

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #169)

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Revelation 19 _____

- Crowd In Heaven
- Destruction of Babylon
- Wedding Feast and Celebration
- Angelic Interaction
- Fifth horseman

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- Armageddon
- Beast and False Prophet captured
- Fiery lake of burning sulfur
- Banquet of the Beasts

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Events

- "Heaven Opened"
 - Instead of "heaven opened," the Greek reads, "heaven having been opened." In a sense, heaven has been open for most of the book.
 - ▶ After the literal introduction in chapter 1, we saw Christ walking among the candlesticks, which represent the churches on earth.
 - ▶ The location shifts to heaven at the beginning of chapter 4, where we are taken to the throne in the sanctuary of heaven.
 - ▶ Following through the book, we find scenes in heaven, focused on the heavenly sanctuary, and scenes on earth.
 - ▶ Finally, we find God dwelling with His people on the earth made new (Rev. 21:3).

Revelation 21:3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. (NLT)

- Lady Babylon was destroyed at the end of the previous chapter.
 - ▶ In the present chapter, the multitude rejoices, and the victorious lady, the wife of Christ, is seen to be righteous.

Revelation 19:1 After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, "Praise the Lord! [*Hallelujah*] Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. **2** His judgments are true and just. He has punished the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality. He has avenged the murder of his servants." (NLT)

- The scene of Christ on the white horse may be understood to follow chronologically from the previous one, where His wife is found (in the preadvent judgment) to have been ready (Rev. 19:7).
 - ▶ Idolatry is brought to ruin.
 - ▶ The bride is united and purified.
 - ▶ The King is ready to return.

Jesus and _____

- Historical Setting
 - Jericho, "the city of palms" (Deuteronomy 34:3), lies 846 feet (258 m) below sea level, making it the lowest city on earth and one of the oldest continuously occupied sites.
 - ▶ By Jesus' day, it was Herod the Great's winter residence, irrigated by springs that created an oasis amid the Judean wilderness. Its strategic position on the north-south Jordan Valley trade route and the east-west road to Jerusalem made it a hub for tax collection.
 - ▶ Entering this prosperous, cosmopolitan town set the stage for encounters with pilgrims, traders, Roman officials, and marginalized Jews, such as blind Bartimaeus (Luke 18:35-43) and the chief tax collector Zacchaeus (Luke 19:2-10).
 - By entering Jericho, Jesus walks into a microcosm of economic disparity: wealthy collaborators, exploited laborers, priests commuting to the Temple, and beggars seeking alms. His actions—healing Bartimaeus, dining with Zacchaeus—display the inclusive reach of the kingdom to both the oppressed and their oppressors.
- Old Testament

- Jericho was the first Canaanite stronghold conquered under Joshua (Joshua 6). Jesus' entry echoes a new Joshua ("Yeshua") bringing a greater conquest—over sin and death.
- Joshua pronounced a curse on anyone who rebuilt Jericho (Joshua 6:26). By the first century, the rebuilt city still bore that memory; Jesus' visit signals reversal of the curse through blessing and salvation (Luke 19:9-10).
- The prophets foretold that the desert would blossom when the Messiah arrived (Isaiah 35:1-6). Jericho's lush oasis prefigured that promise; Christ's presence and healings foreshadow the ultimate restoration.
- Theological Themes
 - Salvation to the Lost
 - ▶ Jesus' physical entry pictures His spiritual invasion of hearts. After He "entered Jericho," He "came to the place" where Zacchaeus was, then "entered his house" (Luke 19:5-7).
 - ▶ Exterior movement parallels interior conversion, climaxing in the declaration, "Today salvation has come to this house" (v. 9).
 - Reversal of Human Expectations
 - ▶ Jericho's walls fell outward, not inward—archaeologically unique, matching Joshua 6 and attested by John Garstang's 1930s excavation in the collapsed Late Bronze Age stratum (~1400 BC, consistent with the Ussher chronology).
 - ▶ Likewise, Jesus overturns social walls: the blind see, the rich repent, and the self-righteous grumble (v. 7).
 - Foreshadowing of the Passion
 - ▶ Jericho sits in the shadow of the Mount of Temptation, where tradition places Satan's wilderness testing (Luke 4:1-13).
 - ▶ By revisiting that vicinity, Jesus signals His victorious trajectory.
 - ▶ The climb from Jericho to Jerusalem retraces the path of the Good Samaritan parable (Luke 10:30-37), highlighting that He Himself will become the ultimate neighbor through sacrificial love.
- Christological Implications
 - Jesus, the true Joshua, marches into Jericho not with trumpets but with grace.
 - ▶ The old city of judgment becomes a launch point for mercy. Luke's concise clause, "Jesus entered Jericho," encapsulates the Incarnation's purpose: God stepping into human history to seek and save (Luke 19:10).
 - ▶ His movement anticipates the ultimate entry—His triumphal arrival in the New Jerusalem, securing eternal fellowship for His people (Revelation 21:2-3).
- Practical Applications

- No locale or person is beyond redemption; Christ pursues both the despised and the privileged.
- Believers mirror Jesus by crossing cultural, economic, and moral boundaries to proclaim salvation.
- The historical reliability of Jericho's narrative strengthens confidence in the gospel's factual basis, inviting skeptics to examine evidence rather than dismiss miracles without experience.
- The same one who fought at Jericho now fights Armageddon.
 - What did the Israelite army do?
 - Who actually won the battle?

Joshua 6:2 But the Lord said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. **3** You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. (NLT)

Horseman

- Rider's Name
 - Faithful and True
 - ▶ _____
 - The _____ of Jesus
 - ▶ Characteristics of God

John 1:1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He existed in the beginning with God.

- The _____ of Jesus
 - ▶ Characteristics of the Person Jesus

Revelation 2:1 "Write this letter to the angel [messenger] of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands:" (NLT)

Revelation 2:8 "Write this letter to the angel [messenger] of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive:" (NLT)

Revelation 2:12 "Write this letter to the angel [messenger] of the church in Pergamum. This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword:" (NLT)

Revelation 2:18 "Write this letter to the angel [*messenger*] of the church in Thyatira. This is the message from the Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire, whose feet are like polished bronze:" (NLT)

Revelation 3:1 "Write this letter to the angel [*messenger*] of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars:" (NLT)

Revelation 3:7 "Write this letter to the angel [*messenger*] of the church in Philadelphia. This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open: (NLT)

Revelation 3:1 "Write this letter to the angel [*messenger*] of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning [*ruler or source*] of God's new creation:" (NLT)

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- The Coming _____

- ▶ Psalm 2; 45; 46; 47; 50:1-6; 68; Isaiah 11; 24:19-23; 26:20-21; 63:1-6; 65:5-16; Daniel 2:44-45; 7:9-14; Joel 3; Habbakuk 3; Zechariah 14.

Psalm 50:1 The Lord, the Mighty One, is God, and he has spoken; he has summoned all humanity from where the sun rises to where it sets. **2** From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines in glorious radiance. **3** Our God approaches, and he is not silent. Fire devours everything in his way, and a great storm rages around him. **4** He calls on the heavens above and earth below to witness the judgment of his people. **5** "Bring my faithful people to me—those who made a covenant with me by giving sacrifices." **6** Then let the heavens proclaim his justice, for God himself will be the judge. (NLT)

Isaiah 24:19 The earth has broken up. It has utterly collapsed; it is violently shaken. **20** The earth staggers like a drunk. It trembles like a tent in a storm. It falls and will not rise again, for the guilt of its rebellion is very heavy. **21** In that day the Lord will punish the gods in the heavens and the proud rulers of the nations on earth. **22** They will be rounded up and put in prison. They will be shut up in prison and will finally be punished. **23** Then the glory of the moon will wane, and the brightness of the sun will fade, for the Lord of Heaven's Armies will rule on Mount Zion. He will rule in great glory in Jerusalem, in the sight of all the leaders of his people. (NLT)

Isaiah 26:20 Go home, my people, and lock your doors! Hide yourselves for a little while until the Lord's anger has passed. **21** Look! The Lord is coming from heaven to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will no longer hide those who have been killed. They will be brought out for all to see. (NLT)

Isaiah 63:1 Who is this who comes from Edom, from the city of Bozrah, with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in his great strength? "It is I, the Lord, announcing your salvation! It is I, the Lord, who has the power to save!" **2** Why are your clothes so red, as if you have been treading out grapes? **3** "I have been treading the winepress alone; no one was there to help me. In my anger I have

trampled my enemies as if they were grapes. In my fury I have trampled my foes. Their blood has stained my clothes. **4** For the time has come for me to avenge my people, to ransom them from their oppressors. **5** I was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So I myself stepped in to save them with my strong arm, and my wrath sustained me. **6** I crushed the nations in my anger and made them stagger and fall to the ground, spilling their blood upon the earth.” (NLT)

Daniel 2:44 “During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever. **45** That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain.” (NLT)

Habakkuk 3:3 I see God moving across the deserts from Edom, the Holy One coming from Mount Paran. His brilliant splendor fills the heavens, and the earth is filled with his praise. **4** His coming is as brilliant as the sunrise. Rays of light flash from his hands, where his awesome power is hidden. **5** Pestilence marches before him; plague follows close behind. **6** When he stops, the earth shakes. When he looks, the nations tremble. He shatters the everlasting mountains and levels the eternal hills. He is the Eternal One! **7** I see the people of Cushan in distress, and the nation of Midian trembling in terror. (NLT)

Zechariah 14:1 Watch, for the day of the Lord is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you! **2** I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city. **3** Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. **4** On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south. **5** You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all his holy ones with him. (NLT)

- The Coming _____

Luke 4:14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit’s power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. **15** He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. **16** When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. **17** The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed

to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: **18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, **19** and that the time of the Lord's favor has come. [Isaiah 61:1-2]" **20** He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. **21** Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!" (NLT)

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. [Greek version reads and the blind will see] **2** He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, [to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.] and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. **3** To all who mourn in Israel, [Zion] he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory. (NLT)

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- For what is the horse a symbol?
 - In what way is the white horse in verse 11 different from the white horse in Revelation 6:2?
 - Who is the Word of God?
 - Where else in Revelation is the appearance of our resurrected Lord described? What insights can we gain from these descriptions?
 - Who makes up the armies of heaven?
 - Who is the animal or the beast?
 - Who is the false prophet?
 - What is the lake of fire?
 - Who is in the lake of fire when the beast and the prophet are sent there?
 - How can we disprove the doctrine of annihilation from this chapter?
 - Who are the "rest" in verse 21?