

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #184)

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Revelation 19 _____

- Crowd In Heaven
- Destruction of Babylon
- Wedding Feast and Celebration
- Angelic Interaction
- Fifth horseman
 - Verse 11: Rider & Horse
 - Verse 12: Name, Eyes & Crowns
 - Verse 13: Robe & Title
 - Verse 14: Who are the armies?
 - Verse 15: The Sword, Judgment, Iron Rod, and Winepress
 - Verse 15: Armageddon
 - Verse 16: The Title

Revelation 19 _____

- 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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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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REMINDER: Start wide (with a broad understanding) and zoom in (to all the details).

Scriptural Tapestry

- Echoes from Earlier Scripture
 - Revelation 19:16 harmonizes with an unbroken biblical strand: Yahweh alone is the ultimate Sovereign, and Jesus, sharing Yahweh's titles, is included within the divine identity.
- Old Testament _____
 - These passages assign the title to Yahweh alone, preparing the ground for identifying Jesus with the covenant God of Israel.

Deuteronomy 10:17 "For the Lord your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed." (NLT)

Psalms 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." (NLT)

Psalm 136:3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His faithful love endures forever. *(NLT)*

Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by my own name; I have spoken the truth, and I will never go back on my word: Every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to me." *(NLT)*

Daniel 2:47 The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret." *(NLT)*

Daniel 4:37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud." *(NLT)*

Daniel 7:13 As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man 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)*

- New Testament _____
 - The repetition creates an inclusio framing the defeat of evil forces between Christ's titles.

Matthew 28:18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth." *(NLT)*

Acts 2:34 For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit in the place of honor at my right hand **35** until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.'" **36** "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!" *(NLT)*

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)*

1 Timothy 6:14 that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. **15** For, At just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. **16** He alone can never die,

and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen. (NLT)

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)

- Solomonic Wisdom And _____ Authority
 - As Creator, Jesus has ontological authority.

John 1:3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. (NLT)

Colossians 1:16 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. (NLT)

- Geological evidence of catastrophic plate movement (Rapid Burial Megasequences observable in the Grand Canyon strata) fits a global Flood (Genesis 7-8), vindicating Christ's teaching on Noah.

Matthew 24:37 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. **38** In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. **39** People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes." (NLT)

- Intelligent design discoveries—irreducible complexity in the bacterial flagellum, specified information in DNA—further manifest the Logos' rational governance.

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

- Sovereignty Echoed in the Old and New Testaments
 - Deuteronomy 10:17 "For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords..." – a description of Yahweh now applied directly to Jesus, affirming His full deity.
 - 1 Timothy 6:15 "He who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords." Paul links the title to Jesus' appearing, tying sovereignty to His future revelation.

- Revelation 17:14 "They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings." Sovereignty guarantees victory.
 - Philippians 2:9-11 Every knee bows, every tongue confesses Jesus is Lord—complete, universal submission.
 - Colossians 1:16-17 "All things were created through Him and for Him...in Him all things hold together." Creative authority undergirds ruling authority.
- Messianic Fulfillment Of _____ Promises
 - The Davidic Covenant promised an eternal throne.

2 Samuel 7:12 For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. **13** He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. **14** I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. **15** But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. **16** Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever." (NLT)

- Isaiah foretold a Son whose government and peace would never end.

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)

- Zechariah announced Zion's King "righteous and victorious."

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – riding on a donkey's colt. (NLT)

- Revelation 19:16 displays the public coronation of that promised Son. His authority is not newly granted but eternally possessed, now revealed in history's finale.
- Fulfillment of _____ Prophecy
 - Psalm 45:3-6 (LXX: throne, scepter, arrows) pictures the royal bridegroom "girding the sword on your thigh, O Mighty One."

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, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice. (NLT)

- Revelation 19 merges that poetic portrait with Isaiah's warrior-Yahweh.
- The thigh-inscribed title clinches the typology: the Messianic King brandishes both sword and name.
- Text And Immediate _____
 - John's vision has just portrayed the Messiah's triumphant return (19:11-15).
 - ▶ The title appears at the climax of the scene, identifying the Rider on the white horse who judges and makes war in perfect righteousness.
- Literary Context Within _____
 - John's vision in Revelation 19 depicts the climactic return of the Messiah immediately following the heavenly doxology (Revelation 19:1-10) and the appearance of the Rider on the white horse (Revelation 19:11-15).
 - Verse 16 is the high point, identifying the Rider—already described with eyes of blazing fire, diadems, and the blood-dipped robe—as Jesus Christ Himself.
 - The title stamped on the robe and thigh makes explicit what the imagery has implied: the One coming is the supreme Authority in the universe.
- The _____ As The Divine Accreditation Of Authority
 - The earliest creedal formula hinges on Christ's resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:3 I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. **4** He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. **5** He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. **6** After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. **7** Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. (NLT)

- ▶ Eight separate post-resurrection appearances, multiple attestations by hostile witnesses (Saul of Tarsus), and the empty tomb, attested in Jerusalem within weeks of the event, validate that Jesus possesses authority even over death.

Revelation 1:18 I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave. (NLT)

- ▶ No rival claimant in antiquity offers comparable evidential grounding. Thus, the inscription “King of kings” is historically warranted by the verified resurrection.

Context

- Ancient Near Eastern Backdrop
 - Assyrian and Persian monarchs (e.g., Darius I on the Behistun Inscription) styled themselves “king of kings.”
 - Scripture subverts the claim: the One riding from heaven alone warrants the designation.
 - Archaeological inscriptions illuminate the cultural resonance yet sharpen the contrast between temporal rulers and the eternal Christ.
- Royal Superscription In The Ancient World
 - In Greco-Roman culture, conquering generals bore their titles on banners or armor; similarly, Near-Eastern suzerains inscribed their names and offices on garments, horses, or weaponry to announce indisputable rule.
 - Revelation adopts this convention and intensifies it: instead of naming limited realms—“king of Babylon” or “pharaoh of Egypt”—the inscription declares Jesus the King above every earthly and spiritual authority.
 - The dual placement (robe and thigh) ensures it is visible whether the Rider is seated or dismounted, proclaiming uninterrupted sovereignty.
- Archaeological And Numismatic (_____) Corroboration
 - First-century coins minted by Domitian hailed him “Dominus et Deus noster” (“our lord and god”).
 - Revelation—probably penned during Domitian’s reign—counters imperial propaganda with the true “Lord of lords.” Likewise, an inscription from Priene (9 BCE) calls Augustus the “savior of the world.”
 - John’s title polemically redirects that acclaim to the resurrected Christ.
- Contrast With Earthly _____ Powers
 - Revelation intentionally counters imperial propaganda.
 - ▶ Roman coins of Domitian hailed him as “Dominus et Deus noster.”
 - ▶ Yet John shows the true emperor’s banner written in blood-earned righteousness, not gold-leaf.
 - ▶ Archaeological finds such as the Priene Calendar Inscription (9 B.C.) deified Augustus as “savior,” whose birthday brought “good news.”
 - ▶ Revelation 19 flips that motif: the real εὐαγγέλιον climaxes in Christ’s royal return.

Context

- Implications for Theology and _____
 - Assurance of Sovereignty
 - ▶ Believers trust a risen, reigning Lord whose authority is not abstract but emblazoned, visible, and unassailable.
 - Evangelistic Clarity
 - ▶ Every worldview must reckon with a King whose claim is all-encompassing. Intellectual honesty demands a response; indifference is impossible.
 - Hope of Vindication
 - ▶ Persecuted saints reading Revelation saw in the robe-and-thigh title the promise that their suffering would be answered by the ultimate Judge.

- _____ Theology
 - Revelation does not depict a mere hierarchy among deities but pronounces the demise of polytheism and secular totalitarianism alike. "Lord of lords" nullifies any claim that governmental, religious, or ideological systems hold ultimate sway.

- _____ Implications
 - Deity
 - ▶ By bearing a title reserved for Yahweh, Jesus is affirmed as fully divine within the one Godhead.
 - Incarnation Vindicated
 - ▶ The crucified and risen Lord now openly manifests the glory that was His "before the world existed."

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John 17:5 "Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began." (NLT)

- Trinitarian Harmony
 - ▶ Revelation's throne scenes (Revelation 4-5) show no rivalry within the Godhead; the Father and the Lamb share worship, confirming one essence.

- _____ Significance
 - Revelation 19 links the title to the final judgment.
 - ▶ All geopolitical, spiritual, and cosmic powers are subdued.
 - ▶ The beast and false prophet fall, and Satan follows.

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. *(NLT)*

Revelation 20:10 Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. *(NLT)*

- ▶ Christ's kingship ushers in the millennial reign and, ultimately, the new creation (Revelation 21-22), restoring the originally "very good" cosmos.

Genesis 1:31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day. *(NLT)*

- Eschatological Judgment And _____ Rule
 - Revelation 19:11-21 immediately precedes the Millennium and Great White Throne.

Revelation 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit [*or the abyss*] and a heavy chain in his hand. **2** He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. **3** The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while. **4** Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. **5** This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) **6** Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years. *(NLT)*

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. **12** I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. **13** The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. **14** Then

death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. **15** And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. (NLT)

- The Rider executes justice: "He will rule them with an iron scepter."

Psalm 2:9 You will break them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots." (NLT)

- His authority ensures that evil is not merely restrained but conclusively judged, vindicating the saints and fulfilling divine holiness.

Revelation 6:9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of all who had been martyred for the word of God and for being faithful in their testimony. **10** They shouted to the Lord and said, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?" **11** Then a white robe was given to each of them. And they were told to rest a little longer until the full number of their brothers and sisters – their fellow servants of Jesus who were to be martyred – had joined them. (NLT)

- Exclusive _____ Authority
 - Acts 4:12 affirms salvation "in no one else." Revelation 19:16 broadens this: the One who rescues from sin also rules all creation.

Acts 4:12 "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." (NLT)

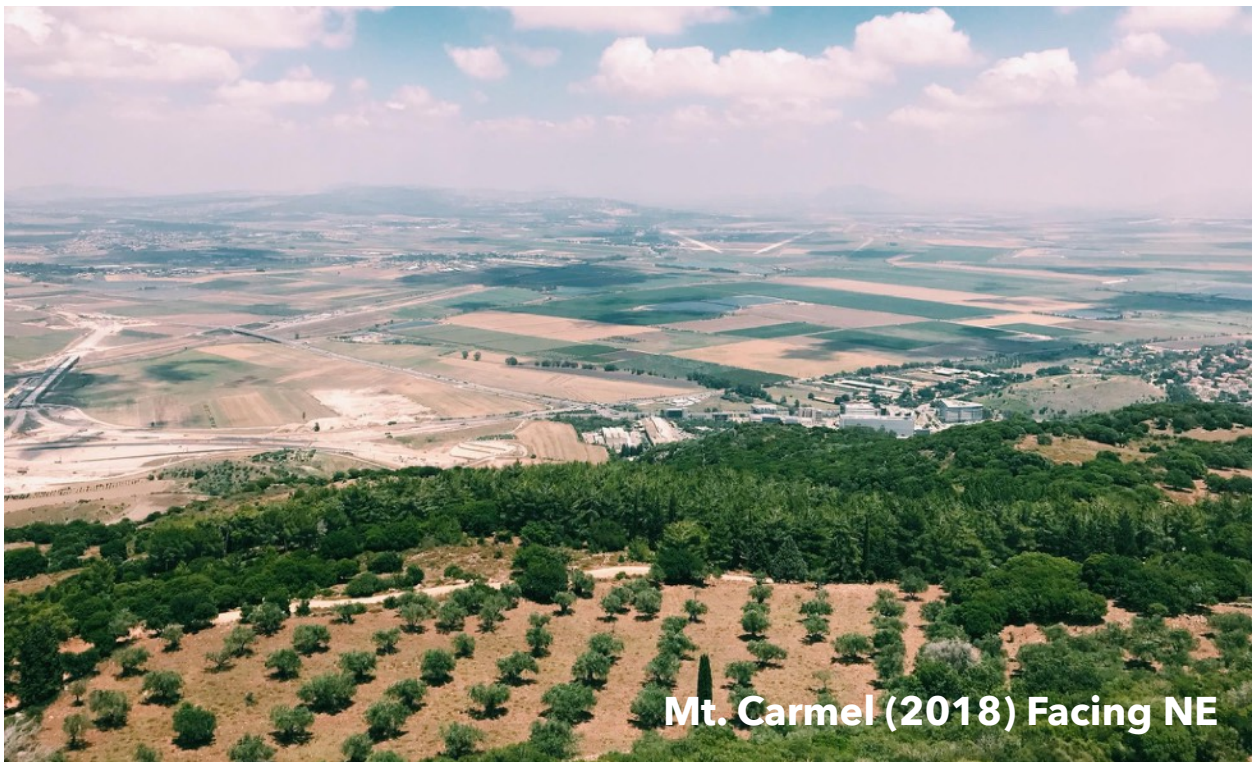
- Authority in redemption and dominion is indivisible; accepting Him as Savior necessitates acknowledging Him as Sovereign.

Romans 10:9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (NLT)

- Worship And _____ Practice
 - Early hymnic fragments (Philippians 2:6-11) show churches singing Christ's supremacy. Revelation embeds worship scenes to shape congregational liturgy: doxology in heaven (Revelation 19:1-3) and marriage supper (Revelation 19:7-9). Present-day worship that proclaims His kingship participates in heaven's chorus.

Philippians 2:6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. **7** Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, **8** he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. **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)*

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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?



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