

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Review Rv 17:8-13. We live in *the last days, final hour* - as have Xns since 1st coming - Rm 13:11. Nevertheless, there will be a final manifestation of the Beast - who *goes to destruction* [v8,11] according to God's purpose - v17.
2. Dennis Johnson. Rv 17:14

**1st: The War**

1. *war against the Lamb* = 16:11-13. Enmity of 2 seeds [Gn 3:15 - chpt 12-14] & Bst's war [11:7]. War w/ saints: Dragon - 12:17; Bst 13:7; Last Battle 19:19.
2. 1Jn 2:18; 4:3 - the AntiChrist spirit of this age wars against the gospel.
3. Dan 7:21-27 4<sup>th</sup> kgdm = prototype of last Bst - defeats saints then is defeated - why? Dan 7:13-14 = Rv 5 - enthroned Lion/Lamb, Jesus the Overcomer. As Jesus appeared defeated on cross, so too saints will appear defeated, until the victory of the resurrection.
4. *Who is able to make war w/ [the Bst]?* The Lamb & His army.

**2nd: The Warrior King**

1. YHWH of OT - Dt 10:17; Ps 136:3
2. Jesus of NT - 1Tim 6:14-16; Rv 19:16 2Thes 2:8
3. Who wars? Rv 16:13-14; 17:12-13 *kings & lords*. Artaxerxes [Ezra 7:12]; Nebuchadnezzar [Ezek 26:7; Dan 2:37]. False kings & lords.
4. Who triumphs? Rv 5:11-14

**3rd: The King's Warriors**

1. Rv 5:9-10 royal priestly sons - worshipping warriors.
2. Army of 144,000 - Rv 7:14ff [Rv 14:1] - seen in heavenly victory.

3. Rv 17:14 [19:16] [Phil 1:23; 1Th 4:14] described in terms of salvation
  - i. *the called* - effectual call, regeneration - Rm 8:30
  - ii. *the chosen* - elected redeemed sons - Eph 1:3-6
  - iii. *faithful* - persevered - [Rv 2:10,14]. Rv 14:12-13
4. Wm Hendriksen - v14 = "the theme of the entire book".

**Applic #1: Serve the Lamb who is Lord of lords & King of kings.**

1. Eph 1:17-23 pray for wisdom that submits to King Jesus - Rv 17:9
2. Do not allow lesser authorities to rival King Jesus - Mat 28:18.

**Applic #2: In the End, We Win an Eternal Victory**

1. Literary Structure of 14a - "chiasm" - paralleled terms emphasizing certainty of the Lamb's victory.
2. We triumph - but not until the end when Jesus returns.
3. Enjoy this good creation knowing Christ is coming - Col 3:1-3; 1T 4:4-5

**Applic #3: Serve Christ With Hope: Confident & Certain of Ultimate Victory**

1. Rm 8:16-25 *eagerly* [v19,23,25]. Live oriented to Jesus' coming & keep His promised blessings in mind. Rv 17-19 describes the most frightening time of all history. Remember one of the first things Jesus told us - Rv 1:17b-18
2. These 3 abide: *faith, hope & love* [1C 13:13] - 1Pt 1:3-5.