

**SERMON:**

# **Revelation 14**

**The Saga of the Dragon:**

**Chapter 5-7 – The Lamb Is Victorious**

# **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

**The Revelation of John is a Christocentric book that shows us the pattern of this world from Christ's first coming to His second coming.**

**John wants us to see the spiritual realities around us, to recognize the dangers that face us, and to know that God is going to win.**

**Revelation calls us, then, to wisdom, to perseverance, and to worship.**

# OUTLINE OF REVELATION

Prologue (Revelation 1)

## 1. The Seven Churches (Revelation 2-3)

The Throne Room of Heaven (Revelation 4-5)

## 2. The Seven Seals (Revelation 6)

144,000 Sealed and a Great Multitude (Revelation 7)

## 3. The Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8-9)

The Two Witnesses (Revelation 10-11)

## 4. The Sevenfold Saga of the Woman and the Dragon

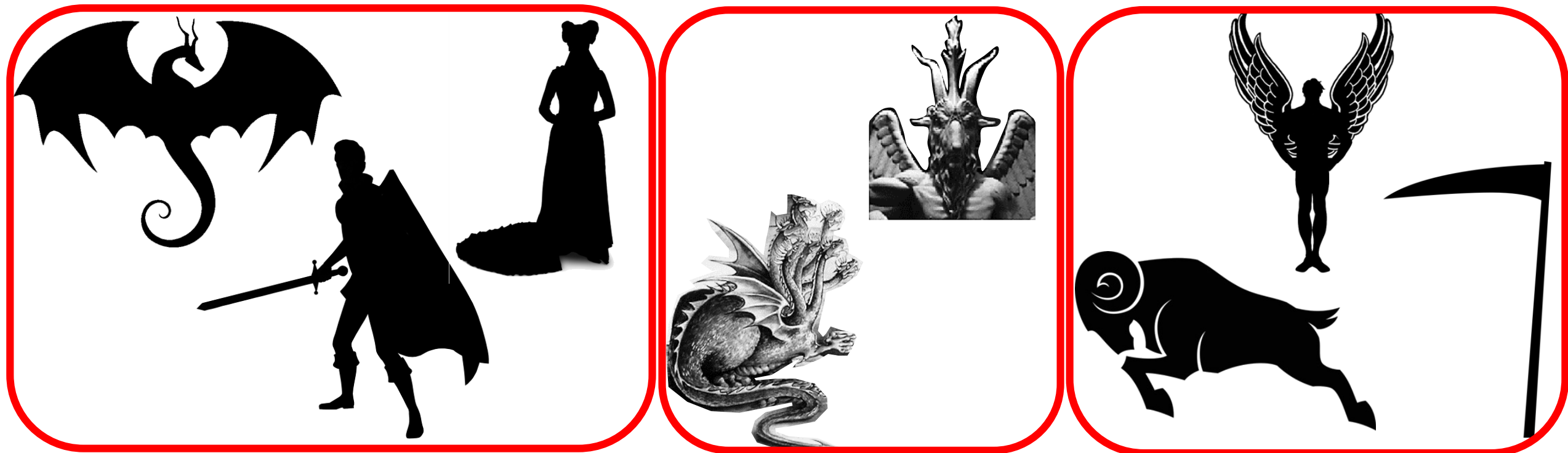
# **THE SAGA OF THE DRAGON: SEVEN STORIES**

- 1. The Woman and the Dragon**
- 2. The Child Victorious and the Dragon Defeated**
- 3. The First Beast**
- 4. The Second Beast**
- 5. The Lamb and the 144,000**
- 6. The Three Angels and a Voice from Heaven**
- 7. The Harvest of the Earth**

# THE SAGA OF THE DRAGON: A RICH ALLEGORY

*Allegory: a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning* (Oxford)

**Purpose:** to tell a rich story that makes us feel a certain way so that when we interpret it, we see a new perspective



# REVELATION 14

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**Proposition:** The Dragon's war against the church will fail because the Lamb protects His own. The Lamb will be victorious, His gospel will be proclaimed, and His enemies will be destroyed.

- A. The Lamb and the 144,000
- B. The Three Angels and a Voice from Heaven
- C. The Harvest of the Earth
- D. Revelation 14 and Us

# **THE LAMB IS VICTORIOUS**

## **THE LAMB AND THE 144,000**

The Beasts will not be victorious,  
the Lamb will rescue His people

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## **REVELATION 5:5-6**

*<sup>5</sup> And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."*

*<sup>6</sup> And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*



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**Two different groups marked  
by two different allegiances**

## **REVELATION 13:16-18**

*<sup>16</sup>Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup>so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.*

## **DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9**

*<sup>4</sup>"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

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not to the Beast and therefore look different**

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*"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
<sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth."*

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**The Lamb is Victorious, and  
the Beast is cheated of his prey**

**A song of victory and a song of praise,  
the redeemed joining in the worship of heaven**

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**Who shares in this victory over the Beast?**

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**God's people are exclusive, set apart by Christ**

**God's people are pure, pursuing only Christ  
(not defiled by the love of the things of the world)**

**God's people are redeemed, they belong to Christ**

**God's people are holy, they reject the allure of sin**

## **HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, VERSES 3-4**

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go*

*The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow*

*For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,*

*And sanctify to thee they deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,*

*My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.*

*The flames shall not hurt you, I only design*

*Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*



**THE LAMB IS VICTORIOUS**

**THE THREE ANGELS AND A VOICE FROM HEAVEN**

God is not silent during the Beasts reign

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# REVELATION 14:6-7

**The Beasts may reign, but God's message still advances to the ends of the earth**

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**At the heart of the Gospel's message is a declaration that God, not the Beast, is to be feared and worshipped, that God, not the Beast, is Creator and God**

## **REVELATION 14:8**

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## **ISAIAH 21:6-10**

*<sup>6</sup>For thus the Lord said to me: "Go, set a watchman; let him announce what he sees. <sup>7</sup>When he sees riders, horsemen in pairs, riders on donkeys, riders on camels, let him listen diligently, very diligently." <sup>8</sup>Then he who saw cried out: "Upon a watchtower I stand, O Lord, continually by day, and at my post I am stationed whole nights. <sup>9</sup>And behold, here come riders, horsemen in pairs!" And he answered, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the carved images of her gods he has shattered to the ground." <sup>10</sup>O my threshed and winnowed one, what I have heard from the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, I announce to you.*

# REVELATION 14:8

**The Beasts may reign, but God declares that their end is near, every empire will fall**

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## **DANIEL 2:36-39, 44-45**

*<sup>36</sup>"This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. <sup>37</sup>You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, <sup>38</sup>and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all---you are the head of gold. <sup>39</sup>Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ...*

## **DANIEL 2:36-39, 44-45**

*<sup>44</sup>And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,  
<sup>45</sup>just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."*

## **REVELATION 14:9-11**

**The Beasts may reign, but God's justice is still supreme, He will still judge**

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## **THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH**

The Beasts kingdom will fail,  
they will be judged and destroyed

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## **DANIEL 7:11-14**

*<sup>11</sup>"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.*

*<sup>13</sup>"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

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## **JOEL 3:11-14**

*<sup>11</sup>Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD. <sup>12</sup>Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. <sup>13</sup>Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their evil is great. <sup>14</sup>Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*

## **JOEL 3:16-18**

*<sup>16</sup>The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel. <sup>17</sup>"So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who dwells in Zion, my holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall never again pass through it. <sup>18</sup>"And in that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the streambeds of Judah shall flow with water; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Shittim.*

## **MATTHEW 13:24-30**

*<sup>24</sup>He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"*

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**REVELATION 14 AND US**

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**Revelation 14 is about us**

- **Revelation 14 is a call to hope**

## **REVELATION 14:1**

*<sup>1</sup>Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.*

Our enemy is strong and the times look dark, but we will not be defeated, the Lamb stands with us and has marked us as His own

# **REVELATION 14 AND US**

**Revelation 14 is about us**

- **Revelation 14 is a call to hope**
- **Revelation 14 is a call to sobriety**

We can't partner with the world,  
the world is the enemy of God

## **REVELATION 14:9-11**

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**Revelation 14 is about us**

- Revelation 14 is a call to hope**
- Revelation 14 is a call to sobriety**
- Revelation 14 is a call to holiness**

## **REVELATION 14:3-5**

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*blameless.* Those who will be sheltered by the Lamb are those who are marked as belonging to the Lamb, those who are marked by pursuing holiness and not the world.

# **REVELATION 14 AND US**

**Revelation 14 is about us**

- Revelation 14 is a call to hope**
- Revelation 14 is a call to sobriety**
- Revelation 14 is a call to holiness**
- Revelation 14 is a call to endurance**



## **REVELATION 14:12-13**

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Things aren't going to be easy, but the battle will not last forever. We must endure in obedience and faith until the Lamb claims His victory and our enemies are defeated.

## **DANIEL 3:14-18**

*<sup>14</sup>Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" <sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup>But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."*

## **DANIEL 3:24-25**

*<sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." <sup>25</sup>He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."*

## **HEBREWS 11:32-38**

*<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets---<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated---<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy---wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*

KIDS' QUESTION:

**WHAT IS THE END OF THE DRAGON  
AND HIS SERVANTS?**

Jesus will come to judge the Dragon and  
destroy him and his servants forever.

KIDS' QUESTION:

**WHAT IS THE END OF THOSE WHO  
FOLLOW THE LAMB?**

Jesus will come to save His people and  
will gather them to Himself at the end.