The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation+1&version=ESV#fen-ESV-30683a)] the things that must soon take place. [Revelation 1:1]

**Week 18**  May 14, 2023

The Red Dragon & Two Beasts [13:5-8, 11 & 12, 11:9 & 10]

* Anti-Christian **power**.
* Anti-Christian **propaganda**.
* People **fear, love, and trust** the beasts.
* People **adore** and **give** allegiance to the beast.

The Lamb and His 144,000 [14:1-5]

* The Lamb is **Christ.**
* The 144,000 are **all** who **fear, love, and trust** God.
	+ They were **purchased**
	+ They **follow** the Lamb.
	+ They are **righteous.**
* Mount Zion = **heaven**.
* The actual number is **growing** until the last one.

The Virgins

* The **Bride** of Christ.
	+ Without spot or blemish.
	+ Complete devotion.
* Israel as **adulterous**.
	+ They chase after **false** gods.
	+ They exchange **truth** for a **lie.**

Babylon the Great [14:6-13]

* The **people** of the anti-Christian city.
* A resident of **one** of the **other.**
* As great as **heaven** is, **hell** is equally opposite.
	+ **Awful**.
	+ **Eternal.**
* Fallen! Fallen! = **utterly destroyed.**

The Endurance of the Saints [13:10 & 14:12]

* Endurance during personal **suffering**
* Endurance for the purpose of **proclamation**
* The **eternal** Gospel.
	+ One Gospel [Acts 4:8-12]
	+ One Gospel for **all** people, **all**, places, and **all** times.
* Those who die in the LORD are **blessed**.

Sickles are for Harvesting

* The first sickle is in the hands of **Christ.** [14:14-16]
* The **believers** are harvested first and brought in.
* The second sickle in the hands of an **angel.** [14:17-20]
* The **unbelievers** are harvested and **crushed**.

The 7 Bowls of God’s **Wrath** [16:1-21]

* They **refused** to repent.
* It is **finished.**