# Revelation

**Unlocking the Future** 



Lesson 21

# Triumphal Return of Christ

**Revelation 19** 

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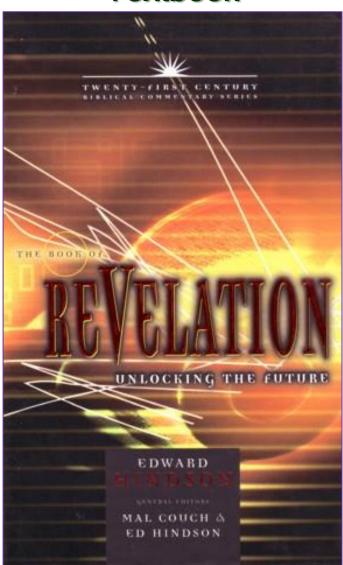






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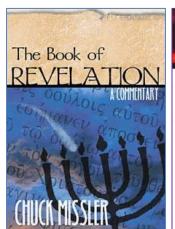


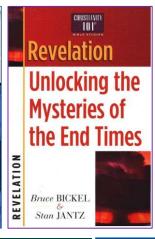


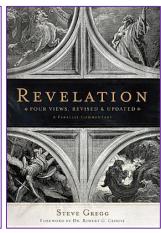


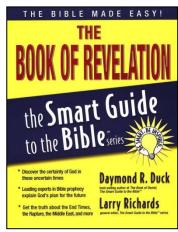
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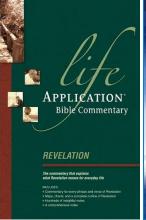


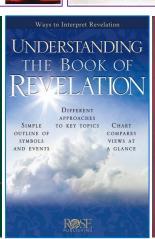


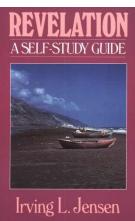








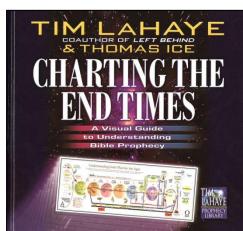


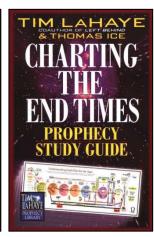


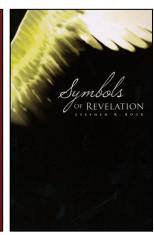


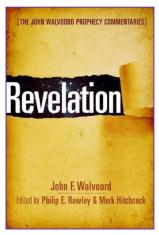
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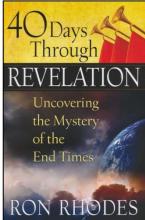


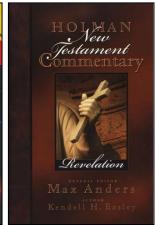


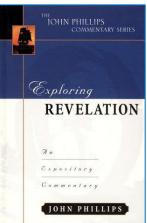




























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Lesson 21: Triumphal Return of Christ

#### **✓** STRUCTURE



» Heaven Exults over Babylon...... Revelation 19:1-10

» Beast and His Armies Defeated ...... Revelation 19:17-21











# **Triumphal Return of Christ**

Structure

#### Lesson 21 - Outline



# Revelation: Unlocking the Future

Lesson 21: Triumphal Return of Christ

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...... Introduction

» Beast and His Armies Defeated ...... Revelation 19:17-21







## **Chapter Preview - Introduction**



#### Preview

This is one of the **greatest** chapters in the entire **Bible**! It deals with **three** of the most important **events** in our lives: 1) the marriage supper of the Lamb; 2) the return of Christ with His Church; and 3) the final triumph over the Antichrist and the False Prophet. The climax of the entire Revelation is reached in this dramatic and exciting chapter in which Christ returns as the King of Kings.







## Chapter Preview - Introduction



- Jesus' First & Second Coming
  - Gabriel's Prophecy Concerning Jesus

FULFILLED

- Given to Mary
- Mary commanded to name Him Jesus
- He will be great
- He will be called the Son of the Highest
- The Lord will give Him the throne of His father David
- He will reign over the house of Jacob forever
- Of His kingdom there will be no end!

WILL BE FULFILLED AT HIS SECOND COMING !!!

#### CHRIST'S BIRTH ANNOUNCED TO MARY

<sup>30</sup> Then the **angel** said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

-- Luke 1:30-33 ... NKJV

## Chapter Preview - Introduction



#### JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH

<sup>16</sup> So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, *To* set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. <sup>21</sup> And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." --- Luke 4:16-21 ... NKJV

Jesus stops reading at a comma, and declares "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your Hearing"

This chapter will fulfill the Isaiah Prophecy!

#### THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

61 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,

And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

-- Isaiah 61:1-2 ... NKJV

1<sup>st</sup> Coming

2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

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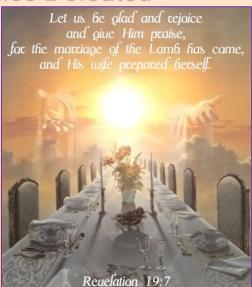
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>> Heaven Exults over Babylon...... Revelation 19:1-10

» Christ on a White Horse ...... Revelation 19:11-16

» Beast and His Armies Defeated ...... Revelation 19:17-21







## Heaven Exults over Babylon - Revelation 19:1 - OBSERVATIONS



- After these things Great Multitude Praise God
  - This multitude in heaven is rejoicing over the destruction of Babylon - spiritual and political
  - Alleluia
    - Greek form of the Hebrew Hallelujah
      - Actually a two-word phrase
      - · Hallal joyous praise in song
      - Jah shortened form of Yahweh [YHWH]
    - Occurs four times in NT all here in this chapter [verses 1, 3, 4, 6]
  - Saints express praise to God in four great words
    - Salvation
    - Glory
    - Honor
    - Power

"BELONG TO OUR GOD"

**TETRAGRAMMATON** 

GOD IS THE SOURCE!

19 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! <sup>2</sup> For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her." <sup>3</sup> Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

--- Revelation 19:1-3 ... NKJV

## Heaven Exults over Babylon - Revelation 19:2-3 - OBSERVATIONS



- Reason for the Praise Final Judgment has Come
  - God is praised for ...
    - Judging the great harlot
    - Avenging on the harlot the blood of His servant

<sup>9</sup> When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. <sup>10</sup> And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" <sup>11</sup> Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they *were*, was completed.

- -- Revelation 6:9-11 ... NKJV [Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs]
  - The saints repeat their "Alleluia" praise
    - As her smoke rises up forever and ever!
    - Her punishment is forever
      - Eternal not time constrained
      - Scripture does not teach "Annihilationism"

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--- Revelation 19:1-3 ... NKJV

## Heaven Exults over Babylon - Revelation 19:4-5 - OBSERVATIONS



- Reaction in Heaven Elders and Living Creatures
  - The 24 elders and 4 living creatures react by
    - Falling down
    - · Worshipping God ... saying
      - Amen! So be it.
      - Alleluia! 3<sup>rd</sup> Alleluia ... Praise God!
    - This is the last reference to the 24 Elders
      - · They apparently become the Bride
  - A voice from the throne ... saying
    - Praise our God
    - All you His servants
    - And those who fear Him
    - Both small and great

ARE YOU AMONG THIS GROUP?

DO YOU FEAR HIM?

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

--- 2 Timothy 4:6-8 ... NKJV [Paul's Valedictory]

<sup>4</sup> And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" <sup>5</sup> Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

--- Revelation 19:4-5 ... NKJV

#### Christ is Coming!!

Lord, "Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool." <sup>2</sup> The Lord shall
send the rod of Your strength
out of Zion. Rule in the midst
of Your enemies!

--- Psalm 110:1-2 ... NKJV

## Heaven Exults over Babylon - Revelation 19:6 - OBSERVATIONS



- Alleluia The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns
  - John hears the voice of a great multitude loud as
    - The sound of many waters
    - The sound of mighty thunders
    - Saying
      - Alleluia! Fourth and Final Alleluia
      - The Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

#### GOD IS ...

(1) OMNIPOTENT

- All Powerful

(2) OMNISCIENT

- All Knowing

(3) OMNIBENEVOLENT

- All Loving

Remove even one of these attributes and God would not be a God you would want to worship!

<sup>6</sup> And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

--- Revelation 19:6-8 ... NKJV

## Heaven Exults over Babylon - Revelation 19:7 - OBSERVATIONS



## Marriage of the Lamb - Wife Ready

- The great multitude now announces a major event regarding the Lord's Reign on the Earth
  - His marriage His bride
- The great multitude expresses its joy that the marriage of the Lamb has come
- His wife has made herself ready
- Who is the Bride?

	REFERENCE	Техт
The Church - Chaste Virgin	2 Corinthians 11:2	<sup>2</sup> For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

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--- Revelation 19:6-8 ... NKJV

## Heaven Exults over Babylon - Revelation 19:8 - OBSERVATIONS



- Granted to be Arrayed In Fine Linen
  - The bride is granted to be arrayed in fine linen
    - Granted NOT Earned!!

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. -- Ephesians 2:8-9 ... NKJV

- The fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints
  - Christ's Righteousness

THE GLORIES OF THE MESSIAH AND HIS BRIDE PSALM 45

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## The Jewish Wedding - OBSERVATIONS



#### The Ketubah - Betrothal:

The prospective groom's traveling from his father's house to the home of the prospective bride, paying the purchase price, and thus establishing the marriage covenant (*ketubah*). Usually arranged by the parents. Binding and could only be broken by a form of divorce. Any unfaithfulness during the engagement was considered adultery.

## Bridegroom Departs to Father's House:

The groom returns to his father's house and remained separate from his bride, during which time he prepared the living accommodations for his bride in his father's house; the groom comes for his bride at a time not known exactly to her; she lives in expectation until he surprises her on his return.

#### Surprise Gathering:

His return with her to the groom's father's house for the *huppah* (wedding ceremony), to consummate the marriage and to celebrate the wedding feast for the next seven days (during which the bride remained closeted in her bridal chamber).





ELEMENT	REFERENCE
Covenant established	1 Corinthians 11:25
Purchase price	1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Bride set apart	Epheisans 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians1:2; 6:11; Hebrews 10:10; 13:12
Reminded of the covenant	1 Corinthians 11:25-26
Bridegroom left for the Father's house	John 14
Escort to accompany Him upon His return to gather His Bride	1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
Bridegroom	Matthew 9:15; 22:1-13; 2 Corinthians11:2; Epheisans 5:23-32
John the Baptist (Friend of Bridegroom, not the Bride)	John 3:29; Luke 16:16; Matthew 11:11-13
Banquet	Isaiah 25:6-10; 26:1-4,19; Luke 22:15-16; Matthew 26:39
Bride enjoys a unique relationship	John 17:23-26

ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR WEDDING DAY?

## Heaven Exults over Babylon - Revelation 19:9-10 - OBSERVATIONS



## Marriage Supper Invitation - Beatitude

John is commanded to write the beatitude

Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!

- The wife is distinguished from the wedding attendants - those invited to attend
  - The Wife is the church
  - The Attendants are the saints of past and future ages
- This revelation is so awesome that John instinctively falls down to worship the angel
- John is reprimanded Only God is to be worshiped
  - Jesus permits worship: Simon Peter (Luke 5:8);
     Thomas (John 20:28); and Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15), etc.
- The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy
  - Prophecy is at its very core is designed to unfold the beauty and awesomeness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
  - Christ is the central theme of prophecy

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

--- Revelation 19:9-10 ... NKJV

There are two suppers mentioned in Revelation.

Can you name the other?

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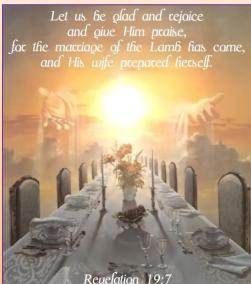
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#### **✓** STRUCTURE

» Chapter Preview ...... Introduction

>> Christ on a White Horse ...... Revelation 19:11-16







#### Christ on a White Horse - Revelation 19:11 - OBSERVATIONS



- Heaven Opens Christ Appears on a White Horse
  - This time heaven is opened not to let John in ... but to let Jesus out!
  - This passage contains one of the most graphic images of the Second Coming of Christ in all of Scripture.
  - His enemies know He is coming

Revelation 12:12; Matthew 24:29-30; 26:64; [Placed Under Oath!] Acts 1:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

- At the Rapture Christ meets His own in the air
- At the Second Coming Christ is coming with His own with a specific purpose of bringing divine judgment and establishing His righteous rule (next chapter ... Millennial Reign)

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

--- Revelation 19:11-13 ... NKJV

#### Christ on a White Horse - Revelation 19:11 - OBSERVATIONS



## • Heaven Opens - Christ Appears on a White Horse

Many Scriptures in both OT and NT anticipate this event.

OT

- Isaiah 63:1-6 ... The Lord in Judgment and Salvation
- Zechariah 14:3-4 ... Earthquake on Mount of Olives

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. <sup>4</sup> And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. --- Zechariah 14:3-4 ... NKJV [DAY OF THE LORD]

NT

Matthew 24:27-31 ... Olivet Discourse

<sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup> For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. <sup>29</sup> "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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--- Revelation 19:11-13 ... NKJV

The Bible teaches that Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming will be an awesome event that all will witness!

#### Christ on a White Horse - Revelation 19:12-13 - OBSERVATIONS



- Christ's Appearance The Word of God
  - His eyes are as a flame of fire [1:14; 2:18]
    - Speaks of His righteous judgment of sin
  - His head is crowned with many crowns
    - Diadems not stephanos (victor's crown)
    - Symbol of sovereignty
  - He possesses a name that no one knows
    - · As yet unrevealed
  - His robe is dipped in blood
    - Anticipating the bloodshed to come (Isaiah 63:2-3)
    - Christ the slain Lamb speaks of redemption by blood
    - Here blood represents divine judgment upon evil
  - His name is called The Word of God
    - One of John's favorite titles for Jesus
    - Used in opening of Gospel, & 1st Epistle

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--- Revelation 19:11-13 ... NKJV

JESUS THE WORD OF GOD IS THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE!

#### Christ on a White Horse - Revelation 19:14 - OBSERVATIONS



- Armies Follow Him on White Horses
  - Christ leaves heaven to come to earth
  - Jesus warned of this while under oath before the high priest (Matthew 26:64)

64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." --- Matthew 26:64 ... NKJV

At Pentecost Peter referred to this day (Acts 2:19-20)

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. --- Acts 2:19-20 ... NKJV

- Armies ... Jude 14; Zechariah 14:5
  - Angels are with Him
     Matthew 13:41; 25:31; 2 Thessalonians 1:7
  - We are also with Him

1 Thessalonians 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:10; Hebrew 2:10; Colossians 3:4; Zechariah 14:5

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

--- Revelation 19:14-16 ... NKJV

#### Christ on a White Horse - Revelation 19:15 - OBSERVATIONS



- Sword To Strike the Nations
  - Sword: idiom for the Word of God

Isaiah 11:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17; Revelation 1:16; 2:16; 19:15, 21 Psalm 149:6; Isaiah 49:2

- Fulfills His purposes on earth
   Revelation 17:7; 6:11; 10:7; 15:1
- Enemies are consumed with the spirit of His mouth
   2 Thessalonians 2:8; Isaiah 11:4
- Rod of Iron
  - Psalm 2:9; Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15.
- Christ Himself treads the winepress
  - Of the fierceness and
  - Wrath of Almighty God

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON WILL NOT BE MUCH OF A BATTLE/STRUGGLE ... ONE SMALL WORD IS ALL IT WILL TAKE!

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. <sup>16</sup> And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

--- Revelation 19:14-16 ... NKJV

#### Christ on a White Horse - Revelation 19:16 - OBSERVATIONS



- On His Thigh A Name Written
  - Christ's Title
    - KING OF KINGS
    - LORD OF LORDS
  - Placed on Christ's Thigh
    - This is the normal placement of the insignia or coat of arms for a warrior on a horse
    - The banner under which the warrior is fighting

#### COMPARISON OF RAPTURE AND SECOND COMING

- Not the Rapture, but the Revelation!
- Not in the Air, but to the Earth!
- Not FOR the Saints, but WITH the Saints!
- Not to Comfort, but to Conquer!
- Not to protect us in Heaven but to rule with us on Earth!

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#### Lesson 21 - Outline



# Revelation: Unlocking the Future

Lesson 21: Triumphal Return of Christ

#### **✓** STRUCTURE

» Beast and His Armies Defeated ...... Revelation 19:17-21







#### Beast and His Armies Defeated - Revelation 19:17-18 - OBSERVATIONS



- Another Supper Of Carrion Birds
  - There are Two Suppers here in Revelation 19
    - Marriage supper of the Lamb
    - 2. Carrion birds supper for the slain of God
  - The Carrion Birds are commanded by an angel
    - Gather for the supper of the great God
    - Feast on

# Comprehensive List

- The flesh of kings
- The flesh of captains
- The flesh of might men
- The flesh of horses
- The flesh of the warriors on the horses
- The flesh of all people
  - Free and slave
  - Small and great

<sup>17</sup> Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God <sup>18</sup> that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great."

--- Revelation 19:17-18 ... NKJV

#### Beast and His Armies Defeated - Revelation 19:19 - OBSERVATIONS



- The Armies Gather To Make War with Christ
  - John see the enemies of Christ gathering to make war with Christ and His army
  - The enemies include
    - The Beast
    - The Kings of the earth
    - The Armies of the Kings

How deluded do you have to be to think that you can rise up against Almighty God in armed conflict?

Psalm 2 records a conversation among the Trinity regarding this event! At one point we see God laughing at the arrogance of the kings of the earth who are taking up arms against Almighty God!

<sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. <sup>20</sup> Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

--- Revelation 19:19-20 ... NKJV

#### Beast and His Armies Defeated - Revelation 19:20 - OBSERVATIONS



- Beast and False Prophet Captured
  - The Beast and the False Prophet are
    - Captured
    - Cast alive into the lake of fire
  - They are still there 1000 years later (Revelation 20:10)
  - Contrast
    - The two here who are cast alive into Gehenna (Hell)
    - The two witnesses taken alive into Heaven (chap 11)

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#### Beast and His Armies Defeated - Revelation 19:21 - OBSERVATIONS



- Birds Filled
  - The Kings and the armies of the kings are slain with the Word of God (sword)
  - The carrion birds come and are filled
    - Prophecy fulfilled

Note: there is no Resurrection here.

The Rapture has already occurred.

The "Second Resurrection" occurs 1,000 years later.

Unbelievers, when they die, go to Hades, the unseen world, the (temporary) realm of the dead.

Believers go immediately into the presence of the Lord (Philippians 1:19-23; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8).

Hades will be emptied of its dead in Revelation 20:13.

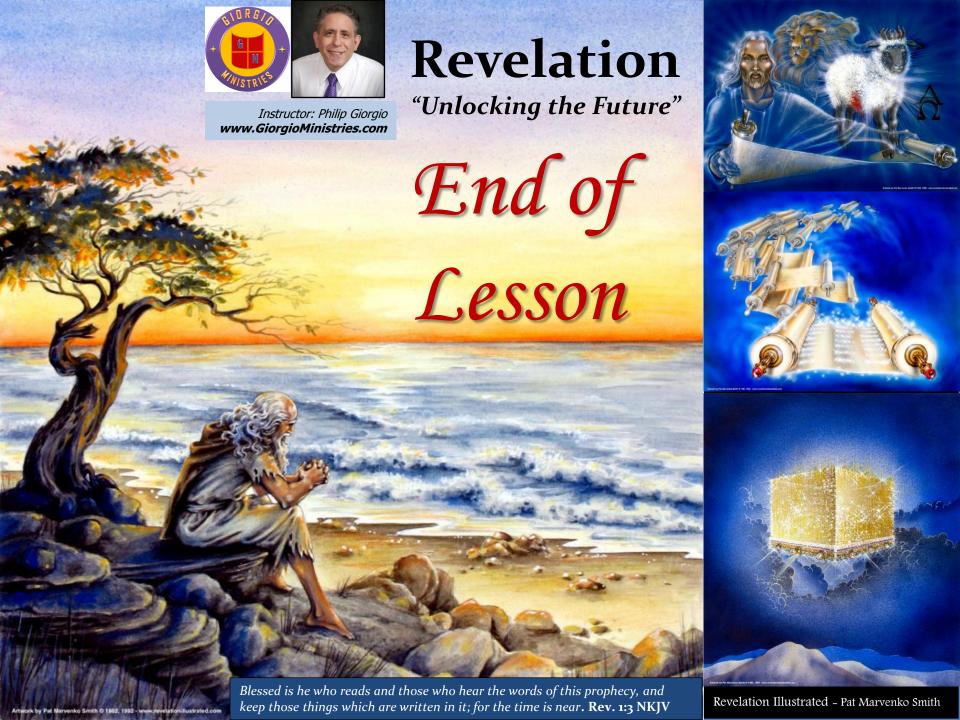
<sup>21</sup> And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

--- Revelation 19:21 ... NKJV

Jesus now takes the throne upon the earth— the Throne of David

(Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:32-3).

NEXT LESSON WE WILL EXAMINE THE MILLENNIUM!









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Lesson 22: The Millennial Kingdom

[Revelation 20]

Next Week's Lesson

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