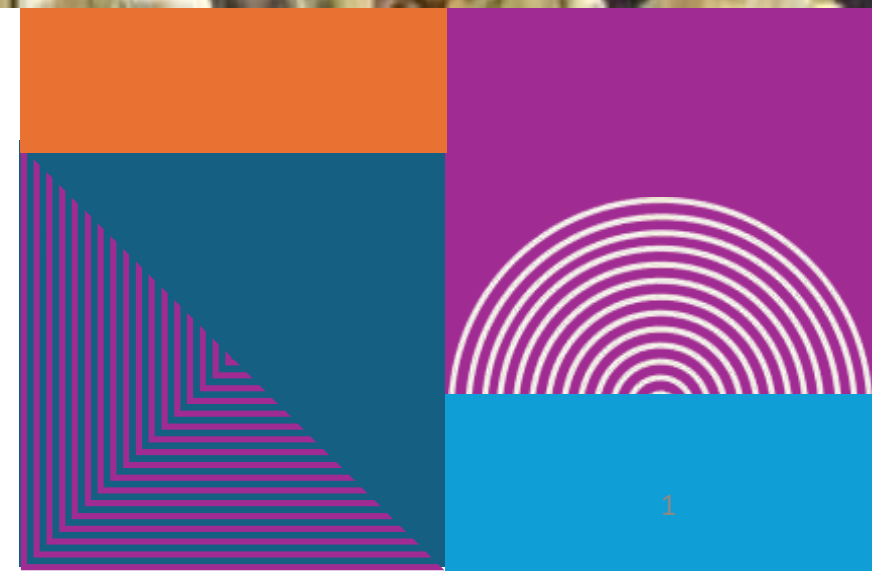




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**"I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this.**

So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

'Those great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings *which* arise out of the earth. **But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'**

(Daniel 7:15-18 NKJV)

"And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; Therefore, seal up the vision, For it refers to many days in the future." **And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days;** afterward I arose and went about the king's business. **I was astonished by the vision,** but no one understood it.

(Daniel 8:26-27 NKJV)

# The Purpose of Revelation **Thirteen**

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- The purpose of **Revelation thirteen** seems to be very similar to the meaning of Daniel chapter nine.
  - John supplies the identity of a great world power that will exercise dominion over the earth.
  - John identifies a specific ruler who will blaspheme God and make war with the saints
  - Daniel was assured “the saints of the Most High will possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.”
  - **John’s reassurance will come later in Revelation.**

# The “Unholy Trinity”



**THIS IS SATAN!**



**THIS IS IMPERIAL ROME!**



**THIS IS STATE RELIGION!**

**“It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.** And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”

(Revelation 13:7-10 NKJV)

# THE LAMB AND THE 144,000

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- WHO ARE THEY?
  - His Father's name written on their foreheads (not the beast) – cf. Revelation 7:1-8
  - These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they were virgins.
  - **These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.**
  - These were redeemed from among men,
  - Being the **first fruits to God and to the Lamb**
  - In their mouth was found no deceit,
  - For they are without fault before the throne of God.

# Who are the 144,000?

“So, he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and **washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**. Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. **They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**”

(Revelation 7:14-17 NKJV)

Cf: Revelation 14:1-5; 21:1-4

Notice the references to the 144,000 occur in chapters 7, 14, and 21. Intervals of seven!





# Firstfruits in the New Testament

(Rom 8:23 NKJV) Not only *that*, but we also who have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

(Rom 16:5 NKJV) Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the **firstfruits of Achaia to Christ**.

(1Co 15:20 NKJV) But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the **firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep**.

(1Co 15:23 NKJV) But each one in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

(1Co 16:15 NKJV) I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is **the firstfruits of Achaia**, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints—

(Jas 1:18 NKJV) Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of **firstfruits of His creatures**.

(Rev 14:4 NKJV) These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being **firstfruits to God and to the Lamb**.



# The Angels in Revelation 14

“Another angel flying in the midst of heaven” – vs. 6



“Another angel followed crying, Babylon is fallen” – vs. 8



“Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice – vs. 9



“Another angel came out of the temple – vs. 15



“Another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven – vs. 17



“And another angel came out from the altar – vs. 18



Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.(Rev 14:14 NKJV)



# THE FIRST ANGEL

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“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, **“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”**“

(Revelation 14:6-7 NKJV)



# THE SECOND ANGEL

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And another angel followed, saying,  
**"Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city,  
because she has made all nations drink of  
the wine of the wrath of her fornication."**

(Revelation 14:8 NKJV)



# THE THIRD ANGEL

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "**If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.**"

(Revelation 14:9-11 NKJV)

# THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH

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Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat ***One*** like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

(Revelation 14:14 NKJV)

**DOES THIS IMAGERY SOUND FAMILIAR?**



# MATTHEW 26:63-66 NKJV

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But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, **"It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."** Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."



# THE FOURTH ANGEL

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, **"Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."**

(Rev 14:15 NKJV)





# THE FIFTH ANGEL

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

(Revelation 14:17 NKJV)



# THE SIXTH ANGEL

And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "**Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.**"

(Rev 14:18 NKJV)



# JUDGEMENT ON THE EARTH

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So the angel swung his sickle at the earth and gathered the grapes from the vineyard of the earth, and he threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. Then the press was trampled outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press up to the horses' bridles for about 180 miles.

(Revelation 14:19-20 **CSB**)





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