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**Title:** Starting with Rev 13:11-14:5  
    The Four Beasts of Revelation  
    1. The Dragon  
    2. The Dragonlike  
    3. The Lamb  
    4. The Lamblike

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### Begin Text:

We ended our last study in Rev 13. We were investigating the second beast in that chapter. Remember, the first beast in Chapter 13 rises out of the sea and the second beast rises out of the Earth.

Consider this:

There are only four beasts in Revelation's story:

1. The Great Red Dragon
2. The Composite Beast
3. The Lamb-like Beast
4. The Lamb

To make these beasts easy to remember, think of them as:

The **Dragon** and the "dragon-like"  
The **Lamb** and the "lamb-like"

Let's start with the easiest beast to identify.

Rev 5:6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

A number of people have argued: "Larry, the Lamb of God is not a beast because in Bible prophecy, a beast always represents a kingdom." My response: "You're saying a lamb is not a beast! What are sheep if not beasts? The problem is not the lamb being a beast, the problem is a faulty rule of interpretation and faulty rules always produce nonsense.

Everyone knows that a lamb is a beast. Sheep are animals. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "The Lamb" 30 times and there is no wiggle room about the meaning of this descriptive title.

Furthermore, the great **red dragon** is also a beast. The Bible clearly says

that (a) the great red dragon and his angels were cast out of Heaven and (b) that the great red dragon is the devil or Satan himself.

So, look at the intended meaning of Scripture: The great red dragon **is** a beast and "The Lamb" **is** a beast and neither beast represents a kingdom! These beasts represent Lucifer and Jesus respectively. Even the caricatures of a great red dragon versus a lamb speaks volumes doesn't it?

Of course, in Daniel 7, the four beasts rising out of the sea represent **four** kingdoms because the Bible defines those four beasts as four kingdoms -- but that is as far as the Bible goes.

Dan 7:17 'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth.

This verse doesn't force the beasts in Revelation to be kingdoms. In fact, the book of Revelation declares the great red dragon and the Lamb to be two beings. Therefore, a beast in apocalyptic prophecy **is not necessarily** a kingdom.

Invalid rules always produce invalid conclusions. Even worse, they frustrate the intended meaning of Scripture!

We know that the Lamb represents Jesus. We know that the dragon represents Lucifer. So, who is the Lamb-like beast?

Rev 13:11 Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like **a [the] lamb**, but he spoke like **a [the] dragon**. For simplicity, I call this beast that rises out of the Earth the lamb-like beast.

(**Note:** Look at the text above. The article "a" was added by translators because in English, nouns usually have an article. But, in the Greek language, an article is sometimes omitted if the noun has been previously introduced. This occurs in Greek syntax so that the noun is made emphatic. This syntax is called an "anauthorous noun." In Rev 13:11, the lamb and the dragon have been previously introduced. The Lamb was introduced in Rev 5 and the dragon was introduced in Rev 12. So, converting these anauthorous nouns to English requires the article "the" instead of the article "a." So, the beast in Rev 13:11 has two horns like the Lamb in Rev 5 which has seven horns, but he spoke like - having the kingly authority of - the dragon who commands angels in Rev 12.)

Clearly, the beast that rises from the Earth in Revelation 13 has two horns like **The** Lamb.

Rev 5:6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth."

In their broadest sense, horns represent power.

For example, in Daniel 8, the large **horn** on the goat, the horn that was broken off at the height of its power, represented a man, the first king of the kingdom of Grecia, Alexander the Great. (Daniel 8:21)

In Daniel 7, a little horn plucks up three horns. In this context, the little horn represents a religious system. History says the Roman Catholic Church uprooted three tribal kings who participated in the overthrow of the Roman Empire over a religious dispute on the deity of Christ. [Ostrogoths, Heruli and Vandals]

Look at this text:

2 Sam 22:2,3 [King David sang] "He said: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior-- from violent men you save me."

In this context, a horn represents a powerful defense from adversaries. A ten-point buck can do a lot of damage with his horns!

There are different types of powers so horns in their broadest sense simply represents a power of some kind. The Lamb has seven horns which indicates that has "all power," in other words, He is omnipotent.

The lamb-like beast has two horns. These two horns represent his powers over church and state. (The devil will claim to be Lord of lords (church), and King of kings (state))

On resurrection Sunday, you will recall, the devil was cast out of Heaven and into the Earth.

KJV Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

During the Great Tribulation, at the time of the fifth trumpet, the abyss will be opened up and devil and his demons will be allowed to physically appear before the inhabitants of Earth.

The release of the devil from the abyss was represented to John in Revelation 13:11 as the devil rising up out of the Earth -- coming up from a hole in the ground -- because a bottomless pit in John's day was simply a hole in the ground -- a hole without a bottom!

Remember, in John's day, everyone believed the Earth was flat like a plate and a bottomless pit was a hole that unfortunately went all the way through the Earth.

The release of the angel king from the abyss in the fifth trumpet and the rise of the lamblike beast out of the Earth are descriptions of the same thing occurring at the same time.

Lucifer is the "lamblike" beast that will "just appear" out of the spirit realm [released from the abyss]. The devil will not rise out of a specific nation. He does not actually come out of a hole in the ground.

In Daniel 8, the devil (the horn power that is a stern faced king) just appears - he comes out of the four winds of Heaven....

At the fifth trumpet, the devil will transition from being invisible to being visible. To make his deception look genuine, God permits the devil to come down from the sky attended 200 million demonic angels! As the late Ed Sullivan would say, This will be "A really big show!"

Notice the descent of Lucifer and his demons out of the sky:

Rev 9:3 "And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth."

Actually, the devil will descend from the sky several times so that millions of people around the world can see his really big show! The devil will land on Earth and walk about and then leave. His glorious appearing will be seen

at various locales. The appearing of the devil will not a global event.

The appearing of the devil contrasts with the Second Coming where (a) Jesus will not touch Earth -- the saints will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and (b) the appearing of Jesus will be a global event.

Rev 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen."

Everyone will see Jesus approaching Earth from the sky during a period of 10 to 20 days! (The sixth and seventh plagues.) During these final days, the devil will quickly gather the kings of Earth together to make war on the Lamb as He draws near.... We will discuss this topic in more detail later on...

Notice what the devil will do after he "shows" up:

Rev 13:12 He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his [its] behalf [in other words, when the devil first appears to people in various nations -- masquerading as Almighty God, he will honor the crisis government, Babylon. He will endorse its harsh laws and its persecuting authority -- after all, he is the powerful hand inside this puppet. This is why I prefer to call the composite beast the "dragon-like" beast and the beast rising up out of the Earth, the "lamb-like" beast. What a team! The devil will give Babylon its great power, authority and throne], and [the devil] made the earth and its inhabitants worship [obey the laws of] the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

Note: [When the devil first arrives, he does not immediately move to dissolve the seven religions of the world. If he did, he would throw the world into total chaos because Babylon will be a composite government made up of diverse peoples having diverse religions.

So, the devil uses one of his oldest tricks. "If you can't lick'em, join'em." The devil will use flattery and "promotion" to get Babylon's leaders to accept and embrace him as Almighty God. Hitler used this ruse to rally his troops. Hitler would promote everyone to a higher rank to make the soldiers feel good even though the war was going badly.

Since the devil will be on a mission to gain control of the world, he knows the fastest way to accomplish this is through deception. Therefore, he will deceive world leaders with flattery and endorsement and they will think that Almighty God is on their side! How secure is that?

The carnal mind always thinks in terms of its self-seeking ego. In other words, the carnal heart wants God on its side rather than submitting to God's authority and being on God's side. So, the devil plays along with the leaders of Babylon for five months.

Once the devil has convinced the leaders of the world into thinking that he is actually God and that He is on their side, the devil will suddenly spring on the leaders of the world. A clever trap will spring shut. (Isn't that just like the devil?)

For five months, the devil used painful torture -- like that of a scorpion sting to intimidate those who stood in opposition to Babylon's laws.

For five months, the devil will claim that He had come to establish the kingdom of God and usher in a thousand years of peace and everyone must participate in the construction of a new world order where peace and happiness will reign for a thousand years.

The devil masquerading as God will command (speaks like the dragon) that everyone refusing to participate in the construction of the kingdom of God will be considered anti-Christ, a heretic and a traitor, worthy of immediate death.

So, when the leaders of Earth behold the devil's miracle working powers, when they see his endorsement of their objectives, they will join in and go along with the devil's plans to establish the kingdom of God on Earth. Then, the devil will spring his trap. He will dissolve the seven religions of the world and set up ten kings as "human overseers." These kings (task masters) will be given the task of promptly building the kingdom.

Rev 17:13 "They [the ten kings] have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast." [to accomplish his purposes]

Rev 13:13 And he [the lamblike beast] performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. [This will be a very big show of authority. There is no greater proof of divine power than calling fire down out of Heaven. The 144,000 will not be able to compete with this miracle. This miracle is not slight of hand nor is it a miracle that can be done through trickery. The devil will have command of the elements! Seeing this, millions will believe that Lucifer is God.]

Rev 13:14 Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, [remember, when the devil first arrives, he will support the persecuting efforts and laws created by Babylon and he will use "sweet deceptions" to get world leaders to believe that he is God so that] he deceived the inhabitants of the earth.

Deceptive miracles will charm even those from Missouri -- you know, the "Show Me" state. Missouri boasts, "I will believe it when I see it." OK, after you see it, now what?

Remember, Jesus only releases the devil at the fifth trumpet because the gospel has stalled. At this point in time, a majority of people on Earth have refused to love the truth and be saved. "For this reason, God sends this delusion." (2 Thess 2:11)

The leaders of Earth will either be deceived by his miracles or intimidated into submission by his incredible powers. As I said earlier, at the end of the five months allotted to the fifth trumpet, the devil will then spring his trap upon the leaders of the world. Suddenly, He will order them to set up an image [a likeness] in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived [this means, the devil will demand the destruction of all religions and governments and the creation of a one-world church/state.

World leaders are caught in his snare! They will not be able to argue or resist because their own people now accept this miracle working devil as God. How clever of the devil! He played along with the leaders of the world in order to buy time to deceive their people. After a majority of their people are deceived, he has made the leaders powerless.

So, he brazenly demands the elimination of religious and political diversity. The time has come to set up a theocracy. With God dwelling among men, there is no need for conflict or confusion. He softens his demand somewhat by saying this does not destroy the initial efforts of Babylon, rather it is the next logical step for the growth and expansion of Babylon. Like Hitler, the devil upholds the illusion of peace and happiness before the people and they have no option but death or compliance.

Rev 13:15 He [the lamblike beast] was given power [from God] to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak [laws] and cause all

who refused to worship [obey the laws of] the image to be killed.

Rev 13:16 He [the lamblike beast] also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark [Greek: charagma -- an etching or engraving] on his right hand or on his forehead,

Rev 13:17 so that no one could buy or sell [survive] unless he had the mark [a visible engraving, a tattoo], which is (a) the name of the beast [a name which Lucifer will use during his masquerade] or (b) the number of his name.

For 2,000 years, people have read these words and tried to derive 666 from some name to determine who the Antichrist might be. Early Christians used the names of Roman emperors. During the Dark Ages, Protestants used various titles of the pope. In recent years, people have associated 666 with the names of various political leaders.

The problem with this phrase, "the number of his name," is that the Bible is not saying that the name of the Lamblike beast will be numerically equivalent to 666. Rather, the Bible is saying that a literal number, 666, will be engraved on the right hand of people to show that they -- the people -- will belong to the lamblike beast.

The number of his name should be understood as the number belonging to his name! (the idea is one of possession) Look again at the Bible:

Rev 13:16 He [the lamblike beast] also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark [engraving] on his right hand or on his forehead,

Rev 13:17 so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Rev 13:18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is [the] man's [the Antichrist, the man of sin] number. His number is 666.

Reviewing:

At the end of the fifth trumpet (five months), the devil will spring on the leaders of the world and demand a consolidation of power -- both church and state. He will sit as Lord of lords and King of kings and who will be able to argue? The kings of Earth will have to go along with this miracle working demon.

The devil will demand that everyone submit to his authority or perish. He will set up ten kings to build the kingdom of God. The world will become a great place to live for the next 1,000 years.

At that very moment ---- at the end of the five months....

Rev 9:13 The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God.

Rev 9:14 It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

Rev 9:15 And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind."

The four angels in Revelation 9:15 belong to Lucifer and once they are released, they will kill 33% of mankind. This horrible killing will intimidate the survivors into submission.

The phrase "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." means:

"Release unstoppable destruction that comes out of the north."

Three interesting points to notice:

1. The number killed in the first four trumpets by God's four angels is 25%. When the 4th seal is opened, 25% of Earth will be killed. This means 1.75 billion people will die -- assuming a global population of 7 billion people.

The number killed by Lucifer's four angels will be one-third or 33% of mankind which also equals 1.75 billion people. Look at the math:

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.00 \text{ billion} \\ - 1.75 \text{ billion } 25\% \\ \hline 5.25 \text{ billion} \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 5.25 \text{ billion} \\ - 1.75 \text{ billion } (33\%) \\ \hline 3.50 \text{ billion} \end{array}$$

So, God and Lucifer will kill the same number of people and reduce the population of Earth by 50%.

This is interesting: Jesus justifiably kills 25% of the Earth in an effort to save as many survivors as possible. Lucifer kills 33% of the Earth in an effort to gain complete control of Earth.

The end result is that Earth's population is reduced by 50%.

2. When the sixth trumpet sounds, the fifth seal will be broken in Heaven. Remember, the fifth seal marks the beginning of a period of great martyrdom. During a span of about 7 months, most of the saints and most if not all of the 144,000 will perish. Of course, everyone (including the non-religious wicked) who refuse to worship the image will be targeted for death.

Thus, the devil's four angels will destroy 33% of mankind.

Their work will be justified to Satan's followers as a necessary "purification" of Earth so that the kingdom of God can be established without conflict or confusion.

3. The number surviving the devil's so-called purification of one-third of Earth will leave a "generous" two thirds. This is how the literal number, 666 comes into focus. The number, 666, identifies the two thirds of mankind that were spared. The survivors of the purge will be happy to become servants of "the most high" and wear his number! This is the number that belongs to the man! This tattoo proves that you belong to him. He spared you, he redeemed you!

Since I'm on thin ice here, let's go one step further to see if this holds up:

During the Great Tribulation, the people of Earth will be divided into groups of 1,000. This will be necessary because of rationing. Food and necessities will be rationed all over the world because of the extremity of that time.

By dividing the people of Earth into units of 1,000, people will be easy to manage, track and identify. Numbering people is commonly done today in every society. We have social security numbers, we have credit card numbers, we have phone numbers and we have driver's license numbers. Everything is numbered in armies and prisons throughout the world.

Without computers and electronic gizmos to keep up with people, dividing people into small groups of 1,000 and managing them in units of 1,000 is a simple and effective means of controlling and managing people.

When the devil's four angels are released, the devil will announce he has commissioned his angels to kill one third of mankind. This is no different than what God told Ezekiel:

Ezek 5:12 "A third of your people will die of the plague or perish by famine inside you; a third will fall by the sword outside your walls; and a third I will scatter to the winds and pursue with drawn sword.

Ezek 5:13 "Then my anger will cease and my wrath against them will subside, and I will be avenged. . . "

And the devil's angels will kill one third of mankind.

Well, 33% of 1,000 is 333 and the survivors in each group would equal 666.

The survivors will gladly accept the engraving (a tattoo) of 666 on their right hand -- because it visibly indicates they are not subject to death. They belong to the man of sin. He spared their life! By receiving his mark, they will be able to buy and sell. But you ask, what about the missing person?

333 are killed and 666 are tattooed on the right hand, where's the 1,000th person? I believe the 1000th person is that person who will wear the tattoo on his forehead. This person will be an overseer, the captain of his crowd.

Here's why I say this:

Rev 14:1 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

When the 144,000 are taken to Heaven, the names of The Lamb and The Father will be gloriously written on their foreheads for everyone to see. Yes, these names will be visible! God does this to show their exceedingly high rank.

Wherever they go, wherever they are, there will be no mistaking that each of the 144,000 have the highest ranking of all created beings. Unlike other beings in Heaven, the 144,000 will have constant and unrestricted access to Jesus and the Father.

These foot "soldiers of the cross" will become captains of God's hosts when the appointed time comes. They suffered as Christ suffered and they will be exalted and honored as Jesus was exalted and honored.

The point here is that Lucifer will do the same thing for his servants. He will have his name tattooed on the foreheads of his lieutenants so that everyone will know who they are and give them due respect for they will have cruel and demonic authority over those in their charge. With Lucifer and his demons, it's all about control. With Jesus and his angels, it's all about love.

Rev 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead

So, the mark [the engraving] of the lamb-like beast will be either a tattoo on the foreheads of his lieutenants or it will be the actual number, 666, tattooed on the right hands of the two thirds that went along with his demands.

Because of God's higher authority, the devil can only kill one-third -- otherwise, he would kill everyone before Jesus arrives.

Let's review a few things:

1. The Bible predicts the devil will terminate the seven religions of the world by setting up a [new one-world religion](#).

This new religion is called "an image" or a likeness of the composite beast.

In other words, the image will be a theocratic government - a government under God's authority. The composite beast will be [\[consolidated or\] modified](#) so that there will be "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" instead of seven opposing religions claiming to have the truth about God.

The Bible also predicts the devil will appoint ten kings to rule over Earth. He will do this to eliminate the governments and their antagonistic politics of Earth.

Lucifer will acquire absolute power. His evil heart of greed and selfishness will not be satisfied until he controls everything that God has made. [\[Even then, Lucifer will not be satisfied because there is no contentment and peace when separated from God and His love\]](#).

2. Consider Lucifer's use of slavery:

When the devil first appears (fifth trumpet), he will masquerade as God. He will lead the world into believing that he (as God) has come to establish a thousand years of peace on Earth and all of the destruction caused by the first four trumpets must be rebuilt or repaired.

Like Pharaoh of old, everyone will [be forced to work hard](#) to speed Earth's recovery from these judgments.

(Of course, the devil knows there will be no recovery from God's destruction, he knows there will not be a 1,000 years of peace, he just uses this false enticement to "wear out" and torment the people of Earth.)

As I said earlier, I believe the people of Earth will be divided into units of 1,000 and he will eventually set up ten kings as "task masters" to oversee Earth's reconstruction. Make no mistake. Lucifer will not be a benevolent king. All who stand in opposition to the devil's heavy and harsh demands will be targeted for death.

On the other hand, everyone who actually believes the devil is God will be treated little better than a slave. Billions will go along with the devil to save themselves only to discover that life becomes nothing more than slavery and poverty!

By the time the seventh- trumpet sounds, the great red dragon himself will reign over Earth as "King of kings (politics), and Lord of lords (religion)."  
[\[the two horns\]](#)

The government of Earth will be upon his shoulders and Lucifer will "sit in the heart of the seas" a ancient phrase that means "ruler over all nations." (Ezekiel 28:2)

The devil will demand death for everyone who refuses to participate in his one-world religion and this decree will force everyone into one of two camps: obey the devil and live or obey Jesus and be killed. This will be the final test of faith.

"He [the devil] was given power [authority from God] to give breath [life] to the image [the one-world religion] of the first beast [composite beast], so that it could speak [make laws] and cause all who refused to worship [according to the demands of] the image to be killed." (Revelation 13:15)

Thoughts on coming Slavery:

At the Second Coming:

Rev 6:15 "Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains."

Now, look at this text:

Rev 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

Now, look at this third text:

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

Rev 19:18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

Here's the point:

Slavery will exist at the time of the Second Coming.

The Bible distinguishes between free men and slaves three times! Hello?

What will cause slavery to become a global phenomenon during the Great Tribulation? As far as I can tell, two things will produce slavery during the Great Tribulation:

1. Bankruptcy / poverty
2. Demonic opportunity

1. In ancient times, when bankruptcy was declared, a loss of freedom was also imposed on the debtor.

The debtor and his family became slaves to the creditor(s).

There were various methods for deciding how much work had to be done to pay back what was owed. The point here is that slavery was the only way out of discharging debt.

I believe a similar system will be implemented during the Great Tribulation.

I think a lot of needless debt will enslave a lot of good people in coming days.

My advice is that you get out of debt as fast as you can. If you need help and information on this topic, you can listen to people like Clark Howard, Suzie Orman and Dave Ramsey on the radio -- to name a few. I believe they have been given a financial message for our generation and for our time.

A great financial storm is coming and debts will not just go away once some semblance of life resumes....

The rich will want their money. They always do and they will either get it or you will provide the necessary labor to discharge the debt.

Again, I think it is very important that everyone get out of debt for nonessential things ASAP.

Second, when Lucifer arrives, he is going to require that everyone work and participate in the establishment of the kingdom of God.

Hitler was able to succeed and quickly extend his control over a large portion of Europe because he required that everyone work hard for the establishment of the third Reich, and he literally made slaves of everyone that refused.

Hitler excluded the Jews and others from his ambitions on the basis of race.

The devil will do the same thing on the basis of religion.

Hitler was a demon possessed man and we well know his actions.

The devil is a demon and the Bible tells us about his coming actions!

The point here is a surprising one.

Resting on God's holy day when work is required for all able-bodied people will be impossible without suffering a harsh and deadly penalty.

Rev 13:15 "He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to **worship** the image to be killed."

Thus, conflict over God's holy day will come down to the question of survival just as it did at the time of the Exodus. Before ancient Israel could enter the Promised Land, they had to rest on God's holy day. This made Pharaoh angry and his punishment was so severe that many in Israel were willing to remain in Egyptian slavery.

Exo 5:19 The Israelite foremen realized they were in trouble when they were told, "You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day."

Exo 5:20 When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them,

Exo 5:21 and they said, "May the LORD look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."

The same will hold true. Before spiritual Israel can exit this world of slavery to sin, we are going to be tested to see if we will **rest from work** on God's Holy Day. Those who worship God obey His laws. Those who worship Lucifer obey His laws. When the laws of two kingdoms are in conflict, the allegiance of every citizen is revealed.

Those serving the devil will submit to his authority and receive his tattoo. Those serving Jesus will not be able to buy or sell. Millions will die, but, they will all live by faith.

Rom 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

1 John 5:4 "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."

Now, we come to the last segment of this long prophecy. In case you have forgotten, we are still studying Rev 12:7-14:5.

Rev 14:1 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, [standing on Mount Zion](#), and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.

Rev 14:3 And they sang [a new song](#) before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. [No one](#) could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

Rev 14:4 These are those who did not defile themselves with [\[foreign\]](#) women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes [\[because they are married to Him\]](#).

They were purchased from among men and offered as [firstfruits](#) to God and the Lamb.

Rev 14:5 No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless. [\[Without regard for the consequences, they spoke the testimony of Jesus, no more and no less.\]](#)

**End Text:**