

“BACK TO THE FUTURE” Part 5
REVELATION 14:1-5; SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

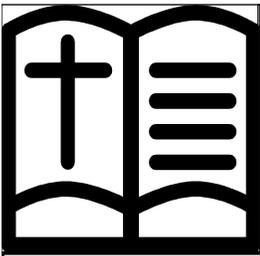
I. THE CENTER OF ATTENTION

A. *Much going on that is disastrous, wicked and horrifying; could grab the attention and depress the hearers or frighten them beyond anything they have known*

- 1. Trumpet judgments and the release of destruction on the earth: people, animals, land and sea; signs in the heavens*
- 2. The first beast, the second beast and a cursed people marked for destruction*
- 3. Martyrdom for simply following the Lamb*
- 4. It seems endless*

B. *But the theme is the Lamb and the God of the Lamb, His Father; God is sovereign and is bringing all to a close for the sake of redemption and renewal*

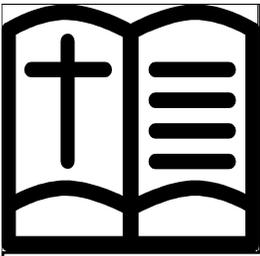
- 1. For the sake of grace and comfort, John is given the vision of the Lamb who started all this with taking the scroll and opening its seals*
- 2. There is no one in heaven or earth that can come even close to Him*
- 3. He is the only one in the whole cosmos worthy to open the scrolls and preside over all the proceedings*
- 4. He is standing on Mount Zion, the center of the universe; this is spiritual authority over all the spirits and other created beings standing on God’s appointed mountain*



5. *He is the Son of the Father, the firstborn of the dead, the perfect and final sacrifice, the firstborn Son of God, the inheritor of the cosmos, the king over all but God Himself, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the One who was dead and is now alive, the author and finisher of our faith, the One through whom all things were created, great and small, the One who holds the keys of Hades and Death, the Light, the Life, the Truth and the Resurrection!*
6. *All these things are happening in His behalf by the Father for His sake and kingdom*

II. HE IS NOT ALONE

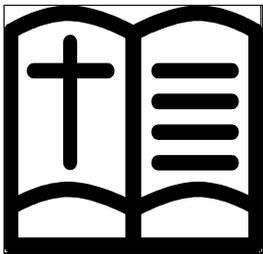
- A. *God is solitary and is in need of nothing; but He has chosen to have those around Him whom He can love and have fellowship and who will, on their own, love Him; it is His pleasure and delight*
- B. *He chose and marked out 144,000 Jewish believers to be close to Him forever*
 1. *They are marked with the Father's mark*
 2. *They have a song to sing that only they can know and sing; no one else can learn it*
 3. *They are redeemed people from the earth, first-fruits to God and to the Lamb*
 4. *These are all male, virgins, not defiled by women*
 5. *They do not speak guile*
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