

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #190)

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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)

Revelation 19:19 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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proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. (NKJV)

NAMES of the Beast

- Who is the Beast?
 - Beast of the Sea (_____)
 - ▶ Rose from sea (people, a Gentile? Arab or Muslim?)
 - ▶ 7 heads / 10 horns (leaders)
 - ▶ Healed from fatal wound
 - ▶ Blasphemes and slanders God
 - ▶ Worshipped by those who belong to the world (Receives the worship that only God is due).

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. **9** Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand. **10** Anyone who is destined for prison will be taken to prison. Anyone destined to die by the sword will die by the sword. This means that God’s holy people must endure persecution patiently and remain faithful. (NLT)

- Beast of the Earth (_____)
 - ▶ Rose from earth (land or region, a Jew?)
 - ▶ Appeared like a lamb, spoke like a dragon
 - ▶ Exercised authority of Beast of the sea
 - ▶ Does miracles (fire from sky), but is deceptive
 - ▶ Creates statute of Beast of the sea
 - ▶ Orders idol worship

- Creates and enforces system of goods (the mark)

Revelation 13:11 Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke with the voice of a dragon. **12** He exercised all the authority of the first beast. And he required all the earth and its people to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. **13** He did astounding miracles, even making fire flash down to earth from the sky while everyone was watching. **14** And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. **15** He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die. **16** He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. **17** And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. **18** Wisdom is needed here. Let the one with understanding solve the meaning of the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is 666. (NLT)

- New Testament Allusions (13):
 - Angel of the Bottomless Pit; Revelation 9:11
 - Antichrist; 1 John 2:22
 - Greek term actually means pseudo-Christ (instead of, false)
 - Beast; Rev. 11:7; 13
 - False Prophet; Rev. 13
 - Father of the lie; John 8:44; 2 Thessalonians 2:11
 - Lawless One; 2 Thess. 2:8
 - Man of Sin; 2 Thess. 2:3
 - Comes in his own name; John 5:43
 - Prince of Darkness; 1 Thessalonians 5
 - Son of Perdition; 2 Thess. 2:3
 - Star; Revelation 8:10; 9:1
 - Unclean Spirit; Matthew 12:43
 - Vine of the Earth; Revelation 14:18
- Old Testament Allusions (33):
 - Adversary; Psalm 74: 8-10; Isaiah 59:19; Lam 4:11, 12; Amos 3:11
 - Assyrian; Isaiah 105:12; Micah 5:5,6
 - Belial; Nahum 1:15
 - Bloody and Deceitful Man; Psalm 5:6
 - Branch of the Terrible Ones; Isaiah 25:5
 - Chief Prince; Exodus 38:2
 - Crooked Serpent; Job 26:13; Isa 27:1

- Cruel One; 30:14, 23
- Destroyer of the Gentiles; Jeremiah 4:7
- Enemy; Psalm 55:3; Jeremiah 30:14, 23
- Evil Man; Psalm 140:1
- Head over many countries; Psalm 110:6
- Head of Northern Army; Joel 2:20
- Idol Shepherd; Zech. 11:16,17
 - ▶ The only physical description in the Bible.

Zechariah 11:16 This illustrates how I will give this nation a shepherd who will not care for those who are dying, nor look after the young, nor heal the injured, nor feed the healthy. Instead, this shepherd will eat the meat of the fattest sheep and tear off their hooves. **17** "What sorrow awaits this worthless shepherd who abandons the flock! The sword will cut his arm and pierce his right eye. His arm will become useless, and his right eye completely blind." (NLT)

Zechariah 11:16 For behold, I am going to raise up a shepherd in the land who will not care for the perishing, seek the scattered, heal the broken, or provide for the one who is exhausted, but will devour the flesh of the fat sheep and tear off their hoofs. **17** Woe to the worthless shepherd Who abandons the flock! A sword will be on his arm And on his right eye! His arm will be totally withered, And his right eye will be blind." (NASB)

- King of Princes; Hosea 8:10
- King of Babylon; Isaiah 14:11-20
- Little Horn; Dan. 7:8-11,21-26; 8:9-12, 23-25
- Man of the Earth; Psalm 10:18
- Merchant, with balances of deceit; Hosea 12:7
- Mighty Man; Psalm 52:1
- Nail; Isaiah 22:25
- Prince that shall come; Dan. 9:26
- Prince of Tyre; Ezekiel 28:2-10
- Profane Wicked Prince Of Israel; Ezekiel 21:25-27
- Proud Man; Habakuk 2:5
- Rod of God's anger; Isaiah 10:5
- Seed of the Serpent; Gen. 3:15
- Son of the Morning; Isaiah 14:12
- Spoiler, Destroyer; Isaiah 16:4,5
- Vile Person; Daniel 11:21
- Violent Man; Psalm 140:11
- Wicked One; Psalm 9:17; 10:2-4, Isaiah 11:4, Jer 30:14, 23; Daniel 11:38
- Willful King; Dan. 11:36

Psalm 55:19 God, who has ruled forever, will hear me and humble them. Interlude For my enemies refuse to change their ways; they do not fear God. **20** As for my companion, he betrayed his friends; he broke his promises. **21** His words are as smooth as butter, but in his heart is war. His words are as soothing as lotion, but underneath are daggers! (NLT)

Role Of The _____

- Who is the Beast?
 - First introduced in Revelation 13 as a composite "beast rising out of the sea," mirroring Daniel 7:3-8.

Daniel 7:3 Then four huge beasts came up out of the water, each different from the others. **4** The first beast was like a lion with eagles' wings. As I watched, its wings were pulled off, and it was left standing with its two hind feet on the ground, like a human being. And it was given a human mind. **5** Then I saw a second beast, and it looked like a bear. It was rearing up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And I heard a voice saying to it, "Get up! Devour the flesh of many people!" **6** Then the third of these strange beasts appeared, and it looked like a leopard. It had four bird's wings on its back, and it had four heads. Great authority was given to this beast. **7** Then in my vision that night, I saw a fourth beast—terrifying, dreadful, and very strong. It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled their remains beneath its feet. It was different from any of the other beasts, and it had ten horns. **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)

- A real end-time ruler, popularly called the Antichrist, empowered by Satan "the dragon" (Revelation 13:2).

1 John 2:18 Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come. (NLT)

- Exercises global political, military, and economic control (Revelation 13:7, 16-18).
- Receives worship through deceptive signs from the false prophet (Revelation 13:11-15).

2 Thessalonians 2:9 This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. **10** He will use every kind of evil deception to fool

those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. (NLT)

- Earth's Final _____ Parade
 - The scene stands at the climactic end of the seven-year tribulation.
 - Heaven has opened (19:11-16), revealing Christ on a white horse, crowned, and ready to judge.
 - Immediately, John's focus shifts to the opposition—the beast rallying every earthly power for one last stand.
- The Beast's Immediate Role
 - Military Mobilizer
 - ▶ He "assembles" the kings of the earth. The Greek verb *sunēgmenous* paints an intentional, organized coalition.
 - Open Revolter
 - ▶ The target is "the One seated on the horse," indicating conscious, deliberate opposition to Christ Himself.
 - Rallying Point of Rebellion
 - ▶ Humanity's final rejection of divine authority concentrates in one man, fulfilling Psalm 2:2.

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

- _____ That Lead Here
 - Revelation 16:13-16 - Unclean spirits from the dragon, beast, and false prophet gather the nations to Armageddon.

Revelation 16:13 And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. **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)

- - Daniel 11:36-45 - The "willful king" exalts himself and wages wars until his sudden end.

Daniel 11:36 "The king will do as he pleases, exalting himself and claiming to be greater than every god, even blaspheming the God of gods. He will succeed, but only until the time of wrath is completed. For what has been determined will surely

take place. **37** He will have no respect for the gods of his ancestors, or for the god loved by women, or for any other god, for he will boast that he is greater than them all. **38** Instead of these, he will worship the god of fortresses—a god his ancestors never knew—and lavish on him gold, silver, precious stones, and expensive gifts. **39** Claiming this foreign god’s help, he will attack the strongest fortresses. He will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward. **40** “Then at the time of the end, the king of the south will attack the king of the north. The king of the north will storm out with chariots, charioteers, and a vast navy. He will invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood. **41** He will enter the glorious land of Israel, and many nations will fall, but Moab, Edom, and the best part of Ammon will escape. **42** He will conquer many countries, and even Egypt will not escape. **43** He will gain control over the gold, silver, and treasures of Egypt, and the Libyans and Ethiopians will be his servants. **44** “But then news from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in great anger to destroy and obliterate many. **45** He will stop between the glorious holy mountain and the sea and will pitch his royal tents. But while he is there, his time will suddenly run out, and no one will help him. (NLT)

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 - “The man of lawlessness” is revealed, then destroyed by the breath of the returning Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Don’t be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction. **4** He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God. **5** Don’t you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? **6** And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. **7** For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. **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)

- God’s _____ Purpose in _____ the Beast
 - To expose the depth of human sin when left to itself.

Romans 1:24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other’s bodies. **25** They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. **26** That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. **27** And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women,

burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

28 Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. **29** Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. **30** They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. **31** They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. **32** They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too. (NLT)

- To demonstrate Christ's absolute supremacy.
 - ▶ The battle is won by His appearance, not by human effort (Revelation 19:21).
- To vindicate the suffering saints who were slain under the beast's regime (Revelation 13:7; 6:10-11).

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?" **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)

- The Beast's _____ Fate and Its Theological _____
 - First occupants of the lake of fire—eternal, conscious judgment.
 - Confirms Hebrews 10:31: Terrible (NLT), fearful (NKJV), dreadful (NIV)

Hebrews 10:31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (NASB)

- Signals the irreversible collapse of Satan's counterfeit trinity (dragon, beast, false prophet).
- _____ for Believers Today
 - Evil will rally one last time, but only within the boundaries God allows (Job 1:12; Revelation 13:5).

Job 1:12 "All right, you may test him," the Lord said to Satan. "Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don't harm him physically." So Satan left the Lord's presence. (NLT)

- Christ's victory is swift and certain; no balance of power exists between Him and the beast.
- Standing with the Lamb now (Revelation 14:1) guarantees sharing in His triumph then (Revelation 19:14).

What Is The _____ Of The Beast In Revelation 19:19?

- Immediate Literary Setting
 - Revelation 19 opens with heaven rejoicing over Babylon's fall (19:1-5), moves to the wedding supper of the Lamb (19:6-10), and culminates in Christ's royal appearing on a white horse (19:11-16).
 - Verse 19 is the hinge between Christ's appearing and the swift defeat of evil powers (19:20-21).
 - ▶ The verse therefore frames the beast as the principal military and spiritual antagonist marshaling global resistance to the returning King.
- Canonical Context _____ Revelation
 - The beast first appears in Revelation 11:7, is elaborated in 13:1-10, and reappears in 17:8-14.

Revelation 11:7 When they complete their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the bottomless pit will declare war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them. (NLT)

- John consistently depicts one composite figure embodying political, religious, and military rebellion.
- Revelation 19:19 is the climax of that thread: the beast has gathered the kings (17:12-14) and now confronts Christ, fulfilling 16:13-16 where unclean spirits summon the nations to "Armageddon."
- The unity of these passages argues that the beast is the same end-time ruler throughout the book.
- _____ Identity of the Beast
 - _____ Head: Seven heads and ten horns (13:1; 17:3) echo Daniel 7's composite empire, indicating a confederation of kingdoms under one dictator.
 - Religious _____: The beast receives worship (13:4,8), counterfeit to Christ's kingdom.
 - _____ Antichrist: The masculine singular pronouns and personal punishment ("thrown alive," 19:20) point to an individual, not merely a system.
 - ▶ The beast therefore personifies the final Antichrist foretold in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 and prefigured by earlier persecutors (e.g., Antiochus IV, Nero).
- Old Testament Roots

- Daniel's fourth beast (Daniel 7:7-8,19-26) supplies the prototype: an iron-toothed empire crushed by the Son of Man.

Daniel 7:19 Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, the one so different from the others and so terrifying. It had devoured and crushed its victims with iron teeth and bronze claws, trampling their remains beneath its feet. **20** I also asked about the ten horns on the fourth beast's head and the little horn that came up afterward and destroyed three of the other horns. This horn had seemed greater than the others, and it had human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly. **21** As I watched, this horn was waging war against God's holy people and was defeating them, **22** until the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom. **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. **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. **26** "But then the court will pass judgment, and all his power will be taken away and completely destroyed. (NLT)

- Psalm 2 anticipates kings gathering "against the LORD and against His Anointed," which Revelation 19:19 now shows reaching its apex and defeat.
 - The imagery fulfills prophetic trajectories of end-time coalition warfare (Ezekiel 38-39; Zechariah 12:2-9; 14:2-3).

Ezekiel 38:10 "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: At that time evil thoughts will come to your mind, and you will devise a wicked scheme. **11** You will say, 'Israel is an unprotected land filled with unwallled villages! I will march against her and destroy these people who live in such confidence! **12** I will go to those formerly desolate cities that are now filled with people who have returned from exile in many nations. I will capture vast amounts of plunder, for the people are rich with livestock and other possessions now. They think the whole world revolves around them!' (NLT)

Ezekiel 38:18 But this is what the Sovereign Lord says: When Gog invades the land of Israel, my fury will boil over! **19** In my jealousy and blazing anger, I promise a mighty shaking in the land of Israel on that day. **20** All living things—the fish in the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals of the field, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people on earth—will quake in terror at my presence. Mountains will be thrown down; cliffs will crumble; walls will fall to the earth. **21** I will summon the sword against you on all the hills of Israel, says the Sovereign Lord.

Your men will turn their swords against each other. **22** I will punish you and your armies with disease and bloodshed; I will send torrential rain, hailstones, fire, and burning sulfur! **23** In this way, I will show my greatness and holiness, and I will make myself known to all the nations of the world. Then they will know that I am the Lord. (NLT)

Ezekiel 39:3 I will knock the bow from your left hand and the arrows from your right hand, and I will leave you helpless. **4** You and your army and your allies will all die on the mountains. I will feed you to the vultures and wild animals. **5** You will fall in the open fields, for I have spoken, says the Sovereign Lord. **6** And I will rain down fire on Magog and on all your allies who live safely on the coasts. Then they will know that I am the Lord. **7** "In this way, I will make known my holy name among my people of Israel. I will not let anyone bring shame on it. And the nations, too, will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. **8** That day of judgment will come, says the Sovereign Lord. Everything will happen just as I have declared it. (NLT)

Ezekiel 39:21 "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)

Zechariah 12:2 I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies to besiege Jerusalem and Judah. **3** On that day I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. All the nations will gather against it to try to move it, but they will only hurt themselves. **4** "On that day," says the Lord, "I will cause every horse to panic and every rider to lose his nerve. I will watch over the people of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of their enemies. **5** And the clans of Judah will say to themselves, 'The people of Jerusalem have found strength in the Lord of Heaven's Armies, their God.' **6** "On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a flame that sets a woodpile ablaze or like a burning torch among sheaves of grain. They will burn up all the neighboring nations right and left, while the people living in Jerusalem remain secure. **7** "The Lord will give victory to the rest of Judah first, before Jerusalem, so that the people of Jerusalem and the royal line of David will not have greater honor than the rest of Judah. **8** On that day the Lord will defend the people of Jerusalem; the weakest among them will be as mighty as King David! And the royal descendants will be like God, like the angel of the Lord who goes before them! **9** For on that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (NLT)

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)

- Interpretive _____ to Revelation
 - **Preterist:** End-times have already happened; the Bible is history, not future events.
 - ▶ **Full Preterist View:** The events of Revelation were fulfilled in AD 70.
 - ▶ Preterism teaches that every event normally associated with the end times—Christ’s second coming, the tribulation, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment—has already happened. (In the case of the final judgment, it still is in the process of being fulfilled.) Jesus’ return to earth was a “spiritual” return, not a physical one.
 - ▶ **Partial Preterist View:** The prophecies in Daniel, Matthew 24, and Revelation (with the exception of the last two or three chapters) have already been fulfilled and were fulfilled no later than the first century AD. According to partial preterism, there is no rapture, and passages describing the tribulation and the Antichrist are actually referring to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 and the Roman emperor Titus.
 - ▶ Partial preterists do believe in the return of Christ to earth and a future resurrection and judgment, but they do not teach a millennial kingdom or that Israel as a nation has a place in God’s future plan. According to partial preterists, the Bible’s references to “the last days” refer to the last days of the Old Jewish Covenant, not the last days of the earth itself.
 - **Futurist:** The majority of the prophecies in Revelation still await a future, literal fulfillment.
 - ▶ What John has seen (ch 1), what is now (ch 2), what is to come (ch 4-22).
 - ▶ The events of Revelation (Ch 4-22) await a future, end-times fulfillment during the tribulation and beyond
 - **Historicist:** Biblical prophecies are interpreted as representative of literal historical events.
 - ▶ It falls between preterism and futurism in its approach: according to historicism, most of Revelation is symbolic of persons and events in world history.
 - ▶ According to historicists, the book of Revelation was prophecy when John wrote it, but most of it has already been fulfilled in our day.
 - ▶ Historicism has varied applications to the concepts of a rapture, tribulation, and second coming of Christ. In some cases, historicism has been abused by those attempting to predict a specific date for Jesus’ return.

- **Idealist (Spiritual)**: The events of Revelation are entirely symbolic of the cosmic struggle between good and evil.
- Historical-Prophetic _____
 - Preterist readings see the beast as the first-century Roman Empire culminating in Emperor Domitian; yet the universal language of “kings of the earth” and the uncompleted global resurrection/millennium (20:4-6) argue for a future fulfillment.
 - Historicists link the beast to successive empires or papal Rome but must allegorize the immediate destruction depicted in 19:20.
 - Futurist interpretation, held by the earliest post-apostolic writers (e.g., Irenaeus, Against Heresies 5.30), recognizes a literal consummation still ahead.
 - ▶ The futurist view best accounts for the beast’s direct annihilation by Christ’s visible return (2 Thessalonians 2:8).
- _____ with the Kings of the Earth
 - Revelation 17:12-14 states that ten kings “receive authority as kings along with the beast for one hour.” Their unity is political (they “have one purpose” v. 13) and military (they “make war with the Lamb,” v. 14).
 - Revelation 19:19 records the mobilization phase; 19:20-21 records the instantaneous rout.
 - The beast’s significance therefore extends beyond personal rebellion; he orchestrates global defiance as the apex of human autonomy.
- _____ Significance
 - The beast’s final stand magnifies Christ:
 - ▶ Supremacy: The contrast between the beast’s borrowed authority and Christ’s “King of kings” title (19:16) underlines divine sovereignty.
 - ▶ Vindication: Christ’s robe dipped in blood (19:13) signals that judgment is rooted in His prior atonement; the Cross guarantees the beast’s defeat.
 - ▶ Universality: The beast gathers “the kings of the earth,” but Christ defeats them “with the breath of His mouth” (Isaiah 11:4), showcasing the universal lordship pledged in Philippians 2:10-11.

Isaiah 11:4 He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited. The earth will shake at the force of his word, and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked. (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)

- Judicial and _____ Significance
 - Revelation 19:20 records the beast thrown “alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur,” skipping any intermediate trial.
 - This “first occupant” status testifies that rebellion – whether angelic or human – receives irreversible justice.
 - ▶ Conversely, it vindicates persecuted saints (6:9-11) and secures the millennial peace in chapter 20.
 - ▶ The beast thus functions as the benchmark of divine judgment and the assurance of future restoration.
- Pastoral and _____ Relevance
 - Discipleship: Believers discerning political or cultural idols can recognize that all such systems end like the beast–defeated.
 - Evangelism: The beast’s doom underscores the urgency of repentance; neutrality is impossible when kings assemble.
 - Worship: The heavenly hallelujahs (19:1-5) bookend the beast’s fall, modeling worship grounded in God’s triumph, not present circumstances.
- Putting it _____
 - The beast in Revelation 19:19 epitomizes consummate human and demonic revolt–political, religious, and military–coalescing in a last-ditch attempt to dethrone the rightful King. His swift, decisive defeat reveals:
 - ▶ God’s sovereignty over history.
 - ▶ Christ’s supremacy and sufficiency.
 - ▶ The certainty of judgment and the hope of deliverance for all who belong to the Lamb.
 - The beast’s significance lies not in his transient power but in how his downfall spotlights the eternal reign of Jesus Christ.

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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?
 - ☒ Who is in the lake of fire when the beast and the prophet are sent there?
 - What is the lake of fire?
 - How can we disprove the doctrine of annihilation from this chapter?
 - Who are the “rest” in verse 21?