

Revelation – 101

11/2/25 – PM (week 12)

Chapters 19-20

Review chapters 17-18

- Chapter 17
 - The doom of “spiritual Babylon”
 - John sees a “woman” (representing the one-world religious system) riding on a “beast” (the Anti-Christ).
 - She is guilty of the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus
 - She represents the church-state union
 - We see again in this chapter that the Beast is a world dictator who rises in the likeness of the 6 world empires before him. He is a combination of these and represents the culmination of the world domination of the gentiles.
 - 10 future kings give their power to the beast during his reign before the Battle of Armageddon.
 - The one-world religious system has been in place for centuries. The woman (called “the whore”) is a representation of the church-state union. Many believe the Catholic (the word means “universal”) Church is the main foundation of this system.
 - Whatever her identity, this system of religious wealth and power is to be destroyed as the nations turn on her and “burn her with fire” – Rev. 17:16
 - God uses evil (wicked nations) to destroy evil (the “woman”)
 - The False Prophet (second beast of Revelation 13) will be the one-world religious leader during the Tribulation, and will be the head of this system.

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- Chapter 18
 - The doom of “political and economic Babylon”
 - The angel cried “Babylon is fallen, is fallen” signifying both the religious and political systems of the gentile powers being destroyed.
 - Chapter 18 is a continuation of chapter 17. Remember, this is all happening as a result of the seventh and last of the vial judgments (chapter 16). It is happening simultaneously with Christ’s return to earth for the Battle of Armageddon.
 - The political systems, economic systems, industrial systems, military systems, and technology systems of man will all be destroyed during this judgment. The “lights go out” on the gentile’s power, kingdoms, and empires, in preparation for King Jesus, who will rule and reign from the throne of David in Jerusalem.
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Chapter 19

- A. Worship in Heaven (vs. 1-6)
 - a. A great voice of “much people in heaven” (notice these are not angels, but people)
 - b. Praising “the Lord our God” for his true and righteous judgments on “the great whore” and her deeds.
 - c. 24 elders and the 4 beasts (cherubim) fall down and worship also
 - d. “A voice” (singular) vs. 5 – Son of God? Notice Rev. 18:4 – “come out of her, my people”
 - e. More praise from a voice of a great multitude, and many waters (Niagara Falls), mighty thunderings.
 - f. Four times the word “Alleluia” is used in these verses (1, 2, 4, 6). This is the Greek form of the Hebrew word “Hallelujah”, and both mean “praise the Lord”.

B. A Wedding in Heaven (vs. 7-10)

- a. This is the marriage of Christ (the Lamb) and his bride (the Church)
- b. She is called his wife (vs. 7) indicating that the marriage has taken place. A woman is a bride before becoming a wife.
 - i. She has made herself ready (prepared herself for the groom) Ephesians 5:25-27. During the tribulation on earth, the church will stand before the judgment seat of Christ in heaven, “making ourselves ready” – purifying us as holy unto the Lord.
 - ii. She is “granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white” – “granted” means “given or allowed”. Our righteousness was given to us by faith in Christ. It is not our own (Romans 3:22).
- c. John falls down to worship the angel that has been with him throughout this time (vs. 9-10), but the angel tells him not to do it, but to worship God. (He makes this mistake two times in Revelation and is corrected both times).

C. The Return (Second Coming) of Christ (vs. 11-16)

- a. Reminder of “Rapture” – Christ calls the church “up hither” and we go out to meet him (I Thessalonians 4:13-17). Sometimes confusing when people talk about “Jesus coming again”. Could be speaking of rapture – or could be speaking of Revelation 19.
- b. His glorious appearing
 - i. Heaven is opened
 - ii. Christ, seated upon a white horse.
 - iii. He is called “Faithful and True” (noticed capitalization)
 - 1. He judges and makes war righteously
 - iv. His eyes were as a flame of fire (Revelation 1:14)
 - v. On his head were many crowns
 - vi. A name that no man knew but he himself – “Yahwe” (?)
Remember that the vowels were left out of the ancient Hebrew name for God.

- vii. Clothed with a vesture dipped in blood (a lamb as it had been slain – Revelation 5:6)
 - viii. His name is called The Word of God (John 1:1)
- c. The armies of heaven (vs. 14) – He is followed by his bride, the saints (fine linen, white and clean – vs. 8).
- d. His weapon – “a sharp sword” – the Word of God
 - i. He smites the nations with his word
 - ii. He rules them with a rod of iron
 - iii. He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
- e. His name – written on his vesture (royal robe) and on his thigh – KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. (notice capitalization).
- D. War on the earth (vs. 17-19)
 - a. The angel calls to the fowls to scavenge the remains of the dead
 - b. The armies of Armageddon
 - i. The beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies
 - ii. Christ and the armies of Heaven.
 - c. It’s a short battle (vs. 20)
 - i. The beast (antichrist) and the false prophet are cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
 - ii. The armies of the earth are slain with the sword that proceeded out of the mouth of Christ, and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.
 - d. It’s a gruesome battle (Revelation 14:14-20)
 - i. Takes place near Jerusalem in the valley of Megiddo. It is mentioned in Zechariah 12, and in Joel 3. The nations of the earth gather their armies in the valley of Jezreel, which is approximately 1,000 square miles.
 - ii. It is about 14 miles wide and some 67 miles wide, and is situated among the mountains. Mount Carmel to the west, Nazareth to the north, Mount Moreh and Mount Tabor to the east, and Mount Gilboa and the mountains of Samaria

to the south. Napoleon once said that when he fought on the Jezreel Valley it was the most strategic battlefield on earth.

- iii. Revelation 14:20 says that the blood from this battle will flow to the horse bridles for 1600 furlongs. That equates to about 176 miles.
 - 1. *Illustration – 100 million men would have 600 million quarts of blood. This amount of blood could extend about 50 quarts per foot for 176 miles. 50 quarts per foot would be about the height of a horse bridle. *More soldiers would amount to even more blood, fulfilling the prophecy of Revelation 14.

Chapter 20

- A. Satan is bound in the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1-3)
 - a. An angel comes down from heaven with the key to the pit and a chain.
 - b. He takes “the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan” – and bound him for 1000 years. He casts him into the pit and seals him there. BUT, after the 1000 years, Satan must be loosed for “a little season”. For this period, Satan is rendered completely inactive. No ability to deceive or “walk to and fro in the earth” (Job 1). No opportunity to cause harm, pain, or sorrow.
 - c. He is in the bottomless pit for the entirety of the Millennial (1000 yrs.) reign of Christ on the earth.
- B. The First Resurrection is completed (Rev. 20:4-6)
 - a. The church (vs. 4)
 - i. I Corinthians 6:1-4
 - b. The tribulation saints (vs. 4)
 - i. Rev. 6:9-11
 - ii. Those who survive the tribulation will enter into the 1000 years as believers in their mortal bodies.

- c. The “rest of the dead” (vs. 5) “lived not again until the thousand years were finished.”
 - d. First Resurrection = no “second death” (vs. 6)
- C. The 1000-year reign of Christ with his saints takes place on earth. Revelation does not detail the millennial period, but several Old Testament prophets do, including Isaiah. Nothing “hurts nor destroys” – Isaiah 65:25.
- D. Satan is loosed from his prison (vs. 7-9)
 - a. Why? As a just God, He has to allow the millennial kingdom people to be tested by Satan as all other ages of humanity were.
 - i. They had no tempter, deceiver, and no worldly system for 1000 years. Were all those born and living in this kingdom true believers in God, or just complying with the “rod of iron”? How was their heart toward the Lord Jesus?
 - b. Satan goes to deceive the nations in the four quarters of the earth
 - i. Gog, is the prince, and Magog is the land (same geographic place as in Ezekiel 38)
 - ii. They gather from all the earth and surround the Holy City and the camp of the saints.
 - iii. Fire comes down “from God” out of heaven and devours them. The last war on earth is over in a moment.
- E. Satan’s Eternal Torment (vs. 10)
 - a. This time Satan is cast into “the” lake of fire. It was called “a” lake of fire in chapter 19:20.
 - b. Notice, this is where the beast and the false prophet ARE. They were cast in 1000 years ago, and they are still there – eternal fire.
 - c. He is tormented day and night for ever and ever. He is not the King of Hell. He is suffering for eternity. This is his doom.
- F. The Great White Throne Judgment (vs. 11-15)
 - a. A throne in heaven and him that sat on it (God the Son)
 - i. The earth and the heaven (atmosphere – first heaven) fled away; and there was found no place for them.

- b. The dead small and great (every rank, every status, every caste) – the unsaved of all human history, from all walks of life. These are the “dead”, not “the dead in Christ”, and they stand before God. Some versions say “stand before the throne”, but that takes away from the severity and certainty of this judgment. – John 5:28-29
- c. Books are opened (vs. 12) – at least three books – “the books”, and “another book”
 - i. The Bible (John 12:48)
 - ii. The Book of Record (“according to their works”)
 - iii. The Book of Life (specifically named)
- d. The dead come from the sea, and those who have been in hell, and they are judged every man according to their works. Their levels of punishment are being determined (Matt. 11:20-24).
- e. Death and hell are cast into the lake of fire (vs. 14)
 - i. The temporary place called hell, is now added to the lake of fire where the devil, the antichrist, and the false prophet are. This is the “second death”. Those who died on earth had a “first death”, but now the unsaved are being sentenced to a “second death” in the lake of fire. Those who had part in the first resurrection (the saints), have no fear of the second death (Rev. 20:6).
 - 1. Born once = die twice / Born twice = die once (exp.)
- f. God’s grace is revealed to humanity one last time (vs. 15)
 - i. God’s grace? YES – Ephesians 2:8-9
 - 1. They were not cast into the lake of fire because of their sinful works – not because of murder, or assault, or adultery, or lying, or drunkenness, or, or, or ---
 - 2. They were banished to the lake of fire because their name was not written in the book of life. They had rejected God, His Son, and His Word. (John 14:6)

