

## Revelation 14.1-5 and 15.1-8 chiastic parallels

Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, **standing on Mount Zion!** And with him were **one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.** And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the **sound of harpists playing on their harps\***, and **they sing a new song** before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. **No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth.** It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins; these follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been redeemed from humankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found; they are blameless.

**\*"harps" only 5.8 and 18.22 elsewhere**

Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended. And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and **those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name**, standing beside the sea of glass with **harps of God in their hands.** And **they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:** "Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments have been revealed." After this I looked, and **the temple of the tent of witness in heaven was opened**, and out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues, robed in pure bright linen, with golden sashes across their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever; and the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were ended.