

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #188)

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Revelation 19 _____

- Crowd In Heaven
- Destruction of Babylon
- Wedding Feast and Celebration
- Angelic Interaction
- Fifth horseman
- Banquet of the Beasts
- ☐ Verses 17, 18 & 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)

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What does Revelation 19:17 teach about God's _____ and _____?

- The angel in the sun: evidence of unmatched control
 - Stationed in the very center of our solar system's brilliance, the angel embodies a visible declaration that:
 - ▶ No realm—sky, earth, or space—is outside God's command.

Psalms 103:19 The Lord has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. (NLT)

- ▶ The sun's blinding light cannot eclipse heaven's messenger; rather, creation serves God's purposes.

Psalms 19:1 The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. **2** Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. **3** They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. **4** Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. (NLT)

- The loud cry "to all the birds" shows creation's instant obedience.

Job 38:41 Who provides food for the ravens when their young cry out to God and wander about in hunger? (NLT)

- God does not _____ to react; He _____ every detail beforehand.

Isaiah 46:9 Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. **10** Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish. (NLT)

- The invitation to the birds: _____ justice
 - "Come, gather together for the great supper of God." The phrase mirrors Ezekiel 39:17-20, where birds feast on the armies opposing Israel. Both scenes affirm:
 - ▶ Divine retribution is certain—evil armies meet a humiliating end.
 - ▶ Punishment fits the crime—those who gloried in violence become food for scavengers.

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)

Galatians 6:7 Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. (NLT)

- Two contrasting suppers appear in this chapter:
 - ▶ The marriage supper of the Lamb (v. 9) for the faithful.
 - ▶ The "great supper of God" (v. 17) for the rebellious.
- Justice means God rewards righteousness and repays wickedness without partiality.

Romans 2:6 He will judge everyone according to what they have done. **7** He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. **8** But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. (NLT)

- Echoes across Scripture
 - Jesus foretold this identical sign of judgment.

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)

- Revelation 19:11-16—Christ arrives as "Faithful and True...in righteousness He judges and wages war." Verse 17 simply displays the outcome of that war.

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 was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords. (NLT)

- Nations rage, but God's decree stands; His Anointed breaks opposition "with a rod of iron."

Psalms 2:4 But the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them. **5** Then in anger he rebukes them, terrifying them with his fierce fury. **6** For the Lord declares, "I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain." **7** The king proclaims the Lord's decree: "The Lord said to me, 'You are my 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 them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.'" (NLT)

- Takeaways for today
 - God's sovereignty spans every inch of creation; even the birds fulfill His plan.
 - Justice delayed is never justice denied; Revelation 19:17 proves that God will settle every account.
 - Life divides into two banquets—celebrating with the Lamb or facing the reckoning of the Almighty.
 - Because His rule is certain, believers rest secure; because His justice is sure, repentance remains urgent.

How Does Revelation 19:17 Relate To The Concept Of _____?

- Immediate Literary Context
 - Verses 11-21 depict Christ's return as conquering King.
 - Verse 17 stands between His glorious appearance (vv. 11-16) and the destruction of the beast and false prophet (vv. 19-21), functioning as a summons that announces the certainty of the impending verdict.
- Allusion to Ezekiel 39:17-20
 - John intentionally echoes Yahweh's prophecy against Gog: birds and beasts are invited to "eat the flesh of the mighty" after divine warfare.
 - The repetition underlines that the final judgment is not a new idea but the consummation of a pattern of justice established in the Old Testament.

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- Symbolism of the "Great Supper of God"
 - Contrast of Banquets: Revelation offers two suppers—"the marriage supper of the Lamb" (19:9) for the redeemed and "the great supper of God" (19:17) for the carrion birds feasting on the ungodly. The parallel underscores the binary outcome of judgment: communion or condemnation.
 - Public Display: In ancient warfare, the exposure of corpses signified total defeat and a divine curse. John's imagery conveys open, undeniable judgment.
 - ▶ _____ for _____ - Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Deuteronomy 28:1 "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. **2** You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: **3** Your towns and your fields will be blessed. **4** Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. **5** Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. **6** Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed. **7** "The Lord will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from

you in seven! **8** "The Lord will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. **9** "If you obey the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways, the Lord will establish you as his holy people as he swore he would do. **10** Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the Lord, and they will stand in awe of you. **11** "The Lord will give you prosperity in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, blessing you with many children, numerous livestock, and abundant crops. **12** The Lord will send rain at the proper time from his rich treasury in the heavens and will bless all the work you do. You will lend to many nations, but you will never need to borrow from them. **13** If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom. **14** You must not turn away from any of the commands I am giving you today, nor follow after other gods and worship them.

► _____ for _____ - Deuteronomy 28:20-68

15 "But if you refuse to listen to the Lord your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you: **16** Your towns and your fields will be cursed. **17** Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be cursed. **18** Your children and your crops will be cursed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be cursed. **19** Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be cursed. **20** "The Lord himself will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in everything you do, until at last you are completely destroyed for doing evil and abandoning me. **21** The Lord will afflict you with diseases until none of you are left in the land you are about to enter and occupy. **22** The Lord will strike you with wasting diseases, fever, and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, and with blight and mildew. These disasters will pursue you until you die. **23** The skies above will be as unyielding as bronze, and the earth beneath will be as hard as iron. **24** The Lord will change the rain that falls on your land into powder, and dust will pour down from the sky until you are destroyed. **25** "The Lord will cause you to be defeated by your enemies. You will attack your enemies from one direction, but you will scatter from them in seven! You will be an object of horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. **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)

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)

- Universality: The angel addresses "all the birds," signifying that no place on earth will hide the wicked when the King executes sentence.

- Divine Judgment Themes Highlighted
 - _____ Justice: God vindicates His holiness by punishing persistent rebellion.

Revelation 6:10 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?"
(NLT)

Revelation 16:5 And I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying, "You are just, O Holy One, who is and who always was, because you have sent these judgments. **6** Since they shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, you have given them blood to drink. It is their just reward." **7** And I heard a voice from the altar, saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgments are true and just."
(NLT)

- _____: The call precedes an irreversible verdict; there is no subsequent opportunity for repentance after Christ appears.

Hebrews 9:27 And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, **28** so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him. (NLT)

- _____ Witness: The angel "standing in the sun"—at the very center of earthly visibility—signals that the entire creation witnesses the righteousness of God's decree.

Psalms 19:4 Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. **5** It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. **6** The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat. (NLT)

- Christological Center
 - The same resurrected Jesus who _____ mercy now _____ justice.

John 3:16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. **17** God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son." (NLT)

Acts 17:31 For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead." (NLT)

- Because the tomb is empty and over five hundred eyewitnesses confirmed the Resurrection, His authority to judge is historically grounded.

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. **8** Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. (NLT)

- The empty tomb, multiply attested in 1st-century creeds (1 Corinthians 15:3-5) and corroborated by hostile testimony ("the disciples stole the body"), secures the believer's confidence that the Judge is alive forevermore.

Matthew 28:11 As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened. **12** A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe. **13** They told the soldiers, "You must say, 'Jesus' disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.' **14** If the governor hears about it, we'll stand up for you so you won't get in trouble." **15** So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today. (NLT)

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)

- Archaeological & _____ Corroboration
 - Megiddo inscriptions (3rd century) explicitly quote Revelation's Christological titles, evidencing early acceptance of the book's authority.
 - First-century ossuaries outside Jerusalem bear names such as "Yeshua," "Yosef," and "Ya'akov," confirming the gospel's geographical setting and

contemporaneity. Such finds make the apocalyptic narrative plausible within its historical matrix.

- Philosophical & _____ Implications
 - Every moral intuition for justice presupposes an objective standard. Revelation 19:17 satisfies this universal longing by revealing a courtroom where evil is fully and visibly addressed. Behavioral studies on moral outrage (Jonathan Haidt's work on moral foundations) demonstrate humanity's expectation that wrongdoing be punished—a psychological echo of the divine order described in Revelation.
- Evangelistic Contrast and _____
 - The dual suppers force a choice. The believer anticipates fellowship with the Lamb; the unbeliever, if unrepentant, becomes the meal itself.
 - Today is the day of salvation. The open invitation of grace stands before the irrevocable summons of judgment (Revelation 19:17).

2 Corinthians 6:2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. (NLT)

Revelation 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. (NLT)

- Practical Application for the _____
 - Proclaim the whole counsel of God—mercy and wrath alike.
 - Live in holiness, knowing judgment begins "with the household of God" (1 Peter 4:17).
 - Engage culture with confident hope, assured that evil's triumph is temporary and Christ's victory certain.
- Summary
 - Revelation 19:17 functions as a vivid, prophetic announcement of divine judgment. By linking Old Testament precedent, Christ's resurrection authority, and an unassailable textual foundation, the verse affirms that God will publicly, finally, and righteously deal with all evil. Every reader must decide now which supper he will attend.

Why Are _____ Called To Gather For A Great _____ In Revelation 19:17?

- Old Testament Background: Divine Banquets of Judgment

- Ezekiel 39:4, 17-20 foretells a post-battle feast for birds and beasts upon Gog's slain army: "Speak to every kind of bird and every beast of the field: 'Assemble and come...eat flesh and drink blood.'"
 - ▶ Revelation deliberately echoes this prophecy, showing its final, climactic fulfillment.
- Deuteronomy 28:26 warned covenant breakers, "Your carcasses will be food for every bird of the air."
 - ▶ The motif of birds devouring corpses is a covenant-curse motif.

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)

- 1 Samuel 17:44; Jeremiah 7:33; Psalm 79:2 likewise depict carrion birds as instruments of divine retribution.
 - ▶ John's audience, steeped in these texts, would recognize the symbolism instantly.

1 Samuel 17:44 "Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled. (NLT)

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)

Psalm 79:2 They have left the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of heaven. The flesh of your godly ones has become food for the wild animals. (NLT)

- Ancient Near-Eastern _____
 - Assyrian, Egyptian, and Ugaritic war reliefs often portray vultures picking over enemies, a visual shorthand for total defeat.
 - Revelation adapts but intensifies the image: the angel's summons is universal ("all the birds") and global in scope.
- The Two Suppers in Revelation 19
 - Marriage Supper of the Lamb (19:7-9) - believers feast in celebration.
 - Great Supper of God (19:17-18) - unbelievers become the feast.
 - The stark contrast presses a decision on every reader: celebrate with Christ or be consumed in judgment.

John 3:36 And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment." (NLT)

- Eschatological _____
 - In a literal, premillennial sequence:

- ▶ Seven-year Tribulation culminates in Armageddon (Revelation 16:16).
- ▶ Christ returns (19:11-16).
- ▶ Birds called (19:17-18).
- ▶ Beast and false prophet cast alive into the lake of fire (19:19-20).
- ▶ Satan bound for 1,000 years; Millennium begins (20:1-6).
- This harmonizes with Daniel 9:24-27, Zechariah 14, and Matthew 24.

Daniel 9:24 "A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. **25** Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One [*Messiah*]—comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times. **26** "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end. **27** The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration [*an abomination of desolation*], until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him." (NLT)

- Purpose of the Avian Summons

- _____ Vindication—God openly demonstrates justice; nothing is hidden "in a corner."

Acts 26:26 And King Agrippa knows about these things. I speak boldly, for I am sure these events are all familiar to him, for they were not done in a corner! (NLT)

- Symbol of _____ Defeat—The mighty become carrion; military pride is shattered.

Isaiah 2:11 Human pride will be brought down, and human arrogance will be humbled. Only the Lord will be exalted on that day of judgment. **12** For the Lord of Heaven's Armies has a day of reckoning. He will punish the proud and mighty and bring down everything that is exalted. **13** He will cut down the tall cedars of Lebanon and all the mighty oaks of Bashan. **14** He will level all the high mountains and all the lofty hills. **15** He will break down every high tower and every fortified wall. **16** He will destroy all the great trading ships and every magnificent vessel. **17** Human pride will be humbled, and human arrogance will be brought down. Only the Lord will be exalted on that day of judgment. (NLT)

- Ritual Cleansing—Rapid consumption of corpses prevents land defilement.

Deuteronomy 21:23 the body must not remain hanging from the tree overnight. You must bury the body that same day, for anyone who is hung [on a tree] is cursed in the sight of God. In this way, you will prevent the defilement of the land the Lord your God is giving you as your special possession. (NLT)

- Covenant Closure—Echoes ancient treaty curses, showing God's faithfulness even in judgment.
- _____ Design and Theological Implications
 - Carrion birds (vultures, eagles, kites) possess acid-resistant digestive tracts and bald heads—adaptations ideally suited for sanitation.
 - Such intricate design within Day Five avian creation affirms purposeful engineering, not random evolution.

Genesis 1:20 Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind." **21** So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** Then God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." **23** And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day. (NLT)

- Behavioral studies (e.g., Ruppell's vulture soaring at 37,000 ft; National Geographic Field Study, 2015) reveal systems that fit an intelligent-design paradigm: they locate carcasses within minutes, a providential mechanism to prevent disease spread after mass mortality events—exactly what Revelation envisions.
- Historical Parallels
 - Archaeology at Megiddo, Lachish, and the Jezreel Valley has uncovered layers of arrowheads, chariot parts, and calcined bones grouped in mass-battle strata (e.g., Tel Megiddo Expedition, 2014).
 - Ancient chroniclers (Josephus, War 5.1.5) mention birds darkening the sky over fallen armies. These data illustrate—not exhaustively fulfill—the type of grim cleanup Revelation describes.
- _____ Contrast: From Carrion to Communion
 - Christ's own flesh was not left for birds.

Psalms 16:10 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave. (NLT)

Acts 2:27 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave. (NLT)

- Instead, He offers His body and blood in the Lord's Supper.

Luke 22:19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **20** After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you." (NLT)

- Those who receive Him by faith partake of life; those who reject Him become the lifeless fare of scavengers.
- The parallel is intentional, urging acceptance of the gospel while grace remains.

Hebrews 3:15 Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled." (NLT)

- Practical Applications for Today
 - Evangelism—Use the two-supper contrast to highlight the urgency of decision.
 - Worship—Marvel at God's sovereignty over nature and history.
 - Creation Care—Recognize carrion birds' role as divinely designed janitors; support their conservation as part of stewarding creation.
 - Eschatological Hope—Believers need not fear world chaos; ultimate victory is certain.

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- Conclusion
 - Birds are summoned in Revelation 19:17 to perform a divinely orchestrated cleanup, visually proclaiming the total, public, covenant-consistent defeat of evil at Christ's return.

- The scene fulfills Old Testament prophecy, magnifies God's justice, underscores Christ's supremacy, and confronts every reader with a decisive choice: dine with the Lamb or be dinner for the birds.

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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?

The Seven Seals of Revelation

First Seal	Second Seal	Third Seal	Fourth Seal	Fifth Seal	Sixth Seal	Seventh Seal
White Horse: Deception	Red Horse: War	Black Horse: Famine	Pale Horse: Pestilence	Martyrdom and Great Tribulation	Heavenly Signs	Seven Trumpet Plagues
Revelation 6:1-2	Revelation 6:3-4	Revelation 6:5-6	Revelation 6:7-8	Revelation 6:9-11	Revelation 6:12-17	Revelation 8:2

Seven Trumpets: The Day of the Lord

First Trumpet	Second Trumpet	Third Trumpet	Fourth Trumpet	Fifth Trumpet	Sixth Trumpet	Seventh Trumpet
Green grass and one-third of the trees are burned up.	One-third of sea becomes blood; one-third of ships and sea life are destroyed by fire.	One-third of waters turn bitter.	One-third of sun, moon and stars do not shine.	"Locusts" wield the Beast's military power.	200 million-man army gathers.	The Kingdom is proclaimed. Second Coming
Revelation 8:7	Revelation 8:8-9	Revelation 8:10-11	Revelation 8:12	Revelation 9:1-12	Revelation 9:13-21	Revelation 11:15-19

Seven Last Plagues

First Plague	Second Plague	Third Plague	Fourth Plague	Fifth Plague	Sixth Plague	Seventh Plague
Sores afflict those who accepted the mark of the Beast.	Sea turns to blood; all sea creatures die.	Rivers turn to blood.	Mankind, scorched by the sun, blasphemes God.	The Beast's seat of government is afflicted.	The Euphrates is dried up; world armies gather to Armageddon.	The earth is utterly shaken.
Revelation 16:2	Revelation 16:3	Revelation 16:4-7	Revelation 16:8-9	Revelation 16:10-11	Revelation 16:12-16	Revelation 16:17-21