

Revelation 14 in Context

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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The Earthly Actors in Revelation 12-14

Revelation 12: The Woman, her Seed, the Dragon, Michael

<p>Gen 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woman • Serpent • Painful childbirth • Victorious seed 	<p>Gen 37:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun • Moon • Twelve stars 	<p>1 Kgs 17:</p> <p>Provision for God's servant in the wilderness during persecution</p>	<p>Isa 49:</p> <p>Woman clothed with her offspring</p>	<p>Dan 7:</p> <p>World-ruling beast with ten horns</p>	<p>Dan 8:</p> <p>Stars cast to the ground</p>	<p>Dan 10, 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael • Angelic conflict in heaven • Time of tribulation
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Revelation 13: The Dragon and the Two Beasts

<p>Lev 26, Ezek 14: God's Four Judgments</p>	<p>Job 40-41:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behemoth • Leviathan 	<p>Dan 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four beasts • Ten horns • World rule 	<p>2 Thes 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man of Sin • Wonders • Worship 	<p>Deut 13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False prophet • Miracles
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Revelation 14: God and his Human Creatures

<p>Isa 2, 24, Joel 2, Zech 14, etc.: The Lord rules from Zion</p>	<p>Pss 144, 40, etc.: A New Song</p>	<p>Pss 15, 24: Who shall ascend to / dwell in God's holy hill?</p>
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Mt Zion in the Last Days

Is. 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that **the mountain of the LORD'S house** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of **Zion** shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from **Jerusalem**.

Isa 24:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when **the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem**, and before his ancients gloriously.

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for **in mount Zion and in Jerusalem** shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Zech. 14:2 For I will gather all nations against **Jerusalem** to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before **Jerusalem** on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; ... 8 And it shall be in that day, that **living waters shall go out from Jerusalem**; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And **the LORD shall be king over all the earth**: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Helpful References

on 14:1-3

1 having [his name and] his Father's name written in their foreheads

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh ... I will write upon him **the name of my God**, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him **my new name**.

2 And I heard ... as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder

Rev 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

3 And they sung as it were a new song

Rev 5:8 And when he [the Lamb] had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down **before the Lamb**, having every one of them **harps**, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9 **And they sung a new song**, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and **hast redeemed us** to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Psa 144:5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down:

touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and **deliver me** out of great waters, from the hand of strange children; ...

9 **I will sing a new song** unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

14:4-5, Qualifications

Rev 14:4-5, Qualifications
of the 144,000

4a **Not defiled with women;
for they are virgins.**

4b **follow the Lamb**
wherever he goes

4c **redeemed from men**
being firstfruits

5 in mouth no **guile/falsehood**
without fault ἄμωμος G299

Psa. 24:3 **Who shall ascend into the
hill of the LORD?**

**or who shall stand in his holy
place?**

4 He that hath clean hands,
and a pure heart;
**who hath not lifted up his soul unto
vanity,**
nor sworn deceitfully.

Ps 15:1 **LORD, who shall abide in thy
tabernacle?**

who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh **uprightly ἄμωμος
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and worketh righteousness,
and **speaketh the truth in his heart.**

**3 He that backbiteth not with his
tongue,**

nor doeth evil to his neighbour,
nor taketh up a reproach against his
neighbour.

**4 In whose eyes a vile person is
contemned;**

but **he honoureth them that fear the
LORD.**

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and
changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to
usury,
nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be
moved.

● What can prevent a person from dwelling in God's presence in verses two through five?

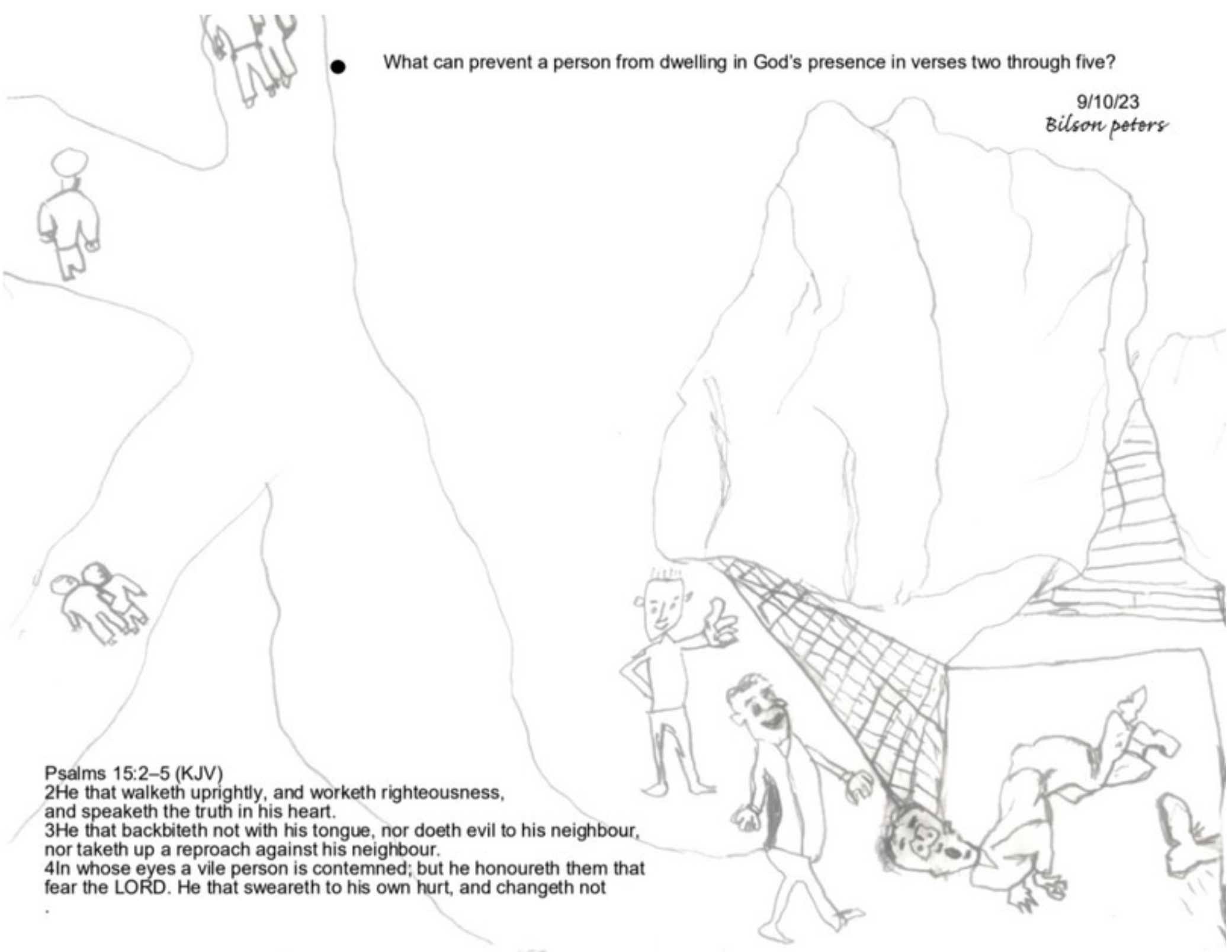
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Psalms 15:2-5 (KJV)

2He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour,
nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that
fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not



Helpful References on 14:4-5

4 follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth

Joh 13:36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. 37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

Ps 15:4 a vile person is contemned; Rev 14:4c from among men

Rom 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed?

4c firstfruits

Lev 23:5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S **passover**. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of **unleavened bread** unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. ... 9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits** of your harvest unto the priest: 11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: **on the morrow after the sabbath** the priest shall wave it.

4a defiled with women, virgins

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ...** 3 **Forbidding to marry, ...**

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 **Nevertheless**, to avoid fornication, **let every man have his own wife**, and let every woman have her own husband.

Heb. 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and **the bed undefiled**; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Spiritual Harlotry and Virginity

Idolatry in Psalm 24:4

Ps 24:4 ... who hath not lifted up his soul unto **vanity** וָשׁוּאָ H7723 ...

Psa. 31:6 I have hated them that regard lying **vanities**: but I trust in the LORD.

Jer. 18:15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to **vanity**,

Lifting up the soul

Psa. 25:1 **Unto thee**, O LORD, do I **lift up my soul**.

2 O my God, I **trust** in thee: ...

3 Yea, let none that **wait** on thee be ashamed:

Believers as the Lord's Spouse

Isa 54:5 For **thy Maker is thine husband**; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee **the bride, the Lamb's wife**.

Idolatry = Spiritual Fornication

1Ch 5:25 And they [the people of the northern kingdom] transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Idolaters excluded from God's Presence

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Rev 22:15 For without [excluded from the heavenly Jerusalem] are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.