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• Introduction: From Counterfeit Kingdom to Divine Response

Revelation 12–13 revealed the *architecture* of rebellion:

- The dragon (*source of authority*)
- The beast (*political dominion*)
- The false prophet (*religious enforcement*)

Together, these form a **counterfeit kingdom** — an imitation of divine rule.

Revelation 14–15 now shifts the perspective. The narrative moves away from **the rise of false authority** to **heaven’s response to that authority**.

The focus is no longer on how rebellion operates, but on how it is judged.

This section answers a critical question:

What does God do in response to a world aligned with the “Beast”?

- **Revelation 14: The True King Revealed**

John now sees a different figure standing in contrast to the Beast. **The Lamb** stands on Mount Zion.

This is not merely symbolic comfort. It is a direct spiritual and worldly political counterclaim.

- **Mount Zion as Divine Throne**

In the Old Testament:

Psalm 2 — God installs His King on Zion...

Isaiah 24 — the Lord reigns from Zion...

Psalm 48 — Zion is the city of the great King...

Zion represents here: **The true seat of Divine governance over the nations.**

Meaning: Though the Beast *appears* to rule the earth, Revelation reveals:

The **True King** is already established. It is a **Divine Council** declaration:

The nations may rage, but the decree of heaven stands.

- **The 144,000: The Mark of True Allegiance**

Here the 144,000 stand with the Lamb. They are marked with:

- The name of God
- The name of the Lamb

This directly parallels earlier Scripture:

Ezekiel 9 — The faithful are marked...

Exodus 12 — The people are protected...

- **Two Marks, Two Kingdoms**

Revelation presents two systems of identity and two destinies.

Kingdom Mark = God's Kingdom, Name of the Father

Mark of the Beast = Current earthly realms and rule, Beast system, the Old Order (*Deuteronomy 32*)

This is only partially about *governing commerce*. It is truly about **allegiance** and **ownership**.

Who do you choose?

- **The Three Angels: A Global Covenant Lawsuit**

Three angels proclaim messages of verdict to the world regarding the outcome of the global *covenant lawsuit* occurring within the Divine Council:

This is not random proclamation. It follows a **legal pattern** found in the **Old Testament**:

- Accusation
- Declaration
- Warning

- **First Angel: the Creator's Claim**

First Angel declares, "Worship Him who made heaven and earth."

This establishes God's authority is based on **creation itself**

This directly confronts the Deuteronomy 32 problem:

The nations gave allegiance to lesser powers, but only the Creator has the right to rule.

- **Second Angel: The Fall of Babylon**

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great.” This echoes:

- **Isaiah 21**
- **Jeremiah 51**

This is not prediction. It is a **declared verdict from heaven**.

But who is “Babylon”? **Babylon** represents:

- The global system of rebellion
- The continuation of the Deuteronomy 32 world system established at the **Tower of Babel**
- The corrupted administration of the nations

What is her character and why a harlot? This is a preview of Revelation 17. But here she is described as:

- A woman riding the Beast
- Influencing kings and nations
- Intoxicating the world

- **Babylon, the Harlot, and the Beast**

Here we see a corrupt alliance between the woman and the Beast. **Key Insight:**

- Babylon is not separate from the Beast
- It is part of the same system

What the Harlot Represents (*OT Imagery*)

- Spiritual unfaithfulness
- Idolatry
- Covenant betrayal

Babylon = a *system* that seduces the nations into false allegiance

She rides the Beast. **Meaning:**

- She is supported by political power
- She benefits from empire
- She influences and directs it

- **Babylon, the Harlot, and the Beast** *(Continued)*

The Beast system is not sustained by force alone. **Key Insights:**

Its sustenance requires -

- Power *(political)*
- Belief *(religious)*
- Desire *(economic / cultural)*

What This Means:

The system succeeds, at least in the short term, because it is:

- Believable
- Desirable
- Spiritually deceptive

Rebellion succeeds when power, belief, and desire align under a false authority

- **Third Angel: Final Warning**

Those who worship the Beast will face judgment. This is the **final moment** of decision: Your **Allegiance** determines your **destiny**.

- **The Harvest: The Separation of Humanity**

John now sees the earth harvested. This imagery comes directly from:

Joel 3 — the harvest of the nations...

Isaiah 63 — the winepress of judgment...

There are two Harvests

Grain Harvest: gathering of the faithful

Winepress: crushing of the rebellious

Meaning:

This is agricultural imagery to describe a **judicial separation**

The nations are **evaluated**. **Loyalty** is revealed. **Judgment** is executed.

- **Revelation 15: The Song of Victory**

Before judgment falls, **Heaven** speaks again.

John sees:

- A sea of glass mixed with fire
- Those who conquered the Beast

The **Sea of Glass** and the Red Sea. This imagery merges:

Exodus 14-15 — the Red Sea...

Ezekiel 1 — The heavenly throne...

Meaning:

Judgment and deliverance occur together. Just as:

Egypt was judged at the same time Israel was saved

The **Song of Moses** and the **Lamb** - This is one of the most important connections.

John combines:

- Exodus 15 (*Song of Moses*)
- Deuteronomy 32 (*Song of judgment*)

- **The Heavenly Temple**

The Temple in Heaven is opened. Seven angels emerge with judgment. The Temple fills with smoke.

This echoes:

Exodus 40

1 Kings 8

Meaning: When the temple fills with smoke:

- God's presence is fully active
- And most importantly: No one can enter

What readers should interpret from this description and meaning:

- Intercession is complete
- Judgment proceeds

The time for warnings has ended.

- **Revelation 14-15 through the Heiser Lens**

A **Divine Council** reading clarifies the full picture:

- The nations have been operating under corrupted authority
- The Beast system represents the culmination of that rebellion
- Babylon represents the *global structure* of that system
- The Lamb represents the rightful King reclaiming rule

What is being envisioned in this part of Revelation is the **Transition of Kingdoms**.

It represents a turning point in worldly operation:

- Old Order → New Kingdom
- Deuteronomy 32 Administration → Rule of Christ
- Babylon System → New Jerusalem
- Beast Authority → Lamb's Authority

Summary: Revelation 14–15 reveals that the rebellion of the nations is not ignored but brought before the heavenly court, where the Lamb is affirmed as King, Babylon is judged, and the authority once given to those that rule the nations is reclaimed and placed under the rule of Christ.

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