

**ENDGAME****A Study On Revelation (Week #175)**

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**Revelation 19** \_\_\_\_\_

- Crowd In Heaven
- Destruction of Babylon
- Wedding Feast and Celebration
- Angelic Interaction
- Fifth horseman
- Rider and Horse
- Name, Eyes, and Crowns
- Robe and Title

**Revelation 19** \_\_\_\_\_

- Armageddon
- Beast and False Prophet captured
- Fiery lake of burning sulfur
- Banquet of the Beasts

**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 [Or On his robe and thigh.] was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords. (NLT)

**Revelation 19:11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. **12** His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. **13** He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. **15** From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. **16** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (NASB)

**Revelation 19:11** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **13** He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. **15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16** And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (NKJV)

### Symbol Of \_\_\_\_\_

- What does Revelation 19:13 reveal about Jesus' role in spiritual warfare?
  - He is victorious.
  - He is active.
  - He has given us authority over the enemy.

**Luke 10:19** "Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. **20** But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven." (NLT)

**Matthew 28:18** Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NLT)

**Revelation 12:10** Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, "It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—the one who accuses them before our God day and night. **11** And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. (NLT)

- Why the Title "The Word of God" Matters in Warfare
  - Personified power: Jesus doesn't merely speak God's word—He is that Word (John 1:1).
  - Instrument of combat: His spoken word destroys opposition.

**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)

- Standard of truth: the Word exposes and judges every dark work.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (NLT)

- Judicial-Warrior \_\_\_\_\_
  - The robe dipped in blood anticipates the imminent slaughter of Christ's enemies (Revelation 19:17-21).
  - Yet the text curiously shows Him blood-stained before the battle is narrated. Two intertwined explanations satisfy the paradox:
    - ▶ Prophetic Prolepsis: John sees the outcome before the event (Revelation 14:20 - winepress vision).
    - ▶ Atonement Precedent: The blood is His own, shed previously at Calvary, demonstrating that judgment falls upon those who reject the very sacrifice offered for their redemption.

**Revelation 14:18** Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, "Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment." **19** So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God's wrath. **20** The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles long and as high as a horse's bridle. (NLT)

**John 3:18** "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son." (NLT)

- \_\_\_\_\_ of the Warrior King
  - Conquers by proclamation, not human weapons (Revelation 19:15).

**Psalm 2:9** You will break them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots." (NLT)

- Applies His shed blood to free captives and silence accusers.

**Revelation 12:11** And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. (NLT)

**Hebrews 2:14** Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. **15** Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. (NLT)

- Leads armies of heaven, yet fights single-handedly—His victory is sufficient (Revelation 19:14).

#### Implications for \_\_\_\_\_ Today

- Confidence in complete salvation
  - The robe reminds us that our sins are paid for, once for all.

**Hebrews 10:19** And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. **20** By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. **21** And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, **22** let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. (NLT)

- Assurance of \_\_\_\_\_ justice
  - Wrong will be judged; believers need not seek vengeance.

**Romans 12:19** Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. (NLT)

- Motivation for holy living
  - We wear "white robes" washed in His blood; purity matches our position

**Revelation 7:14** And I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. (NLT)

- \_\_\_\_\_ in spiritual warfare
  - We overcome "by the blood of the Lamb." His victory empowers our daily battles.

**Revelation 12:11** And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. (NLT)

- Expectant hope
  - The returning Christ will finish what He started; our future is secure.

**Philippians 1:6** And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (NLT)

- Living in the Light of the Blood-Stained Robe
  - Start each day remembering you stand in grace, not guilt.
  - Refuse retaliation, trusting Christ to judge righteously.
  - Pursue purity, knowing sin cost Jesus His blood.
  - Share the gospel—the same blood that secures you can save others.
  - Worship confidently; the Victor invites you near.
- Spiritual Warfare
  - Rely on the completed work of the cross—the robe is already dipped in blood.
  - Wield Scripture as the Spirit's sword, echoing the Commander's method.

**Ephesians 6:17** Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (NLT)

- Stand in confident hope: the outcome is settled, and we share in His triumph.

**1 John 5:4** For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. **5** And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. (NLT)

### **Victory** \_\_\_\_\_

- The Robe Dipped in Blood
  - Battle imagery: Isaiah 63:1-3 pictures the Messiah "coming from Edom... with garments stained crimson," signifying triumph over enemies.

**Isaiah 63:1** Who is this who comes from Edom, from the city of Bozrah, with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in his great strength? "It is I, the Lord, announcing your salvation! It is I, the Lord, who has the power to save!" **2** Why are your clothes so red, as if you have been treading out grapes? **3** "I have

been treading the winepress alone; no one was there to help me. In my anger I have trampled my enemies as if they were grapes. In my fury I have trampled my foes. Their blood has stained my clothes. (NLT)

- Revelation 19 shows the same Conqueror: the blood on His robe is evidence that judgment has already been executed; He rides to finish what is already won.
- Because the blood is on His robe before the final clash, believers know the outcome is settled in advance.
- Authority Guaranteed: "The Word of God"
  - Jesus is eternal, uncreated, and fully divine.

**John 1:1** In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. (NLT)

- Jesus embodies that power.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (NLT)

- When He is called "The Word of God," every promise He ever spoke carries irresistible authority. His victory is as sure as His character.
- Connecting the Dots to Ultimate Triumph
  - Revelation 19 shows the moment of worship and the arrival of acknowledged authority.

**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)

- The blood-soaked robe reminds us the decisive blow was struck at Calvary.

**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)

- The One returning in chapter 19 is already reigning.

**Revelation 1:5** and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. (NLT)

- Why Believers Can Rest \_\_\_\_\_
  - Past victory guarantees future fulfillment: Calvary's blood secures Armageddon's outcome.
  - His titles are promises: "Faithful and True" (v. 11) assures He will finish what He started; "King of kings" (v. 16) ensures no rival can stand.
  - The Word that spoke creation into existence (Genesis 1) now speaks final judgment—so nothing can nullify His decree.
- Living Today in the Light of His Triumph
  - Worship with certainty: praise springs from knowing Jesus cannot lose.

**Revelation 19:1** After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, "Praise the Lord! 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." And again their voices rang out: "Praise the Lord! 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! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. (NLT)

- Stand firm under pressure: persecution is temporary; the Victor is on the way.

**James 5:7** Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. **8** You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. (NLT)

- Proclaim boldly: the gospel carries the authority of "The Word of God" who will soon be visibly reigning.

**Matthew 28:18** Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NLT)

- Revelation 19:13 reassures believers that the One who shed His blood now rides in unstoppable power. Trust in Him is never misplaced, because His past sacrifice and present titles guarantee His ultimate victory.

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### Aspects

- Immediate Literary Context
  - Revelation 19:11-16 unveils the climactic appearance of Christ as the conquering King.
    - ▶ John has just heard heaven exult over Babylon's fall and the marriage supper of the Lamb (19:1-10).
    - ▶ Now he sees heaven opened, revealing a mounted Warrior whose titles—"Faithful and True," "Word of God," "King of kings"—proclaim deity and messianic authority.
  - The blood-soaked robe, therefore, must be read in light of:
    - ▶ Divine judgment.

**Revelation 19:15** 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. (NLT)

- ▶ Messianic victory over the beast and false prophet (Revelation 19:19-21).

**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)

- ▶ The consummation of the promises made in Genesis 3:15 and Psalm 2.

**Genesis 3:15** And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." (NLT)

**Psalm 2:7** The king proclaims the Lord's decree: "The Lord said to me, 'You are my son. Today I have become your Father. **8** Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession. **9** You will break them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.'" **10** Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be

warned, you rulers of the earth! **11** Serve the Lord with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. **12** Submit to God's royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities—for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him! (NLT)

- Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_
  - Isaiah 63:1-6 is the closest parallel. Yahweh's garments are reddened because He alone "trod the winepress" of judgment. Early Jewish exegesis already saw this as messianic; Revelation explicitly transfers it to Jesus.

**Isaiah 63:4** For the time has come for me to avenge my people, to ransom them from their oppressors. **5** I was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So I myself stepped in to save them with my strong arm, and my wrath sustained me. **6** I crushed the nations in my anger and made them stagger and fall to the ground, spilling their blood upon the earth." (NLT)

- Genesis 49:11: Judah's royal figure "washes his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes"—a poetic overlap of abundance and judgment.

**Genesis 49:11** He ties his foal to a grapevine, the colt of his donkey to a choice vine. He washes his clothes in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. (NLT)

- Psalm 58:10 and Deuteronomy 32:42: Righteous rejoicing when God bathes His sword in the blood of the wicked.

**Psalm 58:10** The godly will rejoice when they see injustice avenged. They will wash their feet in the blood of the wicked. (NLT)

**Deuteronomy 32:42** I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword will devour flesh—the blood of the slaughtered and the captives, and the heads of the enemy leaders." (NLT)

- Sacrificial-Atonement \_\_\_\_\_
  - Revelation earlier depicts the Lamb "as though it had been slain" (5:6) whose blood ransoms people (5:9-10).

**Revelation 5:6** Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. (NLT)

**Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. **10** And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth." (NLT)

- The same person now appears with a blood-dipped garment. The continuity unites two phases of messianic work:
  - ▶ He is both the Passover victim and the Avenger-King.

**John 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (NLT)

**1 Corinthians 5:7** Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. (NLT)

**Psalm 110:5** The Lord stands at your right hand to protect you. He will strike down many kings when his anger erupts. **6** He will punish the nations and fill their lands with corpses; he will shatter heads over the whole earth. (NLT)

- ▶ Hebrews 9:12 echoes the duality—entering once for all by His own blood, then returning to save those who eagerly wait for Him (9:28).

**Hebrews 9:12** With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. (NLT)

**Hebrews 9:28** so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him. (NLT)

- Priestly, Kingly, and Prophetic Symbolism
  - Garments in Revelation function symbolically:
    - ▶ Priestly linen (1:13) → Atonement ministry.
    - ▶ Royal robe (19:13) → Kingly conquest.
    - ▶ Prophetic mantle (Isaiah 59:17) → Proclamation of justice.
    - ▶ All offices converge in the Messiah whose blood both cleanses and condemns.

**2 Corinthians 2:16** To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this? (NLT)

**Isaiah 59:17** He put on righteousness as his body armor and placed the helmet of salvation on his head. He clothed himself with a robe of vengeance and wrapped himself in a cloak of divine passion. (NLT)

### Doctrinal \_\_\_\_\_

- Early Christian (Patristic) Witness
  - Irenaeus (Adv. Haer. 5.30.4): Interprets the blood as "His own, shed for us," validating atonement.
  - Athanasius (On the Incarnation 27): Sees the scene proving Christ will "judge with the very blood that purchased."
  - Andrew of Caesarea (Commentary on Revelation 19:13): Joins Isaiah 63 and Calvary, calling the garment both priestly and martial.
  - Early Church consensus affirms a literal resurrection and future, visible return—opposing modern allegorizing that detaches blood imagery from historical events.
- Canonical Integration
  - The same blood that justifies saints stains His robe in judgment on rebels.
    - ▶ Revelation 1:5—"Who has freed us from our sins by His blood."
    - ▶ Revelation 7:14—Believers "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."
    - ▶ Revelation 12:11—Victory "by the blood of the Lamb."
- Theological Implications
  - Certainty of Final Justice: God answers the martyrs' plea.

**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?" (NLT)

- Centrality of the Cross: Salvation history culminates not apart from the crucifixion but through it.
- Exclusivity of Christ: Only He bears the dual qualifications—sin-bearing Lamb and sovereign Judge.

**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)

- Assurance for Believers: Because their Judge is also their Redeemer, condemnation is removed.

**Romans 8:34** Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. (NLT)

**Romans 8:1** So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. (NLT)

- Pastoral and Evangelistic Application
  - The blood-dipped robe is a sober summons. Either one is covered by that blood in forgiveness or faces it in wrath.
  - The image pleads: "Be reconciled to God."

**2 Corinthians 5:20** So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" (NLT)

- As Spurgeon urged, "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry."

**Psalm 2:12** Submit to God's royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities—for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him! (NLT)

- The victory is certain; the offer of grace still stands.

**Revelation 22:17** The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. (NLT)

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- Summary
  - Revelation 19:13 presents the returning Jesus in two breathtaking pictures.
    - His blood-stained robe shows both the cost of our redemption and the certainty of His triumph over all wickedness.
    - His title, "The Word of God," accents His unmatched authority to reveal, save, and judge.

- ▶ Together they assure us that the same Savior who died for us is coming again to set everything right—and His victory is as sure as His word.
- Key Takeaways
  - "Dipped in blood" in Revelation 19:13 blends atonement accomplished with judgment forthcoming.
  - ▶ The phrase unites Isaiah's winepress, Calvary's cross, and Armageddon's battlefield into one coherent revelation of the glorified Christ.
  - ▶ His robe, permanently dyed, testifies that the same blood that saves the repentant will stain the garments of justice when He returns in unassailable triumph.
  - Christ's robe dipped in blood is a vivid, literal picture of His past sacrifice and future triumph.
  - His blood both redeems believers and guarantees the defeat of evil.
  - For us, the image fuels assurance, holiness, courage, witness, and worship.

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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?