

Wednesday Teaching Series
Revelation 19 and 20

The Book of Revelation
Lesson #1-The Final Victory-Part II

Introduction: Chapter 19 opens the next to last section of Revelation; leading up to the revealing of the New Heavens and New Earth.

Time Table

- ✓ Rapture of the church
- ✓ 7 years of tribulation (seals, trumpets, vials)
- ✓ Announcement of the coming victory (Revelation 11:15; this is played out in the fall of Babylon/Roman godless society and secular world system)
- ✓ Return of Christ and the final victory
- ✓ Binding of Satan
- ✓ Millennium
- ✓ Great White Throne Judgment
- ✓ New Heavens and Earth

NOTE: Just prior to the return of Christ (not rapture/2nd coming)

See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- Marriage Supper of the Lamb

I. **Marriage of the Lamb Announced** (19:6-10)

- A. Predicted by Jesus at Passover meal
- B. Realized just after His return

II. **The King Returns** (11-16)

- A. Heaven opens

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. Revelation 19:11 NKJV

Faithful and true (A title)

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: Revelation 3:14 NKJV

B. Eyes, head, and name

His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. Revelation 19:12 NKJV

1. Eyes: nothing hidden
2. Head with crowns; contrast 12:3 and dragon “many crowns” unlimited sovereignty; all authority.
3. Name only He knows
 - a. Too holy to be announced Yahweh
 - b. Above every name (Philippians 2:5-11)
 - c. Secret name veiled from all created beings
 - d. Always a mystery about Christ; never fully grasped

C. The Robe and His Name

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. Revelation 19:13 NKJV

1. Blood of his enemies who will be conquered
2. Word of God (see Hebrews 4:12)

D. The Armies in Heaven

And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Revelation 19:14 NKJV

E. His mouth, his rule, his treading

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. Revelation 19:15 NKJV

1. Strike the nations with a sharp sword

But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Isaiah 11:4 NKJV

Word of judgment

NOTE: A death pronouncement

2. Iron scepter

Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel." Psalms 2:8-9 NKJV

She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Revelation 12:5 NKJV

3. Treading the winepress

F. King of Kings and Lord of Lords

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:16 NKJV

UNIVERSAL RULE

III. Anti-Christ and False Prophet Destroyed (17-21)

A. Supper of the Great God

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great." Revelation 19:17-18 NKJV

1. Compare to Marriage Supper of the Lamb
2. God's supper in that He will provide it
3. No preference given to the wicked; all who reject Christ will be judged

B. The last attempt of the Beast

And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Revelation 19:19 NKJV

1. Preparation

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Revelation 16:13-14 NKJV

And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. Revelation 16:16 NKJV

C. Defeat of the Beast and the False Prophet

Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. Revelation 19:20 NKJV

1. No warfare spoken of here
2. Beast; all secular power
3. False; prophet; all secular religion
4. Into the lake of fire

D. Punishment to all who followed the beast.

And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. Revelation 19:21 NKJV

Conclusion: Punishment to all who have followed the Beast, to the Beast and the false prophet. Only one remains to be punished-Satan himself!

Ultimately God will win the battle!

IV. Satan Bound

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. Revelation 20:1-3 NKJV

- A. Probably the same angel as the one in chapter nine who releases the demonic locusts.

*The Abyss: The abode of the disobedient saints awaiting judgment.

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; Jude 6 NKJV

B. Seizes and confines Satan

NOTE: Cannot be bound now

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8 NKJV

In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience. Ephesians 2:2 NKJV

1. Not for punishment
2. To prevent him from deceiving the nature.
 - a. Nations destroyed in 19:19-21
 - b. It chronologically cannot-remnant that remains

C. Later released for a short time

1. Clearly 1000 years of confinement does not alter Satan's plans
2. Neither does it alter the basic tendency of mankind to rebel against their creator

V. Millennial Reign

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Revelation 20:4-6 NKJV

- A. Thrones with individuals empowered to judge
 - 1. Not sure who
 - 2. Apostles, Martyrs to follow, Heavenly counsel

- B. Souls of the martyred because they would not worship the beast
 - 1. See 6:9
 - 2. Resurrected and reign with Christ for 1000 years

- C. The rest of the dead (not church-raptured but the dead do not rise until after the millennium).

NOTE: 2nd Death has one power over them!

*Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
Revelation 20:14 NKJV*

VI. Satan Destroyed

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison & will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. 10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:7-10 NKJV

- A. More passing of time does not thwart the desire of Satan or the wicked heart of man.

NOTE: Gog and Magog

*The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
Genesis 10:2 NKJV*

"Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him. Ezekiel 38:2 NKJV

NOTE: By John's time Gog and Magog have been transferred in tradition to represent the ultimate enemies of God's people to be destroyed in eschatological battle.

B. Surround the city of God but God intervenes

(ILL) Elijah and Mt. Carmel

C. Satan cast into the Lake of Fire with the Beast and the False Prophet (Unholy trinity)

VII. The Final Judgment

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15 NKJV

A. Awesome throne; Father sits upon

NOTE: Awesome nature causes heaven and earth to flee away

B. The rest of the dead of all nations stand before the throne.

C. All the dead raised; judgment according to works; universal scope of judgment

D. Death and Hell cast into the Lake of Fire

Conclusion: A Tale of the First City: Picture of Revelation

A. Babylon has ruled the world with regard for no one but herself.

READ: Genesis 11:1-11 (babel; confusion; Babylon)

- B. Has seduced the nations into following her; inspired by Satan. She has taken into her hearts the right to control the inhabited world.
- C. But her doom is certain. She will be reduced to a heap of ashes; her lovers will marvel at her fall.
- D. Heaven filled with Hallelujahs!
- E. Triumphant Messiah will return and all who fall under her control will be destroyed along with the unholy trinity.
- F. Rejoicing of martyrs uninterrupted
- G. Satan thrown in the Abbyss for 1000 years while the church reigns with the Lamb
- H. Satan's followers will follow him forever in the Lake of Fire
- I. New city will appear

NOTE: All the way back to the garden...Jesus will be victorious!