

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #192)

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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

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- Fiery lake of burning sulfur

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What Does Verse 20 _____?

- The beast was captured...
 - The beast—first introduced in Revelation 13:1 as a world-dominating ruler—has raged against God and His people throughout the tribulation.

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. *(NLT)*

Daniel 7:11 I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. (NLT)

Revelation 17:11 "The scarlet beast that was, but is no longer, is the eighth king. He is like the other seven, and he, too, is headed for destruction." (NLT)

- Now, without extended struggle, Christ seizes him at His return.

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)

- This _____:
 - ▶ God's sovereignty: every earthly power is ultimately subject to His timing.

Psalms 2:2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one. **3** "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God." **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." (NLT)

- ▶ The certainty of judgment: what seemed invincible is effortlessly overthrown.

Jeremiah 51:53 Though Babylon reaches as high as the heavens and makes her fortifications incredibly strong, I will still send enemies to plunder her. I, the Lord, have spoken! (NLT)

- ▶ Believers can rest knowing that evil will not linger one moment beyond God's appointed limit.

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)

- ... along with the false prophet...
 - This second figure, introduced in Revelation 13:11, is the beast’s religious partner and promotes worldwide worship of the first beast.

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. (NLT)

- Revelation 16:13 shows both figures working under Satan’s direction, forming an unholy trinity.

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. (NLT)

- Their joint capture highlights:
 - ▶ The end of political and religious deception in one stroke.

Isaiah 25:7 There he will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth. **8** He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The Lord has spoken! (NLT)

- ▶ Christ’s complete victory—no _____ escapes.

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)

- ... who on its behalf had performed signs deceiving those who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image...

- The false prophet's miracles were real but demonic, echoing Jesus' warning.

Matthew 24:24 "For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones." (NLT)

- Paul likewise spoke of "power, signs, and false wonders" accompanying the lawless one.

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. **11** So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. **12** Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth. (NLT)

- ▶ The purpose of the signs: _____, not revelation.
- ▶ The targets: those who had chosen the beast's mark and image.

Revelation 13:16 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. (NLT)

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)

- ▶ The contrast: genuine miracles in Scripture point to truth and _____, whereas these confirm _____.

John 20:30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name. (NLT)

- ... Both the beast and the false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur...
 - Their sentence is immediate and irrevocable.
 - The "lake of fire" is the final, conscious, eternal punishment prepared for the devil and all who follow him.

Revelation 20:14 Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. **15** And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. (NLT)

Matthew 25:41 "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'" (NLT)

Isaiah 66:24 And as they go out, they will see the dead bodies of those who have rebelled against me. For the worms that devour them will never die, and the fire that burns them will never go out. All who pass by will view them with utter horror." (NLT)

- Key _____:
 - ▶ "Thrown alive" stresses personal, bodily judgment—no annihilation or mere symbolism.

Mark 9:47 "And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, **48** 'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.'" (NLT)

- ▶ These are the first recorded occupants of the lake; even Satan is bound for a thousand years before sharing their fate.
- ▶ Justice is public and thorough, fulfilling promises like Psalm 37:38 and Revelation 14:10-11.

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

Psalms 37:38 But the rebellious will be destroyed; they have no future. (NLT)

- Summary
 - Revelation 19:20 assures us that Christ's return brings swift, total victory over the greatest manifestations of evil.
 - The beast's political tyranny and the false prophet's religious deceit collapse instantly before the King of kings.

- Their final destination—the fiery lake—confirms God’s righteous judgment and the ultimate safety of His people.
- Evil may appear to flourish for a season, but its end is certain; Christ triumphs, and His saints share in that triumph forever.

Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus [Christ] be with you. (NLT)

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” (NLT)

Over Evil

- Setting the Scene
 - Revelation 19 zooms in on the climactic moment when Christ returns as the conquering King.
 - The assembled armies of evil gather to wage war, yet verse 20 shows that the conflict ends almost before it begins.
- The Beast and the False Prophet _____
 - The beast represents the final antichrist world ruler.

Daniel 7:7 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. ... **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)

- The false prophet is the counterfeit spiritual leader who supports the beast’s agenda through deceptive miracles (Revelation 13:11-15).
- Together they embody political and religious rebellion against God, inspiring global opposition to Christ.
- Instant, _____ Defeat

- "Was captured" – a passive verb showing that Christ's victory requires no prolonged struggle; His power is absolute (Psalm 2:1-6).
- "With him" – the accomplice shares the same fate, proving there is no escape for any who align with evil.

Proverbs 11:21 Evil people will surely be punished, but the children of the godly will go free. (NLT)

- "Thrown alive" – the first occupants of the lake of fire receive immediate, conscious judgment, underscoring the certainty and severity of divine justice (Matthew 25:41).
- "Lake of fire" – the final, eternal place of punishment; later Satan joins them there (Revelation 20:10), highlighting progressive yet inevitable defeat for every evil force.
- Foreshadowing Total _____
 - The cross secured victory; Revelation 19 displays its public outworking (Colossians 2:15).
 - The capture of the beast and false prophet is a milestone toward that final abolition.

1 Corinthians 15:24 After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power.

25 For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. **26** And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. (NLT)

- Revelation shows the promised crushing unfolding in real time. (Romans 16:20).
- Certainty of God's _____
 - Revelation 19:20 directly fulfills Daniel's prophecy, confirming Scripture's complete reliability (Daniel 7:11).
 - The identical destiny of rebellious angels and ungodly humans establishes one consistent standard of judgment.

Jude 7 And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment. (NLT)

- _____ for Believers Today
 - Evil's power is temporary; God's reign is permanent.

Psalms 93:1 The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.

2 Your throne, O Lord, has stood from time immemorial. You yourself are from the everlasting past. (NLT)

- Deception ends in destruction; truth leads to deliverance.

John 8:31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. **32** And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (NLT)

- Christ's decisive victory guarantees His people's final vindication (Rev. 19:14).

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)

- Because the beast and the false prophet are already sentenced in God's prophetic timetable, every believer can live—and serve—with unshakable confidence that the ultimate triumph over evil is not merely possible but assured.

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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?