

# How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 29]

*\*(Revelation)\**

- Opening Scripture:
  - **Revelation 14 – a brief, symbolic interlude forecasting the end of the end.**
    - **The Lamb; The 144,000; The Gospel (Babylon’s defeat); judgement over those who followed the Beast.**
- ONGOING FOCUS: Symbolism in Prophetic & Apocalyptic Literature
  - ✓ This week: Completion (destruction, purification, etc.).
    - **The Lamb**
    - **The 144,000** (tribes of Israel, tribes of Gentiles to 10<sup>th</sup> power)
    - **Mount Zion**
      - Meaning/symbolism
    - **Babylon**
      - Meaning/symbolism
    - **The Angel who proclaims**
      - “Good news” (even if hard to hear).
        - “Babylon” destroyed (those who were oppressed set free)
    - **Choices Made & “rewarded” accordingly**
      - Mark of the Beast or of Christ?
      - Eternal rewards for those who overcome
      - Final Harvest”
        - 3 “harvests” (son of man & 2, separate angels)
        - 1,600 ( $4^2 \times 10^2$  = the number for the earth & the number for thoroughness or completion -leading to transformation)
- **CONTINUING KEY WORDS:** *Hermeneutic; Semiotics; Transmission; Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase); Psuedopigrapha; Inspiration; Divine Superintendence; Textual Reliability; Exogesis/Isogesis; Anthropomorphism, Polytheism/Henotheism & Monotheism; Eschaton &/or Parousia; Millennialism/PRE-Millennialism/POST-Millennialism/ A-Millennialism; Dispensationalism; Covenant Theology; Type, Archetype & Metatype. Antagonist & Protagonist*

**NEXT SESSION : Revelation 15 & 16 – The Bowl Judgements .**