

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #172)

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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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Eyes Like Blazing Fire

- What is the _____ of Revelation 19:12?
 - A gaze that penetrates every hidden corner—nothing escapes Him (Hebrews 4:13).

Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. (NLT)

- Echoes earlier visions of Christ in Revelation 1:14 and 2:18, underlining His unchanging holiness.

Revelation 1:14 His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. (NLT)

Revelation 2:18 "Write this letter to the angel 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)

- Fire in Scripture points to judgment and purity (Deuteronomy 4:24); He comes to "judge and wage war" (Revelation 19:11).

Deuteronomy 4:24 The Lord your God is a devouring fire; he is a jealous God. (NLT)

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- For believers, those eyes that "range throughout the earth" (2 Chronicles 16:9) also protect and strengthen.

2 Chronicles 16:9 The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war." (NLT)

- What "Eyes Like Blazing Fire" _____ About Jesus
 - Penetrating Omniscience – nothing escapes His gaze.
 - Earlier vision of Christ in Revelation 1:14 and 2:18
 - ▶ The exalted Son of Man of chapter 1
 - ▶ The searching Judge of the churches in chapter 2.
 - ▶ The victorious Rider in chapter 19.
 - Omniscience and Moral _____
 - ▶ Searching Eyes That See Everything
 - ▶ We cannot compartmentalize life into "sacred" and "secular."
 - ▶ Hidden motives, browser history, bank statements—He sees them all.
 - ▶ Transparency before Him fosters quick confession instead of lingering guilt. (Hebrews 4:13; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Revelation 2:23)
 - Fire in Scripture signifies penetrating vision and purifying judgment (Psalm 11:4-6; Daniel 10:6).

Psalm 11:4 But the Lord is in his holy Temple; the Lord still rules from heaven. He watches everyone closely, examining every person on earth. **5** The Lord examines both the righteous and the wicked. He hates those who love violence. **6** He will rain down blazing coals and burning sulfur on the wicked, punishing them with scorching winds. (NLT)

- The Christ who once wept (Luke 19:41) now inspects hearts (Revelation 2:23) and nations (Revelation 19:15)

Luke 19:41 But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. (NLT)

Revelation 2:23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve. (NLT)

Revelation 19:15 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. (NLT)

- Traditional depictions that stop at “gentle rabbi” or “suffering victim” are expanded to include an all-seeing, morally flawless Judge whose gaze scorches away self-deception.
 - ▶ This corrects any reduction of Jesus to a merely sympathetic moral teacher.
- Purifying Holiness – fire burns away dross.
 - ▶ Purifying Eyes That Refine
 - ▶ Trials are not random; they are the Refiner’s tool.
 - ▶ When convictions sting, recognize His loving fire removing impurities.
 - ▶ Welcome discipline (Hebrews 12:5-11) rather than resent it.

Malachi 3:2 “But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. 3 He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the Lord. (NLT)

1 Peter 1:7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. (NLT)

Hebrews 12:5 And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, “My child, don’t make light of the Lord’s discipline, and don’t give up when he corrects you. 6 For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.” 7 As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child

who is never disciplined by its father? **8** If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. **9** Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? **10** For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. **11** No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. (NLT)

- Intense Passion – love and righteous anger glow together.
 - ▶ Eyes That Ignite Zeal
 - ▶ Time in His Word fuels fervor; cold hearts thaw in His gaze.
 - ▶ Worship gains intensity when we picture those blazing eyes fixed on us.
 - ▶ Service moves from duty to delight as His passion becomes ours (Romans 12:11).

Luke 24:32 They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" (NLT)

Romans 12:11 Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. (NLT)

- Unstoppable Justice – the conquering Judge is aflame with zeal for truth.
 - ▶ Eyes That Promise Justice
 - ▶ Vengeance is off the table for believers (Romans 12:19).
 - ▶ We persevere in integrity, knowing He will settle every score.
 - ▶ Courage rises in the face of persecution; the Judge's verdict is final.

2 Thessalonians 1:7 And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, **8** in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. (NLT)

Romans 12:19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. (NLT)

- _____ and _____ in His Eyes
 - The same eyes that burn with holiness watch with tender care.

Psalms 32:8 The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. (NLT)

- For the weary: His fire warms; it does not consume His children (Isaiah 43:2).

Isaiah 43:2 When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. (NLT)

- For the fearful: If He sees everything, nothing surprises Him—your future is already under His scrutiny and sovereign control.
- Blazing Eyes _____
 - Previewing Messiah's penetrating gaze.

Daniel 10:6 His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people. (NLT)

- The Ancient of Days is surrounded by fire; the Son later shares the same fiery purity.

Daniel 7:9 I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, **10** and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. Then the court began its session, and the books were opened. (NLT)

- Anticipating Christ's all-seeing eyes. (2 Chronicles 16:9)
- Fulfilled in Jesus' fiery look.

Proverbs 15:3 The Lord is watching everywhere, keeping his eye on both the evil and the good. (NLT)

- Terminology and Textual _____
 - Revelation 19:12 reads: "His eyes were like a blazing fire, and on His head were many crowns."
 - ▶ The Greek phrase ὀφθαλμοὶ αὐτοῦ ὡς φλόξ πυρός ("His eyes as a flame of fire") is identical to Revelation 1:14 and is securely attested in our earliest Revelation manuscripts—Papyrus 47 (c. A.D. 250), Codex Sinaiticus, and Codex Alexandrinus.
 - ▶ No significant textual variants touch this clause, underscoring its inspired precision.

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- Old Testament _____: Daniel and the Ancient of Days
 - John lifts the picture directly from Daniel: "His eyes were like flaming torches" (Daniel 10:6) and "His throne was ablaze with flames" (Daniel 7:9).
 - ▶ In Daniel, the fiery imagery signals God's all-seeing judicial gaze. Revelation applies that same deity-marking imagery to Jesus, affirming His full divinity.
- Christological (theology of Christ) _____
 - Deity Displayed: Fire in Scripture embodies Yahweh's presence—burning bush (Exodus 3), pillar of fire (Exodus 13), Mount Sinai (Exodus 19). By attributing fiery eyes to Jesus, John identifies Him with the LORD who revealed Himself in fire.
 - Resurrection Glory: After rising, Christ's humanity is glorified (Philippians 3:21). The blazing eyes illustrate that transfigured radiance.
- Purity and _____
 - Fire purifies ore (Malachi 3:2-3). Jesus' fiery eyes symbolize perfect moral purity, exposing and burning away dross.
 - ▶ Churches in Revelation are evaluated by that gaze (Revelation 2:18-23).

Revelation 2:18 "Write this letter to the angel 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: **19** "I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things. **20** "But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. **21** I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality. **22** "Therefore, I will throw her on a bed of suffering, and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds. **23** I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve. (NLT)

- Omniscience: The _____ Gaze
 - Nothing escapes firelight; likewise, Jesus' eyes "search mind and heart" (Revelation 2:23).
 - His flaming eyes assure believers He sees every injustice and every act of faithfulness. (Hebrews 4:13)
- _____ Wrath and Warrior Imagery
 - Revelation 19 depicts the Warrior-King riding to war.

- In the Ancient Near East, eyes of fire signaled a king's wrath.
 - ▶ The metaphor communicates unquenchable, righteous anger toward sin as He smites the nations (Revelation 19:15).
- Shekinah _____
 - Shekinah: שְׁכִינָה; (Hebrew - Shekhinah [Šəḵīnā]); Caused to dwell or settle or manifest; signifying that it was a divine visitation of the presence or dwelling of the Lord God on this earth. (example: pillar of cloud or fire)
 - Jewish writings spoke of the Shekinah glory too bright for mortal gaze.
 - ▶ The Transfiguration offered a foretaste (Matthew 17:2).
 - ▶ Revelation completes that vision: glory now emanates even from His eyes, fulfilling Habakkuk 3:4.

Matthew 17:2 As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. (NLT)

Habakkuk 3:4 His coming is as brilliant as the sunrise. Rays of light flash from his hands, where his awesome power is hidden. (NLT)

- _____ for Saints, _____ for Rebels
 - For persecuted believers, those fiery eyes mean protection—He sees their tears (Revelation 7:17). For rebels, they forecast judgment—"they will call to the mountains...'hide us from the face of Him'" (Revelation 6:16).

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)

Revelation 6:16 And they cried to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. (NLT)

- Archaeological _____
 - Megiddo church mosaic (A.D. 230s) features a Christ-as-God inscription; Dura-Europos baptistery (c. A.D. 250) depicts a radiant, enthroned Christ.
 - ▶ These artistic finds align with John's high Christology well before Nicea, reinforcing that the fiery-eye image was understood literally and theologically, not invented later.
- Natural-Theology _____
 - Modern spectroscopy reveals stars purify elements in their cores by tremendous heat, echoing the biblical use of fire as a purifying force.
 - Intelligent-design research highlights fine-tuned thermodynamics; the same Creator who designed stellar fusion employs "blazing fire" imagery to

communicate His moral fusion—everything impure is consumed, everything precious refined.

- Practical _____ Implications
 - Because His eyes blaze:
 - ▶ Repent quickly; nothing is hidden.
 - ▶ Rest securely; every wrong will be set right.
 - ▶ Worship wholeheartedly; the Lord is majestic beyond comparison.
- _____ Appeal
 - If Christ's eyes already blaze against sin, imagine standing before Him without His atoning blood.
 - Yet the same eyes wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41).
 - He "loved us and released us from our sins by His blood" (Revelation 1:5).
 - Turn to Him while those eyes still invite rather than incinerate.

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world.

All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. (NLT)

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 - "Eyes like a blazing fire" conveys Jesus' divine glory, piercing omniscience, purifying holiness, and impending judgment—all rooted in Old Testament theophany (encounter with deity), confirmed by secure manuscripts, witnessed by early believers, and applied pastorally to saints and skeptics alike.

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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?