w/ harps
 - ii. In 15:2-4, same group w/ harps, singing *song of Moses & of the Lamb*.
3. An inclusio of heavenly singing: 14:1-5 & 15:1-4
 - i. v6-11 - a vision of 3 angels each w/ a message
 - ii. v12 = encouragement for saints to persevere - another *here is...*
 - iii. v13 = 2nd of 7 benedictions in Rv. 1st was 1:3; [16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7,14]
4. 2 visions of FJ depicted a harvest [i.e. resurrection]: v14-16 & v17-20

5. Worship in heaven - 15:1-4
6. The way of worship <=> walking in the way of wisdom.

4th: Two Ways: The Dying Lying Lamb or the Living True Lamb

1. contrast the 2ndBst [& antiX] w/ true Lamb

Chpt 13

lamb -v11

out of the earth - v11

worship Bst - v12song of 144K - v3

Bst's # 666 - v18

everyone is enslaved - v16

mark of Bst - v16-17

deception of Bst - v14

Chpt 14

Lamb - v1,4

Mount Zion - v1

saint's # 144K - v1

saints are redeemed - v3

name of Father & Lamb - v1

no lie in their mouth - v5

2. Bst fails in his attempt to deceive the elect - [Matt 24:24].

Applic #1: Let Us Worship in Song as We Walk in the Way of Wisdom

1. 5:8-9; 14:1-5 & 15:2-4 - hear heaven's singing in wh/ we participate.
2. Cultural occasions of corporate singing.
3. Psalms = songs: the largest book in Bible.
4. Church history - differences over congregational singing.
5. In the section remaining in 4th cycle, we see/hear inclusio of singing in heaven.
 - i. Learn the songs of Zion.
 - ii. Those who have gone before us are singing.
 - iii. Our incense of prayer & praise rises from earthly temple to heavenly.
6. We're ready to dig in - 14:1-5.