

# ENDGAME

## A Study On Revelation (Week #173)

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### Revelation 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Revelation 19 \_\_\_\_\_

- 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)

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### Of Crowns

- \_\_\_\_\_ Crown
  - Crown: στέφανος; (Greek - stephanos [STEF-ah-nos]); crown, wreath [from an apparently primary stepho "to twine or wreath"];
    - a) properly, a wreath (garland), awarded to a victor in the ancient athletic games (like the Greek Olympics); the crown of victory
    - b) a chaplet (as a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games, or a symbol of honor generally; but more conspicuous and elaborate than the simple fillet, literally or figuratively -- crown.
    - c) is used of a plaited wreath ("crown"), like the one made of thorns placed on the head of Christ at His trial.

**Matthew 27:29** They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" (NLT)

**Mark 15:17** They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head. (NLT)

**John 19:2** The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. **3** "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, as they slapped him across the face. **4** Pilate went outside again and said to the people, "I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty." **5** Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said, "Look, here is the man!" (NLT)

- "Crown": Reward for works - NOT salvation
  - Their reward is with Him at the "Bema" seat.

**1 Corinthians 3:11** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. **12** Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. **13** But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a

person's work has any value. **14** If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. **15** But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. (NLT)

- Crown of \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ For those who have suffered for His sake

**James 1:12** God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. (NLT)

**Revelation 2:10** Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life. (NLT)

- Crown of \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ For those who loved His appearing.

**2 Timothy 4:8** And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing. (NLT)

- Crown of \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ For those who care for the flock (pastors, elders, teachers)

**1 Peter 5:2** Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. **3** Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. **4** And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor. (NLT)

- Crown \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ For those who press on steadfastly

**1 Corinthians 9:25** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. **25** Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. So they do it to obtain a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. (NASB)

- Crown of \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ For those who win souls

**1 Thessalonians 2:19** For who is our hope, or joy or crown of pride, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? Or is it not indeed you? **20** For you are our glory and joy. (NASB)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Crown
  - "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"
  - Crown: δίδημα; (Greek - diadéma [dee-ad'-ay-mah]); properly, a royal crown: "a narrow filet encircling the brow," a "kingly ornament for the head"; "a royal crown" is used three times in the NT - referring to:
    - a) the pagan empires of ancient history which opposed God (Rev 12:3);

**Revelation 12:3** Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. (NLT)

- b) the end-times coalition led by Antichrist (Rev 13:1);

**Revelation 13:1** Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. (NLT)

- c) the infinite majesty (kingship) of Christ (Rev 19:12).

**Revelation 19:12** 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. (NLT)

- Earthly rulers will lose authority

**John 12:30** Then Jesus told them, "The voice was for your benefit, not mine. **31** The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. **32** And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." **33** He said this to indicate how he was going to die. (NLT)

- Earthly rulers lack power

**John 14:29** "I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe. **30** "I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, **31** but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let's be going." (NLT)

- Earthly rulers will be judged

**John 16:10** "Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. **11** Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged." (NLT)

- Earthly rulers lack God's knowledge

**1 Corinthians 2:7** No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. **8** But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. **9** That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." (NLT)

- Earthly rulers at war with God's Kingdom

**Ephesians 6:11** Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. **12** For we [you] are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (NLT)

- Heavenly Ruler who will reign over all

**Ephesians 1:19** I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power **20** that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. **21** Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. **22** God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. (NLT)

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### Crowns

- Absolute, Not Merely Spiritual, Sovereignty
  - Crowns in Revelation mark competing claims to rule.
    - ▶ The dragon wears seven (12:3);
    - ▶ The first beast, ten (13:1);
    - ▶ Jesus wears "many," an unlimited diadem-count that dwarfs all pretenders.
  - Daniel 7:14 foresees universal dominion for the Son of Man. Revelation 19:12 shows its fulfillment: the Rider holds every imaginable realm—cosmic, earthly, political, angelic—under a single monarchy (1 Corinthians 15:25).

- ▶ Traditional views that confine Jesus' kingship to the church or to the "spiritual" sphere are shattered. His reign extends to law, science, art, and government; any compartmentalization of His authority is exposed as artificial. He rules it \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 7:13** As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man[a] coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. **14** He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed. (NLT)

**1 Corinthians 15:23** But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. **24** After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. **25** For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. **26** And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27** For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under his authority." [Psalm 8:6] (Of course, when it says "all things are under his authority," that does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.) **28** Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere. (NLT)

- Diadems proclaim absolute, legitimate sovereignty—He is "King of kings and Lord of lords"

**Revelation 17:14** Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. And his called and chosen and faithful ones will be with him." (NLT)

- Christ wears an uncountable number, signaling total supremacy over every realm.
  - ▶ The dragon (Revelation 12:3) and the beast (13:1) flaunt limited crowns.

**Psalms 2:6** For the Lord declares, "I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, [Zion] on my holy mountain." **7** The king proclaims the Lord's decree: "The Lord said to me, 'You are my son. [Son] Today I have become your Father. **8** Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession. **9** You will break [rule] them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.'" (NLT)

- Isaiah foresaw a government resting on His shoulders; the stacked crowns announce its final arrival.

**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. **7** His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen! (NLT)

- The sight consoles the church: the kingdoms of this world have become His.

**Revelation 11:15** Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: "The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, [Messiah] and he will reign forever and ever." (NLT)

### Why "Many Crowns" Matters

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  - Plural, not singular—Jesus doesn't wear just one crown like an earthly monarch; He bears "many," signaling unlimited, all-encompassing sovereignty.
  - Greek diadēmata refer to royal diadems, the emblem of absolute kingship, not merely a victor's wreath (stephanos).
  - The picture is literal: Christ will physically return wearing these crowns, visibly displaying the fullness of His authority over every realm—spiritual, earthly, cosmic, and eternal.
- Scripture Echoes of His \_\_\_\_\_ Authority
  - Revelation 19:16 – King of kings, Lord of lords ties directly to the many crowns—He outranks every ruler.
  - Isaiah 9:6-7 – "the government will be on His shoulders... of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end."
  - Psalm 2:6-9 – Messiah inherits the nations and rules with a rod of iron.
  - Daniel 7:13-14 – the Son of Man receives "an everlasting dominion."
  - Philippians 2:9-11 – every knee will bow; His crowns proclaim the right to that universal homage.

**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)

- Colossians 2:15 – He disarmed the powers and authorities; the crowns celebrate His decisive victory.

**Colossians 2:14** He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. **15** In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. (NLT)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Kingship
  - Psalm 21:3 – God “placed on his head a crown of pure gold”; the Messiah receives not one but many.

**Psalm 21:3** You welcomed him back with success and prosperity. You placed a crown of finest gold on his head. (NLT)

- Psalm 110:1-2 – The scepter extended from Zion blossoms into multiple diadems over every realm.

**Psalm 110:1** The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.” **2** The Lord will extend your powerful kingdom from Jerusalem [Zion]; you will rule over your enemies. (NLT)

- Zechariah 6:11-13 – An “ornate crown” (lit. crowns) placed on the priest-king prefigures Christ’s many crowns.

**Zechariah 6:11** Accept their gifts, and make a crown from the silver and gold. Then put the crown on the head of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. **12** Tell him, ‘This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Here is the man called the Branch. He will branch out from where he is and build the Temple of the Lord. **13** Yes, he will build the Temple of the Lord. Then he will receive royal honor and will rule as king from his throne. He will also serve as priest from his throne, and there will be perfect harmony between his two roles.’ (NLT)

- Isaiah 62:3 – God’s people become “a crown of glory,” reflected in the King who wears every crown.

**Isaiah 62:3** The Lord will hold you in his hand for all to see – a splendid crown in the hand of God. (NLT)

- Daniel 7:13-14 – The Son of Man is given universal dominion, visually expressed by many diadems.
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- Isaiah 63:1-3 – The Redeemer in crimson garments marches in strength; Revelation 19 continues the scene.

**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. (NLT)

- Psalm 45:3-6 – The royal Bridegroom rides out victoriously, now crowned and conquering.

**Psalm 45:3** Put on your sword, O mighty warrior! You are so glorious, so majestic! **4** In your majesty, ride out to victory, defending truth, humility, and justice. Go forth to perform awe-inspiring deeds! **5** Your arrows are sharp, piercing your enemies' hearts. The nations fall beneath your feet. **6** Your throne, O God, *[divine throne]* endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice. (NLT)

- Habakkuk 3:3-6 – The Holy One advances in radiant splendor, echoed in the Rider's fiery eyes.

**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! (NLT)

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### Important Issues

- \_\_\_\_\_ With Earthly Powers
  - The beast wears ten diadems, a counterfeit and limited authority soon stripped away. (Revelation 13:1)
  - Where earthly crowns can be seized, lost, or tarnished, His crowns remain many, unchallenged, and forever secure.
  - Human rulers are granted temporary power; Jesus' reign is intrinsic, eternal, and cannot be revoked. (Romans 13:1)

**Romans 13:1** Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. (NLT)

- Living Under the \_\_\_\_\_ King
  - Worship: Acknowledge His unrivaled majesty—He alone is worthy of “power and wealth and wisdom and strength” (Revelation 5:12).

**Revelation 5:12** And they sang in a mighty chorus: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered – to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.” (NLT)

- Confidence: Because the King already wears every crown, no circumstance, ruler, or enemy can derail His plan for His people (John 10:28-29).

**John 10:28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, **29** for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. (NLT)

- Obedience: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me” (Matthew 28:18). The Great Commission flows from the One crowned over all.

**Matthew 28:18** Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (NLT)

- Hope: The many crowns guarantee a future where “the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ” (Revelation 11:15).
- Immediate \_\_\_\_\_ Setting
  - John’s vision has reached its climax: heaven is opened, and “the One called Faithful and True” (19:11) rides forth to judge and wage war.
    - ▶ Revelation 19:11-16 functions as the coronation procession of the returning King. Verse 12 is the central snapshot, compressing three images that recalibrate every preconceived notion of Jesus’ person.
- Old Testament and Inter-Biblical Parallels
  - Daniel 10:5-6 – Eyes “like flaming torches,” anticipating the glorified Christ.

**Daniel 10:5** I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. **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)

- Psalm 45:3-6 – The warrior-king weds justice and majesty, a template Revelation fulfills.
  - Isaiah 63:1-6 – Yahweh treads the winepress; Revelation 19:15 applies the imagery directly to Jesus, equating Him with Yahweh.
  - These links confirm canonical unity: the Messiah's identity has always included divine judgment and royal dominion.
  - Early Christian Reception and Manuscript Support
    - Irenaeus (Against Heresies 4.20.11) quotes the "many crowns" passage to assert Christ's supreme monarchy.
    - Papyrus 47 (~AD 250) preserves the wording of Revelation 19:12 essentially as in modern critical texts, demonstrating textual stability.
    - The Chester Beatty codex and Codex Alexandrinus show no variation affecting the terms "crowns" or the unknown "name," reinforcing doctrinal continuity.
  - Prophetic Convergence
    - Old Testament seers consistently portrayed a divine Warrior-King: eyes of fire, crowns of unmatched authority, and a name surpassing human knowledge.
      - ▶ Revelation 19:12 gathers every strand and shows the promise fulfilled in Jesus—the One who truly sees all, rules all, and is known in the fullness of His own everlasting name.
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- Systematic Theological Implications
    - Christology (Christ): Full deity, full humanity, unconfused, unchangeable.
    - Eschatology (End Times): The returning Christ is not a pacifist reformer but the executor of final justice (19:15-16).
    - Soteriology (Salvation): Only One with omniscient purity can judge sin and simultaneously provide atonement (Romans 3:26).
    - Doxology: Worship in Revelation (5:12-13; 19:1-6) unites angels and redeemed humanity, showing that acknowledging Jesus' true identity is the apex of creation's purpose.
  - Practical and Pastoral Applications
    - Evangelism: Confront seekers with the whole Christ—Lamb and Lion – so their decision is informed and decisive.
    - Discipleship: Holiness becomes non-negotiable when the eyes that scrutinize us are "like blazing fire."

- Hope under Persecution: Believers in John's day faced imperial power; many crowns on Jesus' head declare every Caesar provisional.
- Worship Renewal: Liturgical language should stretch to match the majesty, resisting clichés that flatten the mystery of His hidden name.

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- Main Ideas

- Revelation 19:12 dismantles trimmed-down portraits of Jesus and installs a panoramic Christ: an omniscient Judge, a universal King, an infinite Mystery. The verse insists that any faithful doctrine, devotion, or evangelism must reckon with this blazing, crowned, incomprehensible Lord—or be judged incomplete by the Scripture that cannot be broken.
- "Many crowns" in Revelation 19:12 heralds Jesus' literal, limitless, and everlasting dominion. Every sphere of authority converges on His head, assuring believers that the King who is coming already reigns—and will soon be seen by all wearing the diadems that rightfully belong to Him alone.
- Revelation 19:12 paints a breathtaking, literal portrait of Jesus at His return. His blazing eyes guarantee perfect justice and loving oversight. His many crowns proclaim unrivaled authority over every power and nation. His secret name reminds us that, even in glory, Christ's majesty will always exceed our grasp, inviting endless worship and awe.

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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?