

A	<u>Area of Study:</u> Rev 13-14, Reference Materials: B7/1-6	
B	<u>The Beast Emerging from the Sea – the Roman Empire</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Most scholars agree that the Beast from the Sea = Rome ❖ In OT, sea = chaos; rebellion; evilness ❖ = Rev 11:7 The beast that comes up from the bottomless pit will destroy Jerusalem – the land of prophets and law ❖ Using the imagery in Dan 7: the Roman Empire is the pinnacle of all evil powers ❖ “Seven Heads” = Roman Emperors; “One of the heads seemed to have received a death-blow, but its moral wound had been healed” – the head of Nero ❖ “ten diadems” = the officials who accompanied Nero’s return to Rome to reclaim his kingship. It is similar to the image in Rev12:3 “dragon” = evilness ❖ “blasphemous mouth”, to “exercise authority for 42 months” – Caesar and Nero were persuaded by the Jews to oppress Christians for 3.5 years (the 11th month of the 64 AD to the 6th month of 68AD) 	13:1-10, B7/2-3 B7/2, NJBC63:44 NJBC, Ps 71:13 NJBC B7/2, NJBC B7/2, NJBC, NAB NAB, 17:12 B7/2, NJBC
C	<u>Using Daniel’s image of the 4th Beast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The beast killed the holy people, but is later suppressed by the son of man. The authority of dominion is returned to the holy people. ❖ The Beast in Rev 13 also killed the holy people, Christians, and is annihilated. The authority is returned to the holy people of God, who are called ironically the “Roman Catholic Church”. ❖ Both Daniel & Revelation have the same message: all earthly powers must pass away, only Jesus’ Kingdom (the Church, the final Davidic Dynasty) possesses the final sovereignty. 	B7/2, Dan7:19-27 21:9ff, Is 60:1, Mt 3:2
D	<u>Using Jeremiah’s Prophecy of the Destruction of Jerusalem</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rev 13:10 is taken from Jer15:2 ❖ The background of Jer15:2: foretells the destruction of Jerusalem in 587BC. Revelation foretells the same thing. 	B7/2, Jer15:2 Jer14:11-12
E	<u>The Beast that Rose out of the Earth</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ “Earth” = the Promised Land; the homeland of the Israelites ❖ “horns like a lamb” point to the evil and pretentious religious leaders who conspired with Nero (the previous Beast) to promote worshipping of Nero, and oppressed the Christians. This also points to the Herodic Dynasty. ❖ The mark of the Beast is placed on the forehead of all those who obey it, contrary to those marked by God. ❖ Who is “666”? ❖ 666 vs. 777 	13:11-18,B7/2-3 Jn19:15 B7/5 B7/3, NJBC, NAB 17:14
F	<u>A Return to the Heavenly Liturgy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Heavenly Liturgy continues; the Beast from the earth and its followers stand in opposition to the Lamb and the Chosen Ones. The battle of good versus evil has come to a decisive moment. 	13:11-18, B7/2-3 Overhead

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rev 14 = Heb 12:22-24 = the real setting of the Eucharistic Liturgy. Being in the liturgy = being in Heaven. On top of Mt. Zion, in God's city, the Heavenly Jerusalem; among the angels, among the saints from all the ages, in front of the Father and the Son. In other words, the mystical body of Jesus and communion of the saints. ❖ The virgins and the martyrs rejoice in God's glory. 	12:11
G	<p><u>Proclamation of Judgment Day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ At the appearance of the Lamb on Mt. Zion, the destruction of Babylon is proclaimed. The earlier one is the Heavenly Jerusalem and the latter is the earthly Jerusalem. ❖ "She has made all the nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" signifies the counterfeited sacraments of the evil power; contrasting with the sacrament of Eucharist of the new Jerusalem (Church). ❖ "Their deeds will follow them" doesn't mean by faith only ❖ Jn 4:35's Harvest = evangelization; Rev 14:14 Harvest = Final Judgment, using Joel 4:12-17 	14:8-20, B7/6 14:8 James 2:24

OVERHEAD

Rev 13-14: The Standoff between Evil Power and the Truth

The Beast of the Earth and its Followers	The Lamb and the Chosen Ones
The Beast that comes from the pit of the earth looks like the Lamb = Anti-Christ that sounds like a lion.	The Lamb standing on Mt. Zion; the voice of Christ is like the sound of many waters and sound of loud thunder.
Followers: those who are deceived to worship the Beast	Followers: 144,000 Chosen Ones
Followers bear the mark of the Beast on their forehead	Followers bear the mark of the Lamb and the Father on their forehead
Beast of the Earth = Herodic Dynasty = pretentious successors of the Davidic Dynasty who claim power through Rome	Jesus = Messianic Dynasty = the true successor of the Davidic Dynasty, the kingship comes from the Father