Lesson 24 – Revelation 14:1-20 The _____

1.	In	atroductory Comments:						
	a.	 a. Chapters 12-14 compose another parenthetical section used to introduce the of the Great Tribulation and to provide an overview of leadi to its conclusion. The advancement of the narrative begins again at the beginning of chapter 15. b. This section also serves as a powerful reminder of the main themes of the entire book, which are: 						
	b.							
		1) God pouring out His and upon all forms of						
		2) God dealing with the nation of one last time and in the process the promised of His people unto Himself.						
		3) If you are on!						
2.	Th	he Pronouncement Concerning the (v1-5):						
	a.	. Who are they?						
		1) Comparing the phrase "having his Father's name written in their foreheads" in verse 1 with the sealing referenced in Rev 7:3 confirms the identity of these as the as those of Chapter 7.						
		2) In Chapter 7, they are pictured at the of their evangelistic ministry, and now in Chapter 14, they are pictured standing with Christ at the successful of their ministry.						
	b.	. Where are they?						
	1) Option 1: This is a picture of the 144,000 standing with Christ in habeen and having received their bodies. Why?							
		a) "Sion" is mentioned other times in the NT; however, the only other time that it is referred to as " Sion" is in Heb 12:22 where it is unmistakably referring to						
		b) The "elders" (v3) (i.e. the) are still pictured in heaven which means that the has not taken place yet.						
		c) Verse 4 refers to them as "being the unto God and to the Lamb."						

					who are Christ's and, therefore,		
					bodies just as Christ		
		W	as	and received His	body.		
				Rom 8:23, this term refers to all believers in Christ who have the promise body but not yet the fulfillment of that promise.			
		a-		ints, the fulfillment of that pr of the Church (see 1 Thes 4:1	<u>=</u>		
		b-		ints, the fulfillment of that property of Christ (see Dan 1	omise will take place after the 2:1-2).		
		c-			the fulfillment of that promise of Christ (see Rev 20:4).		
		d-	place at the		nent of that promise will take but prior to the Second		
		e-	also take pla		romise, if Option 1 is correct, will bulation but prior to the		
		d) Heb_	can't b	pe violated.			
		and vo	Verse 3 implies that they are able to the song being sung in, and verse 5 states that they are (present tense, active voice) (i.e., in front of, in the presence of, or in the sight of) the				
2) Option 2: This is a picture of the 144,000 standing with Christ in _ His					vith Christ in after		
c. V	What is being proclaimed about them?						
1) They have put God all their fleshly and					and (v4a).		
2	2) They have wherever Christ has them (v4b) and what a of them, which was to speak the in love (v5a) in the m difficult of circumstances.						
3	3)	Because of their in carrying out that assigned ministry, they stand before the throne of God (v5b).					
4		Based on Luke 19:11-27 (i.e., their faithful and fruitful service) and the fact that they are the first of the promised remnant of Israel to be redeemed and to receive their resurrected bodies, it would not surprise me if they are the ones chosen to Prince David (see Ezek 34:23-24, 37:24) in over the Jewish remnant during the This same conclusion could be just as easily reached					

if Option 2 is correct instead of Option 1. If Option 2 is correct, why else would Christ have gathered them all back together from the ends of the earth to stand with Him on the temple mount in Jerusalem?