

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #196)

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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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Old Testament _____

- Daniel's Vision of the Beast's End
 - Daniel 7:1: The beast destroyed by fire

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)

- Daniel 7:26-27 portrays Heaven's court stripping the beast of dominion and handing the kingdom to the saints.

Daniel 7:26 "But then the court will pass judgment, and all his power will be taken away and completely destroyed. **27** Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him." (NLT)

- Parallel: the same final tyrant (the "little horn"/beast) is terminated by direct, fiery judgment at Christ's appearing.
- The _____ King's Final Hour
 - Daniel 11:36-45 describes a willful king exalting himself "above every god" until "he will come to his end, and no one will help him" (v. 45).

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)

- Revelation 19:20 supplies the detail Daniel only hinted at—how that end arrives: sudden capture and casting alive into the lake of fire.
- Prophecies of Messiah's _____ Judgment
 - Isaiah 11:4: one breath from His mouth.

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)

- Isaiah 30:27-33 speaks of the LORD's fiery breath and of Topheth ("a place prepared for the king"), echoing the lake of fire reserved for the beast.

Isaiah 30:27 Look! The Lord is coming from far away, burning with anger, surrounded by thick, rising smoke. His lips are filled with fury; his words consume like fire. **28** His hot breath pours out like a flood up to the neck of his enemies. He will sift out the proud nations for destruction. He will bridle them and lead them away to ruin. **29** But the people of God will sing a song of joy, like the songs at the holy festivals. You will be filled with joy, as when a flutist leads a group of pilgrims to Jerusalem, the mountain of the Lord—to the Rock of Israel. **30** And the Lord will make his majestic voice heard. He will display the strength of his mighty arm. It will descend with devouring flames, with cloudbursts, thunderstorms, and huge hailstones. **31** At the Lord's command, the Assyrians will be shattered. He will strike them down with his royal scepter. **32** And as the Lord strikes them with his rod of punishment, his people will celebrate with tambourines and harps. Lifting his mighty arm, he will fight the Assyrians. **33** Topheth—the place of burning—has long been ready for the Assyrian king; the pyre is piled high with wood. The breath of the Lord, like fire from a volcano, will set it ablaze. (NLT)

- Isaiah 34:8-10 depicts Edom's land turning to burning pitch, "its smoke will rise forever." The language anticipates the perpetual burning that greets the beast and the false prophet.

Isaiah 34:8 For it is the day of the Lord's revenge, the year when Edom will be paid back for all it did to Israel. **9** The streams of Edom will be filled with burning pitch, and the ground will be covered with fire. **10** This judgment on Edom will never end; the smoke of its burning will rise forever. The land will lie deserted from generation to generation. No one will live there anymore. (NLT)

- Malachi 4:1-3 "All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble... the day is coming, burning like a furnace."

Malachi 4:1 The Lord of Heaven's Armies says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed—roots, branches, and all. **2** "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. **3** On the day when I act, you

will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. (NLT)

- Portraits of the _____ Shepherd
 - Zechariah 11:15-17 prophesies a "worthless shepherd" who deceives and devours the flock—an apt Old Testament preview of the false prophet who promotes the beast's image and mark.

Zechariah 11:15 Then the Lord said to me, "Go again and play the part of a worthless shepherd. **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)

- Deuteronomy 13:1-5 warns of prophets who perform signs to lead Israel astray; God commands their destruction. Revelation 19:20 shows that ultimate, consummate judgment.

Deuteronomy 13:1 "Suppose there are prophets among you or those who dream dreams about the future, and they promise you signs or miracles, **2** and the predicted signs or miracles occur. If they then say, 'Come, let us worship other gods'—gods you have not known before— **3** do not listen to them. The Lord your God is testing you to see if you truly love him with all your heart and soul. **4** Serve only the Lord your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him. **5** The false prophets or visionaries who try to lead you astray must be put to death, for they encourage rebellion against the Lord your God, who redeemed you from slavery and brought you out of the land of Egypt. Since they try to lead you astray from the way the Lord your God commanded you to live, you must put them to death. In this way you will purge the evil from among you." (NLT)

- _____ About the Lake of Fire
 - Isaiah 66:24 "... their worm will not die, their fire will not be quenched." Jesus later cites this verse (Mark 9:48) while describing Gehenna, the same eternal fire into which the beast and false prophet are thrown.

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)

Mark 9:42 "But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck. **43** If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell [Gehenna] with two hands. **45** If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It's better to enter eternal life with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet. **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)

- Daniel 12:2 speaks of "shame and everlasting contempt," reinforcing the idea of a place of fiery judgment that lasts forever.

Daniel 12:2 Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace. (NLT)

- Putting the _____ Together
 - The Old Testament repeatedly foretells a final world ruler who blasphemes God, deceives the nations, and is destroyed by the personal intervention of the Messiah amid flaming judgment.
 - ▶ Daniel names the beast's downfall, Isaiah and Malachi supply the fiery imagery, Ezekiel sketches the battle scene, and Zechariah portrays the deceptive religious partner.
 - Revelation 19:20 gathers every strand: the political beast, the religious deceiver, their swift capture, and their eternal punishment in the fiery lake—all exactly as the prophets promised.

Understanding Spiritual _____

- God's Warfare Strategy
 - God's victory is decisive and public—no drawn-out stalemate.
 - Evil powers are personal and organized (beast, false prophet), yet completely subject to the Lord's command.
 - Judgment is immediate and irreversible; the lake of fire is not symbolic discipline but literal, eternal defeat.
- Practical Implications for Our Daily Spiritual _____
 - Confidence: If God can capture the beast in a moment, He can handle the lesser struggles we face.

1 John 4:4 But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. (NLT)

- Urgency: The same finality that awaits the beast urges us to resist present deception now.

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

- Clarity: Spiritual warfare is not a metaphor for inner turmoil alone; it involves real demonic forces destined for destruction (Ephesians 6:12).
- Linking Revelation 19:20 with the _____ of God

Ephesians 6:10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **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)

- Belt of truth counters the false prophet's lies.
- Shield of faith extinguishes "signs" meant to deceive.
- Sword of the Spirit (the Word) reminds us that the beast's fate is sealed, so we fight from victory, not for it.
- Warnings against _____
 - The beast's followers were "deceived" by miraculous signs. Compare: Matthew 24:24: false christs and prophets "will perform great signs and wonders."

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)

Revelation 13:14 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. (NLT)

Revelation 18:23 The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The happy voices of brides and grooms will never be heard in you again. For your merchants were the greatest in the world, and you deceived the nations with your sorceries. (NLT)

Revelation 20:3 The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while. (NLT)

Revelation 20:8 He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. (NLT)

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)

- Spiritual warfare therefore centers on discerning truth, not chasing experiences.

2 Corinthians 11:13 These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. **14** But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. **15** So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve. (NLT)

- _____ from Other Passages
 - Romans 16:20—"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."

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- Colossians 2:15—Christ "disarmed the powers and authorities."

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- Because their end is guaranteed, our present obedience is never in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. (NLT)

- Living in Light of the Final _____
 - Pray and act boldly, knowing evil's doom is fixed.
 - Keep evangelizing; there is still time before the lake of fire claims its captives.

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)

- Maintain purity; the beast's trap was worship of an image—idolatry in every form remains Satan's prime tactic.

1 John 5:21 Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts. (NLT)

- Spiritual Warfare _____
 - Revelation 19:20 anchors spiritual warfare in the certainty of Christ's triumph. We engage the battle with truth, faith, and holiness, confident that every dark power arrayed against us is already scheduled for eternal defeat.

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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?