Revelation

Chapter 19 Verses 1-10

Introduction

- The Revelation to John
 - A prophetic writing with features of a letter and of the form of literature called Apocalyptic
 - Written by John to Christians during the second half of the First Century
 - Placed at the end of the New Testament because of its concern with the "end times."
 - So far we have finished the first 18 chapters
 - Tonight we will begin Chapter 19

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Introduction

- Concerning the Future of This Class
 - We are within about 3 weeks of finishing our current study of Revelation
 - Three options to consider:
 - 1. Discontinue the Tuesday Evening Bible Study
 - 2. Follow Pastor Dennis' study of Romans
 - » Dennis Begins on Feb 18
 - » We Could follow on Tuesday, Feb 21
 - 3. Take up Another Book of the Bible
 - Please think and pray about this.

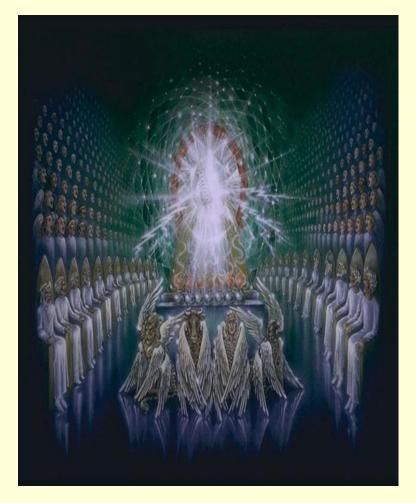
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- Introduction (1:1-8)
- First Vision (1:9-20)
- 7 Letters (Chapters 2 & 3)



 Heavenly Throne Room (Chapters 4 & 5)









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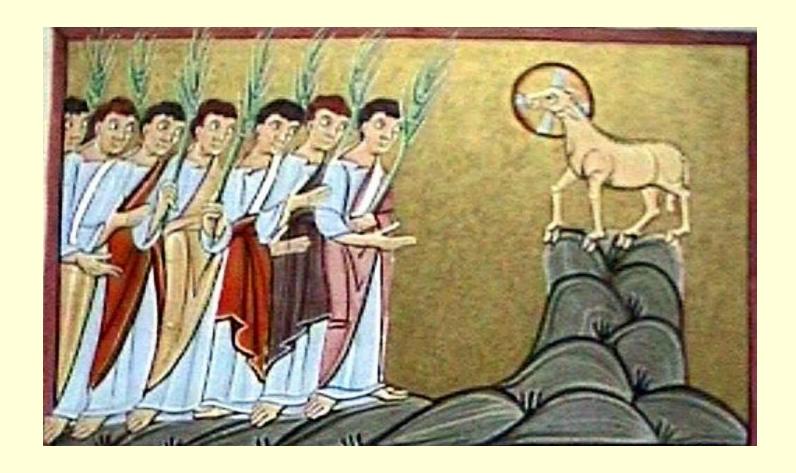


- The First Six Seals (Chapter 6)
 - The 4 Horsemen
 - Souls of Martyrs
 - Vision of the End

Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

--- Revelation 6:15-17

 The Servants of God (Chapter 7)





Chapter 8

- The 7th Seal
- Silence in Heaven
- Prayers of the Saints
- The First 4 Trumpets
- Announcement of the 3 Woes

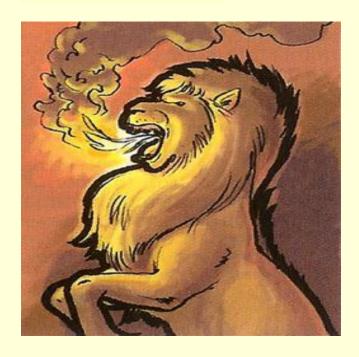
Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!" (Revelation 8:113)





 The First Two Woes (Chapter 9)





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Interlude

- Mighty Angel With A Little Book (Chapter 10)
- Measuring the Temple (Chapter 11, Verses 1-2)
- The Two Witnesses(Chapter 11, Verses 3-13)





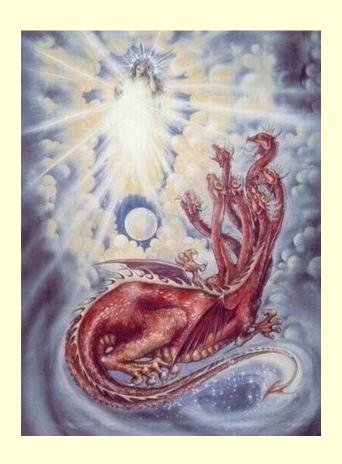
 The Seventh Trumpet (Chapter 11, Verses 14-19)



Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (11:15)

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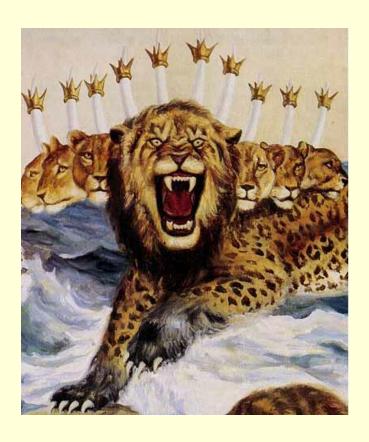
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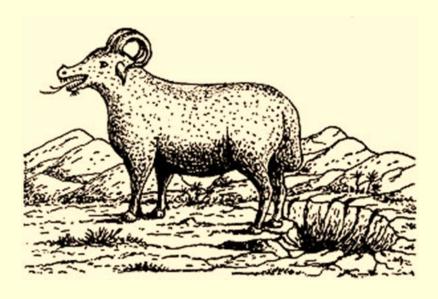
The Woman, Her Son and The Dragon (Chapter 12)

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

--- Revelation 12:17a



 The Two Beasts (Chapter 13)











The New Song (Chapter 14, Verses 1-5)

Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

--- Revelation 14:1-3



Another Three Angels (Chapter 14, Verses 6-13)

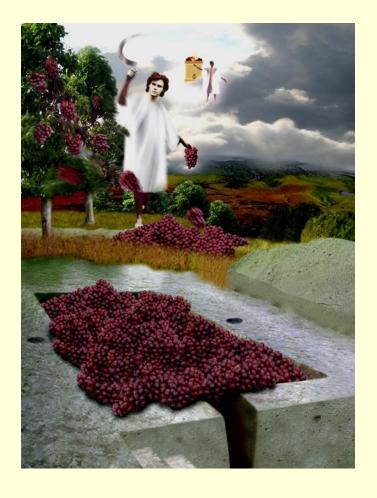
And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast ... he also will drink the wine of God's wrath... (9-10)

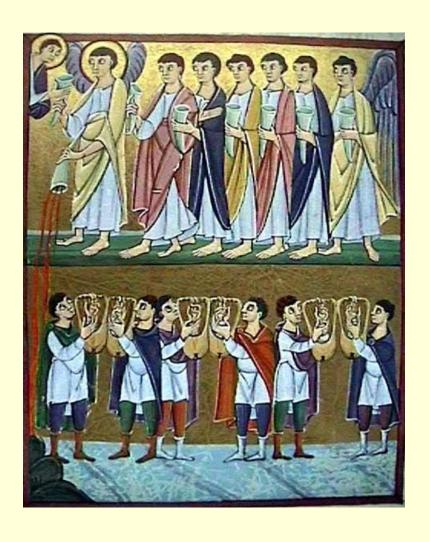
Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. (12)

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (13)

 The Harvest (Chapter 14, Verses 14-20)







- Chapter 15
 - 7 Angels With 7 Plagues
 - Saints on Sea of Glass





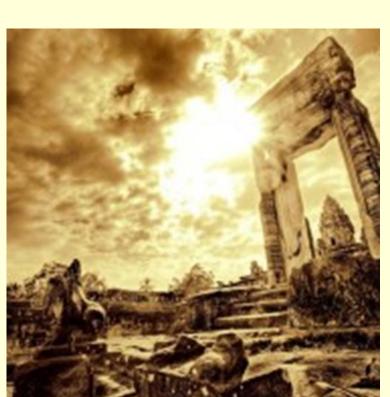
 7 Bowls of Wrath are Poured Out (Chapter 16)

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.

Revelation 16:17-19

 The Great Prostitute and the Beast (Chapter 17)





The Fall of Babylon
 The Great (Chapter 18)



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- 8. 彼女は、光り輝く、汚れのない麻布の衣を着ることを許された。この麻布の衣は、聖徒たちの正しい行いである」。
- 9. それから、御使はわたしに言った、「書きしるせ。小羊の婚宴に招かれた者は、さいわいである」。またわたしに言った、「これらは、神の真実の言葉である」。

10. そこで、わたしは彼の足もとにひれ伏して、彼を拝そうとした。すると、彼は言った、「そのようなことをしてはいけない。わたしは、あなたと同じ僕仲間であり、またイエスのあかしびとであるあなたの兄弟たちと同じ僕仲間である。ただ神だけを拝しなさい。イエスのあかしは、すなわち預言の霊である」。

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- Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;
- 8. it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"---for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

9. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

10. Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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- God is being praised, in part, because:
 - He has saved his people
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 - He is powerful
- God is not, however, being praised simply because he is strong enough to deliver his people from their enemies.

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- God is here being praised because the destruction of Rome demonstrates that His judgments are true and just.
- Rome was depicted previously as a great prostitute riding on the back of Satan's powerful presence in the world.
- She had trampled on God's people and corrupted the whole earth.
- God's judgment of Rome was...fitting...worthy...glorious

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- These events are examples and eternal symbols of God's salvation, glory, power, and justice.

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 This voice is calling us to praise "our God" for (among other things of course) the complete destruction of Rome.

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But his glory is merely hidden, not diminished.

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- The Revelation to John, which we are studying now, is about how God's glory shall be revealed finally and fully and shine forth eternally.
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And how does the Bride (God's people) make herself ready?

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- The angel's correction merely underscores how great and how blessed a gift such an invitation truly is.

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