

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #186)

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Revelation 19 _____

- Crowd In Heaven
- Destruction of Babylon
- Wedding Feast and Celebration
- Angelic Interaction
- Fifth horseman
- Banquet of the Beasts
- Verse 17 & 21: "Food's Ready!"

Revelation 19 _____

- Beast and False Prophet captured
- Fiery lake of burning sulfur

Revelation 19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: "Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared. **18** Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great." **19** Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. **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. **21** Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies. (NLT)

Revelation 19:17 Then I saw an [one] angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great feast of God, **18** so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slaves, and small and great." **19** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse, and against His army. **20** And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone [burning sulfur]. **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which

came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh. (NASB)

Revelation 19:17 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." **19** 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. **20** 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. **21** 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. (NKJV)

Another _____

- Chronological event
 - After this...then...
 - ▶ John's wording shows a fresh scene in the continuing vision

Revelation 4:1 Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." (NLT)

Revelation 16:1 Then I heard a mighty voice from the Temple say to the seven angels, "Go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God's wrath." (NLT)

Revelation 17:3 So the angel took me in the Spirit[a] into the wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns, and blasphemies against God were written all over it. (NLT)

Revelation 18:1 After all this I saw another angel come down from heaven with great authority, and the earth grew bright with his splendor. **2** He gave a mighty shout: (NLT)

Revelation 18:21 Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a huge millstone. He threw it into the ocean and shouted, "Just like this, the great city Babylon will be thrown down with violence and will never be found again. (NLT)

Revelation 19:1 After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, "Praise the Lord! [*Hosanna!*] Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. (NLT)

- Angelic Herald
 - One literal angel steps forward as God's herald, just as angels announced Christ's birth and resurrection.

Luke 2:9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, **10** but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **11** The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! **12** And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." (NLT)

Matthew 28:2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. **3** His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. **4** The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. **5** Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. **7** And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you." (NLT)

- His presence underscores that the coming judgment is heaven-directed, not human-instigated

Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. **7** "Fear God," he shouted. "Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water." (NLT)

In The Sun

- Perfect Position
 - The angel's position in the blazing light depicts absolute visibility—nothing is hidden about the verdict about to fall.

1 John 1:5 This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. *(NLT)*

- The sun often signals divine glory and unstoppable power.

Malachi 4:2 "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture." *(NLT)*

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)*

- By occupying that radiant place, the angel shows that God's glory overshadows every earthly throne.

Revelation 6:12 I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood. **13** Then the stars of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind. **14** The sky was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the mountains and islands were moved from their places. **15** Then everyone—the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy, the powerful, and every slave and free person—all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. **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. **17** For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to survive?" *(NLT)*

- Height and brilliance underline divine authority—no corner of creation can overlook this proclamation.
- The sun's light exposes every deed of darkness, signaling that evil can no longer hide.

John 3:19 "And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. **20** All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. **21** But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." *(NLT)*

The _____ Cry

- Shout of victory!
 - A loud voice throughout Revelation marks decisive moments.

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, and he will reign forever and ever." (NLT)

Revelation 16:17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, "It is finished!" (NLT)

- The volume ensures all creation hears; no one can claim ignorance when judgment arrives.

Romans 1:20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. (NLT)

- This cry is not an invitation to repent—grace periods have passed.

Revelation 14:9 Then a third angel followed them, shouting, "Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand **10** must drink the wine of God's anger. It has been poured full strength into God's cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. **11** The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name." (NLT)

- A single command summons all carrion birds. The battle's outcome is so certain that the cleanup is scheduled before swords clash.
- This echoes Ezekiel 39:17-20, where God promises a gruesome feast after vanquishing Gog. Prophecy and fulfillment lock together, proving God's Word flawless.

Ezekiel 39:17 "And now, son of man, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Call all the birds and wild animals. Say to them: Gather together for my great sacrificial feast. Come from far and near to the mountains of Israel, and there eat flesh and drink blood! **18** Eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of princes as though they were rams, lambs, goats, and bulls—all fattened animals from Bashan! **19** Gorge yourselves with flesh until you are glutted; drink blood until you are drunk. This is the sacrificial feast I have prepared for you. **20** Feast at my banquet table—feast on horses and charioteers, on mighty men and all kinds of valiant warriors, says the Sovereign Lord." (NLT)

To Gather

- Banquet of Beasts

- God controls even scavenger birds to accomplish His purposes, as foretold against Gog (Ezekiel 39:17-20).
- Jesus hinted at carrion birds gathering where judgment falls.

Luke 17:37 "Where will this happen, Lord?" the disciples asked. Jesus replied, "Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near." (NLT)

- Their flight anticipates a battlefield so vast that only nature's cleanup crew can handle the aftermath.

Revelation 19:21 Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies. (NLT)

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- Why?
 - Unmistakable Symbol
 - ▶ Vultures and eagles circling overhead communicate death and judgment even to casual observers. subpoint
 - Natural Agents
 - ▶ God often employs creation (locusts, fire, hail, plague) as tools of His justice; birds fit that consistent pattern.
 - Immediate Action
 - ▶ Scavengers descend the moment a battle ends, emphasizing how swiftly God's wrath follows rebellion.
 - What the Birds Do with _____ Judgment?
 - Swift Messengers
 - ▶ Summoned by a radiant angel "standing in the sun," birds respond instantly, illustrating how creation obeys its Creator without hesitation.
 - Visible Cleanup Crew
 - ▶ Scavenger birds consume the defeated armies, removing corruption from the earth and underscoring the finality of God's verdict.
 - Public Humiliation
 - ▶ Being left unburied and devoured was an ancient sign of a curse. The scene exposes rebels to open shame, showing that opposition to Christ ends in disgrace.

Deuteronomy 28:26 Your corpses will be food for all the scavenging birds and wild animals, and no one will be there to chase them away. (NLT)

- Seal Of Total Victory

- ▶ No burial means no hope of regrouping. The birds' feast proves that Christ's triumph is complete and irreversible.
- Echoes of Earlier Prophecies
 - Ezekiel 39:4, 17-20—birds and beasts called to feast on Gog's armies, foreshadowing Armageddon.

Ezekiel 39:4 You and your army and your allies will all die on the mountains. I will feed you to the vultures and wild animals. (NLT)

- Jeremiah 7:33; 16:4; 19:7; 34:20—corpses for “the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth,” covenant-curse language now fulfilled on a global scale.

Jeremiah 7:33 The bodies of my people will be food for the vultures and wild animals, and no one will be left to scare them away. (NLT)

Jeremiah 16:4 They will die from terrible diseases. No one will mourn for them or bury them, and they will lie scattered on the ground like manure. They will die from war and famine, and their bodies will be food for the vultures and wild animals.” (NLT)

Jeremiah 19:7 “For I will upset the careful plans of Judah and Jerusalem. I will allow the people to be slaughtered by invading armies, and I will leave their dead bodies as food for the vultures and wild animals.” (NLT)

Jeremiah 34:20 I will give you to your enemies, and they will kill you. Your bodies will be food for the vultures and wild animals. (NLT)

- Goliath's boast and David's counter-prophecy both involve birds eating the fallen; Revelation magnifies that earlier pattern.

1 Samuel 17:44 “Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled. **46** Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! (NLT)

- Matthew 24:28—“Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will gather,” Jesus' own preview of the same judgment moment.

Matthew 24:28 “Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.” (NLT)

- Other Echoes in Scripture
 - Revelation 19:18—"so that you may eat the flesh of kings..." reiterates Ezekiel verbatim.
 - Isaiah 34:6-7—sacrifice of Edom with animals and people alike.

Isaiah 34:6 The sword of the Lord is drenched with blood and covered with fat—with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of rams prepared for sacrifice. Yes, the Lord will offer a sacrifice in the city of Bozrah. He will make a mighty slaughter in Edom. **7** Even men as strong as wild oxen will die—the young men alongside the veterans. The land will be soaked with blood and the soil enriched with fat. *(NLT)*

- Jeremiah 12:9—birds summoned to devour.

Jeremiah 12:9 My chosen people act like speckled vultures, but they themselves are surrounded by vultures. Bring on the wild animals to pick their corpses clean! *(NLT)*

- Together, these passages form a consistent prophetic pattern of God's final judgment.

- Striking Parallels

Ezekiel 39:11 "And I will make a vast graveyard for Gog and his hordes in the Valley of the Travelers, east of the Dead Sea. It will block the way of those who travel there, and they will change the name of the place to the Valley of Gog's Hordes. **12** It will take seven months for the people of Israel to bury the bodies and cleanse the land. **13** Everyone in Israel will help, for it will be a glorious victory for Israel when I demonstrate my glory on that day, says the Sovereign Lord. **14** "After seven months, teams of men will be appointed to search the land for skeletons to bury, so the land will be made clean again. **15** Whenever bones are found, a marker will be set up so the burial crews will take them to be buried in the Valley of Gog's Hordes. **16** (There will be a town there named Hamonah, which means 'horde.') And so the land will finally be cleansed. **17** "And now, son of man, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Call all the birds and wild animals. Say to them: Gather together for my great sacrificial feast. Come from far and near to the mountains of Israel, and there eat flesh and drink blood! **18** Eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of princes as though they were rams, lambs, goats, and bulls—all fattened animals from Bashan! **19** Gorge yourselves with flesh until you are glutted; drink blood until you are drunk. This is the sacrificial feast I have prepared for you. **20** Feast at my banquet table—feast on horses and charioteers, on mighty men and all kinds of valiant warriors, says the Sovereign Lord. **21** "In this way, I will demonstrate my glory to the

nations. Everyone will see the punishment I have inflicted on them and the power of my fist when I strike. **22** And from that time on the people of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God. **23** The nations will then know why Israel was sent away to exile—it was punishment for sin, for they were unfaithful to their God. Therefore, I turned away from them and let their enemies destroy them. **24** I turned my face away and punished them because of their defilement and their sins. (NLT)

- Same invitation
 - ▶ God summons carrion birds to a “great supper.”
- Same Guest List
 - ▶ Kings, commanders, mighty men, horses, and riders (Revelation 19:18; Ezekiel 39:18).
- Same Purpose
 - ▶ Publicly displaying the finality of His victory and the humiliation of His enemies.
- Same Outcome
 - ▶ The earth is cleansed of rebellion, and God’s glory is magnified among the nations (Ezekiel 39:21; Revelation 19:1-2).
- Why does the Holy Spirit repeat the _____?
 - To confirm that what Ezekiel foresaw will literally occur; Revelation picks up the exact language to show the prophecy’s fulfillment.
 - To knit together Old and New Testament prophecy so that believers see one seamless plan.
 - To highlight the universal scope of judgment: the highest ranks of humanity cannot escape.
 - To contrast two suppers in Revelation 19—the marriage supper of the Lamb for the redeemed (v. 9) and the gruesome supper of judgment for the rebellious.
- Chronological Placement
 - Ezekiel’s context points to the defeat of Gog on “the mountains of Israel.”
 - Revelation places the event immediately after Christ’s visible return and before His millennial reign (Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-6).
 - The shared details suggest that the Gog-Magog rebellion and Armageddon describe the same climactic war, or two stages of the same campaign, both culminating in the birds’ feast. Either way, Revelation 19 certifies Ezekiel 39’s literal fulfillment.
- Prophetic Certainty and Literal Fulfillment
 - God names the menu centuries in advance; history must align with His word.
 - The specificity—birds, flesh, blood, kings—demands a literal outcome, not mere symbolism.

- The scene vindicates God's holiness: evil will be exposed, punished, and removed.

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- Linked Verses Reinforcing Ultimate Victory
 - Revelation 17:14—"the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings."
 - Matthew 24:28— Christ's preview of this very moment.
 - God repays affliction, bringing relief to His people and retribution to His foes.

2 Thessalonians 1:6 In his justice he will pay back those who persecute you. **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. **9** They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power. **10** When he comes on that day, he will receive glory from his holy people—praise from all who believe. And this includes you, for you believed what we told you about him. (NLT)

- Certainty, Not Speculation
 - The angel's call is issued before Armageddon's combat scene (Revelation 19:19). The outcome is predetermined; evil forces never had a chance.
 - Scripture's literal promises guarantee that every opposing power—human, demonic, institutional—is headed for identical disgrace.

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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?