

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #171)

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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

Revelation 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. **12** His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. **13** He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. **14** The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. **15** From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. **16** On his robe at his thigh [*Or On his robe and thigh.*] was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords. (NLT)

Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. **12** His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. **13** He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. **15** From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. **16** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (NASB)

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The _____

- Chapter 19:11-16
 - Faithful
 - True
 - No one understands except himself
 - Word Of God
 - King of Kings
 - Lord of Lords
 - _____
- In the first three chapters of Revelation, we had 24 different titles of Jesus
 - Revelation Chapters 1-3
 - ▶ These titles apply to Him in His present role and were revealed to the Church
 - ▶ None of the titles are _____
 - ▶ Lamb is not referred to in the “seven churches” letters
 - Revelation Chapters 4
 - ▶ From this point forward, all titles are _____
 - ▶ The _____ = His 1st Coming
 - ▶ John 1:29, 36; Acts 8:32; 1 Peter 1:19

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (NLT)

John 1:36 As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!” (NLT)

Acts 8:32 The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. (NLT)

1 Peter 1:19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. (NLT)

- ▶ The _____ = His 2nd Coming
- ▶ Jeremiah 49:19; Hosea 11:10; Revelation 5:5

Jeremiah 49:19 I will come like a lion from the thickets of the Jordan, leaping on the sheep in the pasture. I will chase Edom from its land, and I will appoint the leader of my choice. For who is like me, and who can challenge me? What ruler can oppose my will?" (NLT)

Hosea 11:10 For someday the people will follow me. I, the Lord, will roar like a lion. And when I roar, my people will return trembling from the west. (NLT)

Revelation 19:1 But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals." (NLT)

- Yeshua Ha Mashiach
 - " _____ "
 - ▶ Israel is coming back to center stage as the end of human history approaches
 - ▶ All of earth's history is moving toward a climax, and the key to it all is the nation of Israel
 - ▶ Key Insight: Distinguish between Israel and the Church
 - ▶ Earthly promises (to Israel) are now to be fulfilled

Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes." (NLT)

Inexhaustible _____

- Mystery
 - Throughout Scripture, names disclose identity. Yet here the self-disclosure reaches a horizon beyond creaturely comprehension.
 - ▶ Exodus 3:14; Judges 13:17-18

Exodus 3:14 God replied to Moses, "I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you." (NLT)

Judges 13:17 Then Manoah asked the angel of the Lord, "What is your name? For when all this comes true, we want to honor you." **18** "Why do you ask my name?" the angel of the Lord replied. "It is too wonderful for you to understand." (NLT)

- Paradoxical Titles
 - Isaiah 9:6
 - ▶ They highlight the Messiah's divine attributes while maintaining monotheistic belief in one God.
 - ▶ These titles suggest a unique figure who embodies both human and divine qualities, reflecting a Messianic hope for deliverance and peace.

Isaiah 9:6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (NLT)

- The _____
 - The infinite cannot be domesticated.
 - ▶ Revelation 19:12 confirms that even eternity will not exhaust Christ's identity.
 - ▶ Theologically, the verse guards against every attempt—ancient Arianism, modern reductionism—to demote Jesus to a created, predictable category.
 - ▶ If He bears a name inaccessible to every intellect but His own, His essence transcends the limits of angelic and human epistemology; He is eternally God.

John 1:1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God (NLT)

Colossians 2:9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. (NLT)

- A hidden name highlights the inexhaustible depth of His person—far beyond full human comprehension.
 - ▶ Job 11:7; Romans 11:33

Job 11:7 "Can you solve the mysteries of God? Can you discover everything about the Almighty? (NLT)

Romans 11:33 Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! (NLT)

- The Father has already given Him "the name above every name," yet facets of His glory remain unrevealed.
 - ▶ Philippians 2:9-11

Philippians 2:9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NLT)

- Only the Father truly knows the Son
 - ▶ Matthew 11:27

Matthew 11:27 "My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." (NLT)

- All believers will share His new name, hinting at eternal, ever-deepening fellowship without diminishing His otherness.
 - ▶ Revelation 3:12

Revelation 3:12 All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name. (NLT)

- Biblical _____ of a "Name"
 - In Scripture, a name (Heb. שֵׁם, shem; Gk. ὄνομα, onoma) conveys character, authority, and relational accessibility.
 - ▶ To "call upon the name of the LORD" (Genesis 4:26) presumes knowledge of who He is.
 - ▶ Conversely, withholding a name signals transcendence (Exodus 3:13–14). Thus, the hidden name in Revelation 19:12 communicates an aspect of Christ's essence and authority that remains beyond created comprehension.
 - Why an Unknown Name Matters
 - ▶ Affirms Jesus' transcendence—He is beyond our full comprehension.
 - ▶ Underscores His authority—crowns and hidden name combine majesty with mystery.
 - ▶ Guards us from reducing Him to our personal preferences or cultural labels.
 - ▶ Practically, this rebukes the impulse to "tame" Jesus, whether by liberal moralism or by consumer-friendly religion.
 - ▶ Worship—not analysis alone—is the right response.

Challenges to _____ (Often _____) Views of Jesus

- Sentimental Reductionism:
 - Popular art and children's curricula stress the crib, the cross, and the Sermon on the Mount. Revelation 19:12 completes the portrait by unveiling the consuming holiness that accompanies His compassion.
- Functional Subordinationism:
 - Some see Jesus' authority as derived and temporary. The verse bestows multiple diadems, not a borrowed crown, signaling co-equal sovereignty with the Father (Revelation 22:3).
- Over-Familiarity:
 - "My buddy Jesus" language falters before an identity partly veiled even in glorification. Awe and intimacy are both necessary, but the latter must never eclipse the former.
- Skeptical Minimalism:
 - Critics who allege that high Christology is the late product of church councils confront a first-century Apocalypse where Jesus already bears divine titles, exercises eschatological judgment, and possesses an ineffable name.

Christ and His _____

- What does Scripture reveal?
 - Isaiah 9:6 lists titles that reveal facets of His character, yet even these do not exhaust who He is.
 - Philippians 2:9-11 shows God giving Him "the name above every name," pointing to supreme honor.
 - Revelation 3:12 promises a "new name" written on believers, linking our destiny to His mystery.
 - Exodus 3:14 God's "I AM WHO I AM" already hinted that the divine identity cannot be fully grasped. The divine name defies full comprehension.
 - Proverbs 30:4 shows the vastness of his power, and yet we fail to know his name.

Proverbs 30:4 Who but God goes up to heaven and comes back down? Who holds the wind in his fists? Who wraps up the oceans in his cloak? Who has created the whole wide world? What is his name—and his son's name? Tell me if you know! (NLT)

- Old Testament Antecedents of a _____ Name
 - Genesis 32:29—The Man who wrestles Jacob refuses disclosure: "Why do you ask my name?"

Genesis 32:29 "Please tell me your name," Jacob said. "Why do you want to know my name?" the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. (NLT)

- Judges 13:18—The Angel of the LORD: “It is wonderful” (Heb. pili); LXX renders θαυμαστόν, paralleling Isaiah 9:6 “Wonderful Counselor.”
 - ▶ These theophanic precedents couple divine mystery with salvation events, foreshadowing the fuller revelation in Christ.
- Christological Significance
 - Inexhaustible Personhood:
 - ▶ Even as the incarnate Word (John 1:14), Christ remains infinite; finite language cannot exhaust His being (John 21:25).

John 1:14 So the Word became human [*became flesh*] and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. [*grace and truth*] And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son. (NLT)

John 21:25 Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written. (NLT)

- Exclusive Self-Knowledge:
 - ▶ Only the Son knows the Father fully and vice versa (Matthew 11:27). The concealed name underscores intra-Trinitarian intimacy.
- Supreme Authority:
 - ▶ Philippians 2:9-11 speaks of “the name above every name.” Revelation 19:12 indicates a dimension of that authority not yet apprehended by angelic or human observers, heightening reverence at His appearing.

Other _____

- Anchoring Hope in His Unfathomable Name
 - Because His identity is inexhaustible, His grace and power to save are inexhaustible (Hebrews 7:25).
 - The same Savior who bears an unknown name also knows each of His sheep by name (John 10:14).
 - Our future is secure: “When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2).
 - Therefore, confidence grows—not in our full understanding of Him, but in His complete understanding of us.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save [*save completely*] those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. (NLT)

John 10:14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me,” (NLT)

1 John 3:2 Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. **3** And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. (NLT)

- Immediate _____ Context
 - Revelation 19 depicts the climactic unveiling of Jesus Christ as conquering King. Verses 11-16 present four descriptors of His identity: Faithful and True (v.11), the unknown name (v.12), the Word of God (v.13), and King of kings and Lord of lords (v.16).
 - ▶ John emphasizes majesty, judgment, and absolute sovereignty; the concealed name functions within this layered self-disclosure.
- Eschatological Revelation and Mystery
 - Apocalyptic literature balances unveiling (ἀποκάλυψις) with remaining mystery (μυστήριον). Christ's return will resolve the concealed name; until then, believers walk by faith. The pattern mirrors Daniel 12:4, where words are "sealed until the time of the end."

Daniel 12:4 But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal up the book until the time of the end, when many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase." (NLT)

- Relationship to Other "New Name" Passages in Revelation
 - Revelation 2:17—Overcomers receive "a new name... which no one knows except the one who receives it."
 - Revelation 3:12—Believers bear "My new name."

Revelation 2:17 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it. (NLT)

- Christ's unique hidden name guarantees the authenticity of the names bestowed on His people; personal fellowship is grounded in His own incomprehensible identity.
- The Exclusive Authority and _____ of Christ
 - Many crowns (διάδηματα) on His head assert rightful dominion over every realm (Psalm 2:8-12).
 - ▶ The secret name supports that claim: authority is intrinsic, not conferred by creatures who do not yet fathom it.

For Faith

- Fueling Deeper Relationship
 - Nurture humility
 - ▶ Admit limits in understanding Christ; submit to His Word rather than forcing Him into our ideas.
 - Cultivate awe in worship:
 - ▶ Reserve space for silence and wonder, acknowledging the aspects of Jesus we cannot name.
 - Trust His wisdom:
 - ▶ When circumstances are unclear, rest in the One whose very name is beyond us—He sees what we cannot.
 - Reject idols:
 - ▶ Any portrayal of Jesus that contradicts Scripture is too small; measure every teaching by the whole counsel of God.
 - Bigger Faith:
 - ▶ Spend time meditating on passages that reveal His character (John 1:1-14; Colossians 1:15-18). Let the vastness of Christ enlarge your prayers.

Colossians 1:15-18 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, **16** for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. **17** He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. **18** Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. (NLT)

- _____ Insight:
 - ▶ Invite the Holy Spirit to illuminate Scripture (John 16:13), recognizing that true knowledge of Jesus is Spirit-given, not merely intellectual.

John 16:13 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future." (NLT)

- Implications for Worship and Discipleship
 - A Savior whose identity surpasses human vocabulary invites awe-filled worship (Revelation 1:17).

- Discipleship rooted in reverence avoids trivializing Jesus as merely a moral teacher. The concealed name calls believers to holiness now (1 John 3:2-3) in anticipation of fuller revelation.

Revelation 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. (NLT)

- Applications for Evangelism
 - The unknown name can serve as a conversational bridge: if even eternity will not exhaust Christ's glory, what finite substitute can satisfy the human heart?
 - ▶ The Gospel offers a direct relationship with the infinite Lord, validated by the empty tomb and attested by reliable Scripture.

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- Beyond Comprehension and Understanding
 - "A name written that only He Himself knows" signifies the incomprehensible depth, unrivaled authority, and eschatological mystery of Jesus Christ.
 - Rooted in consistent manuscript evidence, foreshadowed in Old Testament theophanies (encounters with God), and destined for final disclosure at His return, the hidden name magnifies His deity and summons all people to repentance, faith, and adoration.

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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?