

# ENDGAME

## A Study On Revelation (Week #189)

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### Revelation 19 \_\_\_\_\_

- Crowd In Heaven
- Destruction of Babylon
- Wedding Feast and Celebration
- Angelic Interaction
- Fifth horseman
- Banquet of the Beasts
- Beast and False Prophet captured

### Revelation 19 \_\_\_\_\_

- Fiery lake of burning sulfur

**Revelation 19:19** 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)

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proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. (NKJV)

### What Does Verse 19 \_\_\_\_\_?

- "Then I saw..."
  - John's word "Then" links this scene to the previous vision of Christ's triumphant return in Revelation 19:11-18.
    - ▶ Since Chapter 4, John has given us an order of events that occur after each other.
  - The phrase underscores that these events are literal and sequential, not symbolic of some vague spiritual struggle.
    - ▶ This \_\_\_\_\_ mean that they \_\_\_\_\_ will be sequential in the future.
  - Scripture repeatedly shows God revealing end-time events in clear order, as in Daniel 7:1, Daniel 8:1, and Matthew 24:29-31.
- "...the beast..."
  - The beast is the final, literal world ruler energized by Satan.

**Revelation 13:1** Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. **2** This beast looked like a leopard, but it had the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion! And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority. **3** I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. **4** They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and they also worshiped the beast. "Who is as great as the beast?" they exclaimed. "Who is able to fight against him?" **5** Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months. **6** And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering his name and his dwelling—that is, those who dwell in heaven. **7** And the beast was allowed to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation. **8** And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made. (NLT)

**Revelation 17:8** The beast you saw was once alive but isn't now. And yet he will soon come up out of the bottomless pit and go to eternal destruction. And the people who belong to this world, whose names were not written in the Book of Life before the world was made, will be amazed at the reappearance of this beast who had died. (NLT)

- ▶ John is reminded of a beast that formerly operated in full power but has, for a time, disappeared from the stage of history.
- ▶ Revelation 13:1 shows the same beast “coming up out of the sea,” identifying it with a revived world-empire that once actively oppressed God’s people.
- ▶ Daniel 7:23-24 speaks of a fourth kingdom “different from all the others,” already existing in the prophet’s day yet destined to fade and later reappear.

**Daniel 7:23** Then he said to me, “This fourth beast is the fourth world power that will rule the earth. It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path. **24** Its ten horns are ten kings who will rule that empire. Then another king will arise, different from the other ten, who will subdue three of them. (NLT)

- He embodies rebellion against God much like the “little horn” of Daniel 7:8, 25.

**Daniel 7:8** As I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly. (NLT)

**Daniel 7:25** He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time. (NLT)

- His destiny is already \_\_\_\_\_: “the beast was captured” (Revelation 19:20), echoing 2 Thessalonians 2:8 where the Lord “will slay him with the breath of His mouth.”

**2 Thessalonians 2:8** Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming. (NLT)

- “...and the kings of the earth...”
  - These are the globe’s political leaders who \_\_\_\_\_ align with the beast.

**Revelation 17:12** The ten horns of the beast are ten kings who have not yet risen to power. They will be appointed to their kingdoms for one brief moment to reign with

the beast. **13** They will all agree to give him their power and authority. **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)

- Psalm 2:2 foretold this united hostility.

**Psalm 2:2** The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one. (NLT)

- Their partnership demonstrates how human authority, when detached from divine authority, becomes complicit in outright rebellion.
- "...with their armies..."
- The vision expands from individuals to vast military forces, confirming an \_\_\_\_\_ military confrontation.

**Revelation 16:14** They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty. **15** "Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed." **16** And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon. (NLT)

- Ezekiel 38:9 pictures a similar massive army.

**Ezekiel 38:9** You and all your allies—a vast and awesome army—will roll down on them like a storm and cover the land like a cloud. (NLT)

- Such a gathering fulfills Jesus' words in Matthew 24:30 about "all the tribes of the earth" seeing His coming and reacting.

**Matthew 24:30** "And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (NLT)

- "...assembled to wage war..."
- The verb shows \_\_\_\_\_ intention; they are not caught off guard but convene to fight (Revelation 16:16).
- Zechariah 14:2-3 parallels this final siege: nations gather, the LORD goes out to fight.

**Zechariah 14:2** I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city. **3** Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. (NLT)

- Despite centuries of human conflict, this is the ultimate battle line—humanity versus its Maker—proving how deep sin’s delusion runs.

**2 Thessalonians 2:11** So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. (NLT)

- “...against the One seated on the horse...”
  - The Rider is Jesus Christ, revealed just verses earlier: “Faithful and True... King of kings.”

**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)

- Psalm 45:3-5 pictures the Messiah riding forth victoriously, an Old Testament preview of this moment.

**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. (NLT)

- All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Him, so resistance is futile; yet fallen humanity still chooses \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- “...and against His army...”
  - The “armies of heaven” clothed in “fine linen, white and clean” follow Him.

**Revelation 19:14** The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. (NLT)

- Jude 14-15 foretold of the armies of Heaven.

**Jude 14** Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation after Adam, prophesied about these people. He said, "Listen! The Lord is coming with countless thousands of his holy ones **15** to execute judgment on the people of the world. He will convict every person of all the ungodly things they have done and for all the insults that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (NLT)

- Zechariah 14:5 and Matthew 24:31 echo the same truth: redeemed saints and angelic hosts accompany Christ, yet He alone strikes the decisive blow (Revelation 19:15).

**Zechariah 14:5** You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all his holy ones with him. (NLT)

**Matthew 24:31** "And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven." (NLT)

### The \_\_\_\_\_ Battle

- Key Elements in the Verse
  - The beast - the final expression of antichrist rebellion (Revelation 13:1-8).
  - The kings of the earth - global political leaders aligned with the beast (Psalm 2:2).
  - Their armies - the gathered military might of a world united in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The One seated on the horse - Jesus Christ, returning in glory (Revelation 19:11-16).
  - His army - the glorified saints and angelic hosts (Matthew 25:31; Jude 14).

**Matthew 25:31** "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne." (NLT)

- What does the Verse Reveal about the Final Battle?
  - Universal \_\_\_\_\_: Evil unites every earthly power against Christ; opposition is total.

- Direct \_\_\_\_\_: Humanity's last stand is not symbolic resistance but open warfare aimed at dethroning Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ sides: There is no neutrality—each person ultimately stands with Christ or with the beast (Matthew 12:30).
- Immediate outcome implied: The mere readiness of Christ's foes foreshadows their swift defeat, detailed in Revelation 19:20-21.
- Connections to Earlier \_\_\_\_\_
  - Psalm 2:1-3—nations rage and plot “against the LORD and against His Anointed.”
  - Daniel 7:21-22—the little horn makes war on the saints until “the Ancient of Days” renders judgment.
  - Zechariah 14:2-3—nations gather against Jerusalem, yet the LORD goes forth to fight.
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:8—“the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will slay with the breath of His mouth.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ for Believers
  - Christ's absolute authority: His victory is certain before a sword is drawn (Revelation 19:15-16).
  - Fulfillment of promise: God's plan culminates exactly as foretold, displaying His faithfulness.

**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)

- Vindication of righteousness: The enemies of God face judgment, while His people share in triumph (Revelation 19:14; 20:4).

**Revelation 20:4** 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. (NLT)

### Preparing For \_\_\_\_\_ War

- The Battlefield
  - The verse places Christ on a white horse, His people behind Him, and every anti-God force arrayed in open revolt.
    - Though still in the future, the scene reveals the true character of every spiritual battle today: a clash of loyalties between the Lamb and the powers of darkness.

- Why This Future Picture Matters Now
  - It confirms there is no neutrality; every day we side with Christ or the beast.

**Matthew 12:30** "Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me." (NLT)

**Joshua 24:14** "So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. **15** But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." (NLT)

- It shows who truly leads the fight—"the One seated on the horse." Our confidence rests in His authority, not our strength.

**Colossians 2:15** In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. (NLT)

- It guarantees the outcome. Revelation ends with Christ victorious, so we fight from victory, not for it.

**Romans 8:37** No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. (NLT)

- Preparing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for Today's Battles
  - Clothe Yourself in the King's Armor
    - ▶ Stand against the enemy.

**Ephesians 6:11** Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. **12** For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

**13** Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

**14** Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. **15** For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. **16** In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. **17** Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **18** Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (NLT)

- Practical steps:
  - ▶ Belt of truth: daily Scripture intake counters deception.
  - ▶ Breastplate of righteousness: quick confession keeps conscience clean.

**1 John 1:9** But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (NLT)

- ▶ Gospel shoes: readiness to speak hope shifts battles from defense to offense.
- ▶ Shield of faith: rehearse God's promises aloud when doubts surge.

**Psalm 27:1** The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? (NLT)

- ▶ Helmet of salvation: remember whose you are; identity steadies the mind.

**1 Thessalonians 5:8** But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation. (NLT)

- ▶ Sword of the Spirit: memorize, quote, and pray specific verses that address present temptations.

**Matthew 4:8** Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." **10** "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" **11** Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus. (NLT)

- ▶ All-prayer: continuous conversation with the Commander keeps armor fitted and flexible.

**1 John 1:9** We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. **4** We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. **5** We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. (NLT)

- Maintain \_\_\_\_\_ Allegiance to the Lamb
  - ▶ Revelation portrays saints "following Him on white horses" (19:14). Loyalty is expressed through obedience.

**John 14:15** "If you love me, obey my commandments." (NLT)

- ▶ Renounce competing loves: career, pleasure, politics - anything that seeks first place.

**1 John 2:15** Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. **16** For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. **17** And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. (NLT)

- ▶ Public confession of Christ shuts the door on compromise.

**Matthew 10:32** "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. **33** But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven." (NLT)

- Stand Shoulder to Shoulder with Fellow Soldiers
  - ▶ Strength in numbers

**Ecclesiastes 4:12** A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. (NLT)

- ▶ Regular worship, accountability groups, and serving together reinforce resolve, just as a regiment gains courage from formation.
- ▶ Shared victories encourage perseverance.

**Hebrews 10:24** Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. **25** And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (NLT)

- Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ in View
  - ▶ Revelation 19 draws the curtain on the war, revealing the beast's DEFEAT.
  - ▶ Holding that picture: Neutralizes FEAR.

**Psalm 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. **2** So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. **3** Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! (NLT)

- ▶ Holding that picture: Fuels \_\_\_\_\_—temporary wounds cannot cancel eternal reward.

**2 Corinthians 4:17** For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! **18** So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. (NLT)

- ▶ Holding that picture: Inspires \_\_\_\_\_; we prepare as a bride for the wedding supper.

**Revelation 19:7** Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. **8** She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. (NLT)

- Living in Victory Until the Final Trumpet
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 4:7** So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (NLT)

- Stay \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 5:8** Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. **9** Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. (NLT)

- \_\_\_\_\_ now: praise is battle music, echoing heaven's chorus.

**Revelation 19:1** After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, "Praise the Lord! [Hallelujah] Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. **2** His judgments are true and just. He has punished the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality. He has avenged the murder of his servants."

**3** And again their voices rang out: "Praise the Lord! [*Hallelujah*] The smoke from that city ascends forever and ever!" **4** Then the twenty-four elders and the four living beings fell down and worshiped God, who was sitting on the throne. They cried out, "Amen! Praise the Lord!" **5** And from the throne came a voice that said, "Praise our God, all his servants, all who fear him, from the least to the greatest." **6** Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the Lord! [*Hallelujah*] For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. (NLT)

- Christ's triumph in Revelation 19:19 is certain; our preparation is to align, armor up, and advance in that confidence today.

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- Revelation 19:19 presents the climactic gathering of earthly power against the returning Christ. The beast, backed by a worldwide coalition of kings and armies, consciously musters to wage literal war on Jesus and His heavenly host. This verse spotlights humanity's final, futile rebellion and sets the stage for Christ's swift victory in the verses that follow.
  - Revelation 19:19 captures the climactic clash of history: a united worldly defiance against the rightful King.
  - It assures believers that every force opposing Christ will be exposed, gathered, and decisively overthrown when He appears in power and glory.

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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?