

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #194)

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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 19:20 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. (NLT)

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The _____ Of Balaam

- False Prophet's footsteps

2 Peter 2:12 These false teachers are like unthinking animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed. They scoff at things they do not understand, and like animals, they will be destroyed. **13** Their destruction is their reward for the harm they have done. They love to indulge in evil pleasures in broad daylight. They are a disgrace and a stain among you. They delight in deception even as they eat with you in your fellowship meals. **14** They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied. They lure unstable people into sin, and they are well trained

in greed. They live under God's curse. **15** They have wandered off the right road and followed the footsteps of Balaam son of Beor, [Bosor] who loved to earn money by doing wrong. **16** But Balaam was stopped from his mad course when his donkey rebuked him with a human voice. (NLT)

- Indulge in pleasure in broad daylight.
- Delight in deception (while they fellowship with you)
- Commit adultery with their eyes.
- Desire for sin is not satisfied.
- Lure unstable people into sin.
- Well trained in greed.
- Love to earn money by doing wrong.

Signs

- Traits Shared by Balaam and Modern False Teachers
 - Greed for money, influence, or applause (Numbers 22:17; 2 Peter 2:3).
 - Willingness to twist clear revelation for their own agenda (Numbers 23:12 vs. 24:1).
 - Persistence after God has already spoken (Numbers 22:12, 19).
 - Spiritual blindness so deep that even an animal shows more discernment (Numbers 22:23-27).

Numbers 22:1 Then the people of Israel traveled to the plains of Moab and camped east of the Jordan River, across from Jericho. **2** Balak son of Zippor, the Moabite king, had seen everything the Israelites did to the Amorites. **3** And when the people of Moab saw how many Israelites there were, they were terrified. **4** The king of Moab said to the elders of Midian, "This mob will devour everything in sight, like an ox devours grass in the field!" So Balak, king of Moab, **5** sent messengers to call Balaam son of Beor, who was living in his native land of Pethor near the Euphrates River. His message said: "Look, a vast horde of people has arrived from Egypt. They cover the face of the earth and are threatening me. (NLT)

The Story

- Balaam
 - Aram / Syria [Aramean / Syrian] - (Numbers 23:7)
 - ▶ Abraham sought a wife for his son Isaac; he sent a servant to the land of Aram to find Rebekah (Genesis 24:10; 25:20).
 - ▶ Deuteronomy 26:5 calls Jacob "a wandering Aramean."
 - ▶ Arameans joined forces with the Ammonites in war against Israel (2 Samuel 10).
 - ▶ Fought against Israel (David, Solomon, Ahab, Joram, Joash)
 - ▶ Elisha healed Naaman the Syrian of leprosy (2 Kings 5).

- ▶ Elisha predicted the atrocities that the Arameans would commit (2 Kings 8:12).
- ▶ The Arameans / Syrians helped the eventual fall of Jerusalem at the hands of Babylon.

2 Kings 24:2 Then the Lord sent bands of Babylonian, [*Chaldean*] Aramean, Moabite, and Ammonite raiders against Judah to destroy it, just as the Lord had promised through his prophets. (NLT)

- Amorites

Genesis 10:1 This is the account of the families of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the three sons of Noah. Many children were born to them after the great flood. (NLT)

Genesis 10:6 The descendants of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. (NLT)

Genesis 10:16 Canaan's oldest son was Sidon, the ancestor of the Sidonians. Canaan was also the ancestor of the Hittites, **16** Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, **17** Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, **18** Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites. The Canaanite clans eventually spread out, **19** and the territory of Canaan extended from Sidon in the north to Gerar and Gaza in the south, and east as far as Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, near Lasha. (NLT)

- Balak, Moabite King

Genesis 19:36 As a result, both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their own father. **37** When the older daughter gave birth to a son, she named him Moab. He became the ancestor of the nation now known as the Moabites. **38** When the younger daughter gave birth to a son, she named him Ben-ammi. He became the ancestor of the nation now known as the Ammonites. (NLT)

Genesis 15:13 Then the Lord said to Abram, "You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. **14** But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth. **15** (As for you, you will die in peace and be buried at a ripe old age.) **16** After four generations your descendants will return here to this land, for the sins of the Amorites do not yet warrant their destruction." (NLT)

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. (NLT)

Ruth 1:3 Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with her two sons. **4** The two sons married Moabite women. One married a woman named Orpah, and the other a woman named Ruth. But about ten years later, **5** both Mahlon and Kilion died. This left Naomi alone, without her two sons or her husband. ... **15** "Look," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same." **16** But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. **17** Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" (NLT)

Matthew 1:5 Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse. (NLT)

- _____ given to Israel about Moab

Deuteronomy 2:9 the Lord warned us, 'Do not bother the Moabites, the descendants of Lot, or start a war with them. I have given them Ar as their property, and I will not give you any of their land.'" (NLT)

Numbers 21:21 The Israelites sent ambassadors to King Sihon of the Amorites with this message: **22** "Let us travel through your land. We will be careful not to go through your fields and vineyards. We won't even drink water from your wells. We will stay on the king's road until we have passed through your territory." **23** But King Sihon refused to let them cross his territory. Instead, he mobilized his entire army and attacked Israel in the wilderness, engaging them in battle at Jahaz. **24** But the Israelites slaughtered them with their swords and occupied their land from the Arnon River to the Jabbok River. They went only as far as the Ammonite border because the boundary of the Ammonites was fortified. [*rugged or strong*] **25** So Israel captured all the towns of the Amorites and settled in them, including the city of Heshbon and its surrounding villages. **26** Heshbon had been the capital of King Sihon of the Amorites. He had defeated a former Moabite king and seized all his land as far as the Arnon River. (NLT)

Deuteronomy 23:3 "No Ammonite or Moabite or any of their descendants for ten generations may be admitted to the assembly of the Lord. **4** These nations did not welcome you with food and water when you came out of Egypt. Instead, they hired Balaam son of Beor from Pethor in distant Aram-naharaim to curse you. **5** But the Lord your God refused to listen to Balaam. He turned the intended curse into a blessing because the Lord your God loves you. **6** As long as you live, you must never promote the welfare and prosperity of the Ammonites or Moabites. (NLT)

- Israel's failure to _____.

Ezra 9:1 When these things had been done, the Jewish leaders came to me and said, "Many of the people of Israel, and even some of the priests and Levites, have not kept themselves separate from the other peoples living in the land. They have taken up the detestable practices of the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Moabites, Egyptians, and Amorites. **2** For the men of Israel have married women from these people and have taken them as wives for their sons. So the holy race has become polluted by these mixed marriages. Worse yet, the leaders and officials have led the way in this outrage." (NLT)

1 Kings 11:6 In this way, Solomon did what was evil in the Lord's sight; he refused to follow the Lord completely, as his father, David, had done. **7** On the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, he even built a pagan shrine for Chemosh, the detestable god of Moab, and another for Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites.

8 Solomon built such shrines for all his foreign wives to use for burning incense and sacrificing to their gods. (NLT)

1 Kings 11:33 For Solomon has [they have] abandoned me and worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians; Chemosh, the god of Moab; and Molech, the god of the Ammonites. He has not followed my ways and done what is pleasing in my sight. He has not obeyed my decrees and regulations as David his father did. (NLT)

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- ▶ The meaning of the name Chemosh is not understood, though some scholars believe it may have meant "destroyer" or "subduer." Chemosh was also seen as a fish-god.
 - ▶ Chemosh was associated with the goddess Ashteroth, another false god worshiped by wayward Israelites. Chemosh is thought to have been a deity similar to Baal, and evidence from both the Moabite Stone and Scripture suggests Chemosh may have been the same deity as the Ammonite Moloch.
 - ▶ The Moabites no longer exist as a distinct people today; the Babylonians conquered them in 582 BC, and they subsequently disappeared from historical records. Their territory is now part of modern-day Jordan.

2 Kings 3:27 Then the king of Moab took his oldest son, who would have been the next king, and sacrificed him as a burnt offering on the wall. So there was great anger against Israel, and the Israelites withdrew and returned to their own land. (NLT)

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- ▶ Melekh is the Hebrew word for “king.” It was common for the Israelites to combine the name of pagan gods with the vowels in the Hebrew word for shame: bosheth. This is how the goddess of fertility and war, Astarte, became Ashtoreth. The combination of mlk, melekh, and bosheth results in “Moloch,” which could be interpreted as “the personified ruler of shameful sacrifice.”
 - ▶ Molech was a fire-god with the face of a calf; his images had outstretched arms to receive the babies sacrificed to him. Like their god, the Ammonites were cruel.
 - ▶ When a couple sacrificed their firstborn, they believed that Moloch would ensure financial prosperity for the family and future children.
 - ▶ Ammonites would rip open pregnant women in the territories they conquered.
 - ▶ The last mention of Ammonites as a separate people was in the second century by Justin Martyr, who said they were very numerous. Sometime during the Roman period, the Ammonites seem to have been absorbed into Arab society.

Amos 1:13 This is what the Lord says: “The people of Ammon have sinned again and again, and I will not let them go unpunished! When they attacked Gilead to extend their borders, they ripped open pregnant women with their swords. (NLT)

- Ammonites’ and Moabites’ failure to repent.

Ezekiel 25:3 Give the Ammonites this message from the Sovereign Lord: Hear the word of the Sovereign Lord! Because you cheered when my Temple was defiled, mocked Israel in her desolation, and laughed at Judah as she went away into exile, **4** I will allow nomads from the eastern deserts to overrun your country. They will set up their camps among you and pitch their tents on your land. They will harvest all your fruit and drink the milk from your livestock. **5** And I will turn the city of Rabbah into a pasture for camels, and all the land of the Ammonites into a resting place for sheep and goats. Then you will know that I am the Lord. **6** “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Because you clapped and danced and cheered with glee at the destruction of my people, **7** I will raise my fist of judgment against you. I will give you as plunder to many nations. I will cut you off from being a nation and destroy you completely. Then you will know that I am the Lord. **8** “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Because the people of Moab have said that Judah is just like all the other nations, **9** I will open up their eastern flank and wipe out their glorious frontier towns—Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim. **10** And I will hand Moab over to nomads from the eastern deserts, just as I handed over Ammon. Yes, the Ammonites

will no longer be counted among the nations. **11** In the same way, I will bring my judgment down on the Moabites. Then they will know that I am the Lord. (NLT)

Isaiah 16:11 My heart's cry for Moab is like a lament on a harp. I am filled with anguish for Kir-hareseth. **12** The people of Moab will worship at their pagan shrines, but it will do them no good. They will cry to the gods in their temples, but no one will be able to save them. **13** The Lord has already said these things about Moab in the past. **14** But now the Lord says, "Within three years, counting each day,[b] the glory of Moab will be ended. From its great population, only a feeble few will be left alive." (NLT)

Isaiah 25:9 In that day the people will proclaim, "This is our God! We trusted in him, and he saved us! This is the Lord, in whom we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!" **10** For the Lord's hand of blessing will rest on Jerusalem. But Moab will be crushed. It will be like straw trampled down and left to rot. **11** God will push down Moab's people as a swimmer pushes down water with his hands. He will end their pride and all their evil works. **12** The high walls of Moab will be demolished. They will be brought down to the ground, down into the dust. (NLT)

Jeremiah 48:4 All Moab is destroyed. Her little ones will cry out. **5** Her refugees weep bitterly, climbing the slope to Luhith. They cry out in terror, descending the slope to Horonaim. **6** Flee for your lives! Hide in the wilderness! **7** Because you have trusted in your wealth and skill, you will be taken captive. Your god Chemosh, with his priests and officials, will be hauled off to distant lands! (NLT)

Jeremiah 48:13 At last Moab will be ashamed of his idol Chemosh, as the people of Israel were ashamed of their gold calf at Bethel. **14** "You used to boast, 'We are heroes, mighty men of war.' **15** But now Moab and his towns will be destroyed. His most promising youth are doomed to slaughter," says the King, whose name is the Lord of Heaven's Armies. **16** "Destruction is coming fast for Moab; calamity threatens ominously. (NLT)

Jeremiah 48:1 "The strength of Moab has ended. His arm has been broken," says the Lord. **26** "Let him stagger and fall like a drunkard, for he has rebelled against the Lord. Moab will wallow in his own vomit, ridiculed by all. **27** Did you not ridicule the people of Israel? Were they caught in the company of thieves that you should despise them as you do? (NLT)

Jeremiah 48:46 "What sorrow awaits you, O people of Moab! The people of the god Chemosh are destroyed! Your sons and your daughters have been taken away as captives. **47** But I will restore the fortunes of Moab in days to come. I, the Lord, have spoken!" This is the end of Jeremiah's prophecy concerning Moab. (NLT)

Jeremiah 49:1 This message was given concerning the Ammonites. This is what the Lord says: "Are there no descendants of Israel to inherit the land of Gad? Why are you, who worship Molech, living in its towns? **2** In the days to come," says the Lord, "I will sound the battle cry against your city of Rabbah. It will become a desolate heap of ruins, and the neighboring towns will be burned. Then Israel will take back the land you took from her," says the Lord. (NLT)

Jeremiah 49:1 But I will restore the fortunes of the Ammonites in days to come. I, the Lord, have spoken." (NLT)

- Ammon and Moab end-time escape.

Daniel 11:40 "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. (NLT)

Genesis 36:1 This is the account of the descendants of Esau (also known as Edom). (NLT)

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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?