

Revelation

Chapter 19 Verses 11-21

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 and the first 10 verses of Chapter 19
 - Tonight we will finish Chapter 19

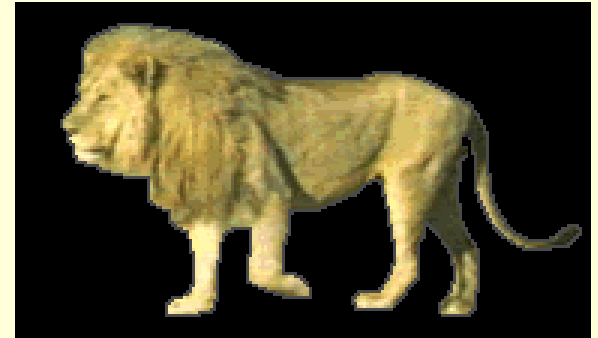
Review

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



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- Heavenly Throne Room (Chapters 4 & 5)



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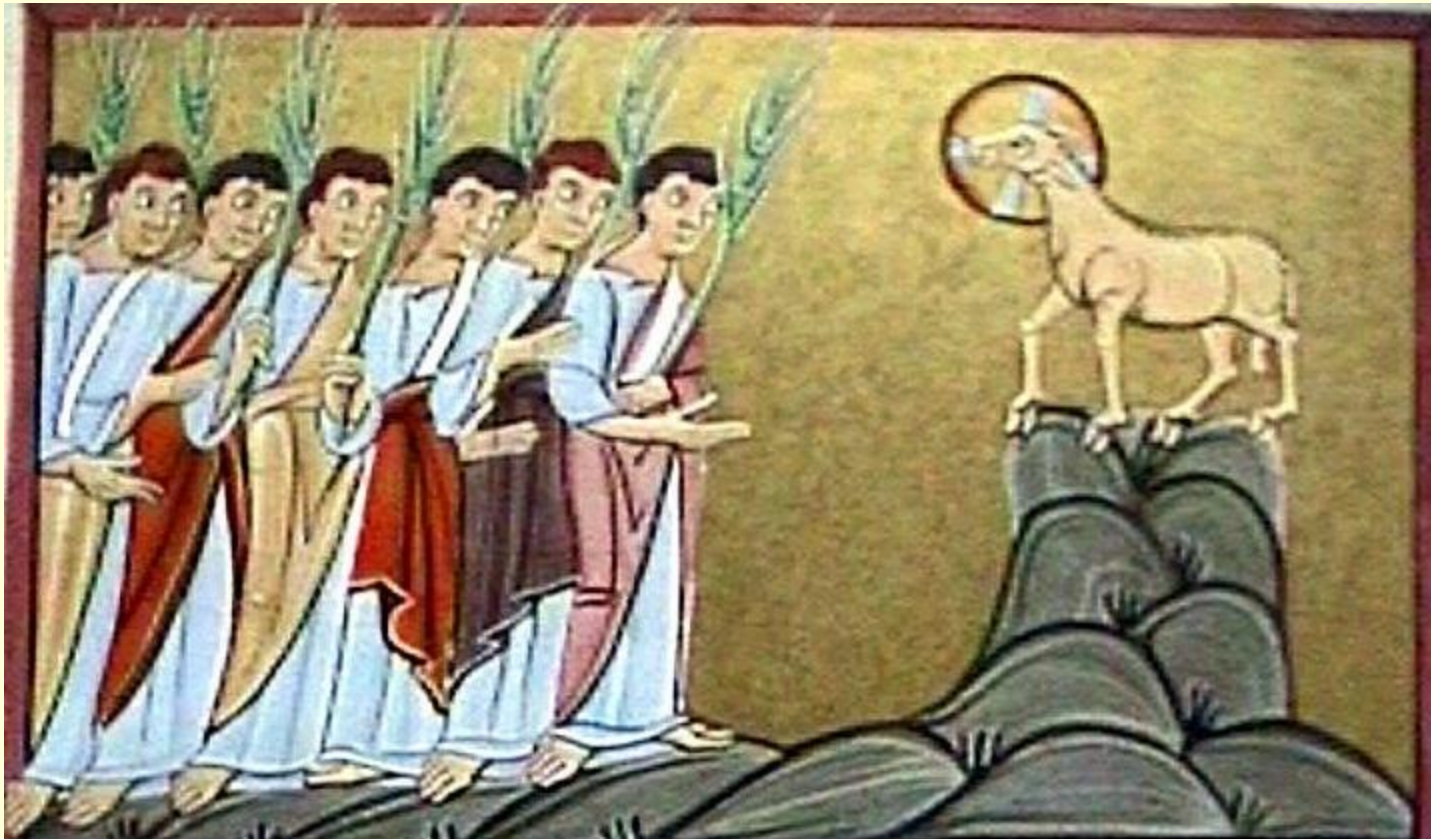
- The First Six Seals (Chapter 6)
 - The 4 Horsemen
 - Souls of Martyrs
 - Vision of the End

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

Review

- The Servants of God (Chapter 7)



Review

- 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**)



Review

- The First Two Woes (Chapter 9)



5th
Trumpet



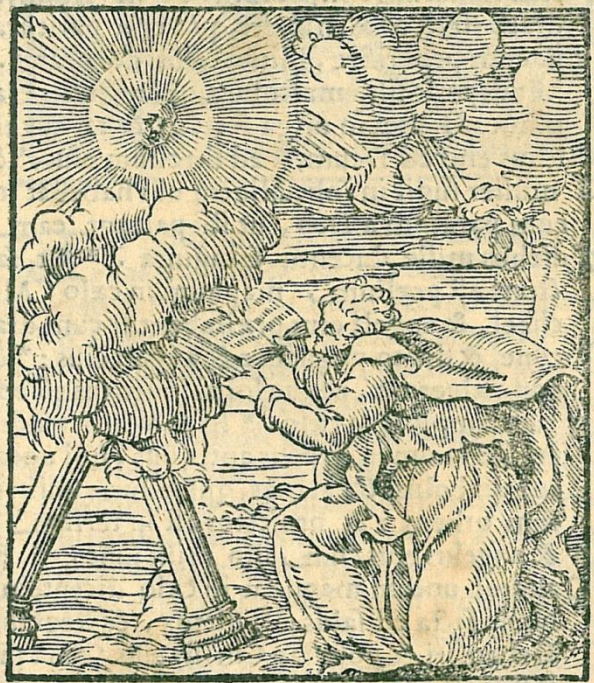
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- Interlude

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



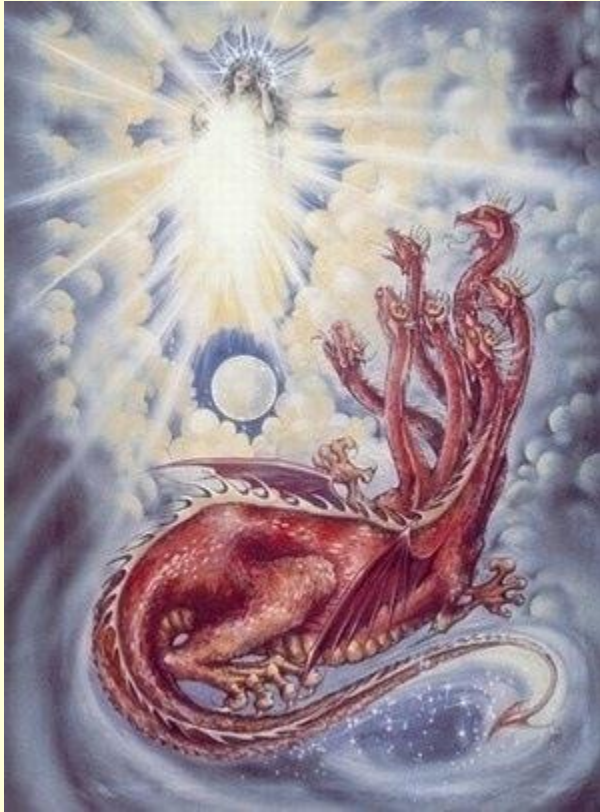
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- The Seventh Trumpet (Chapter 11, Verses 14-19)



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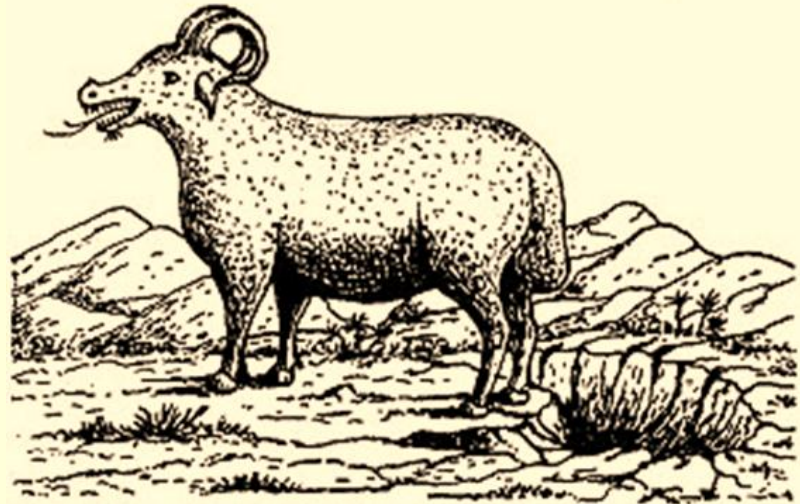
- The Woman, Her Son and The Dragon (Chapter 12)

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**

Review

- The Two Beasts (Chapter 13)



Review

- 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***

Review



- 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)

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- The Harvest
(Chapter 14, Verses 14-20)



Review

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



Review

- 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.

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- The Great Prostitute and the Beast (Chapter 17)



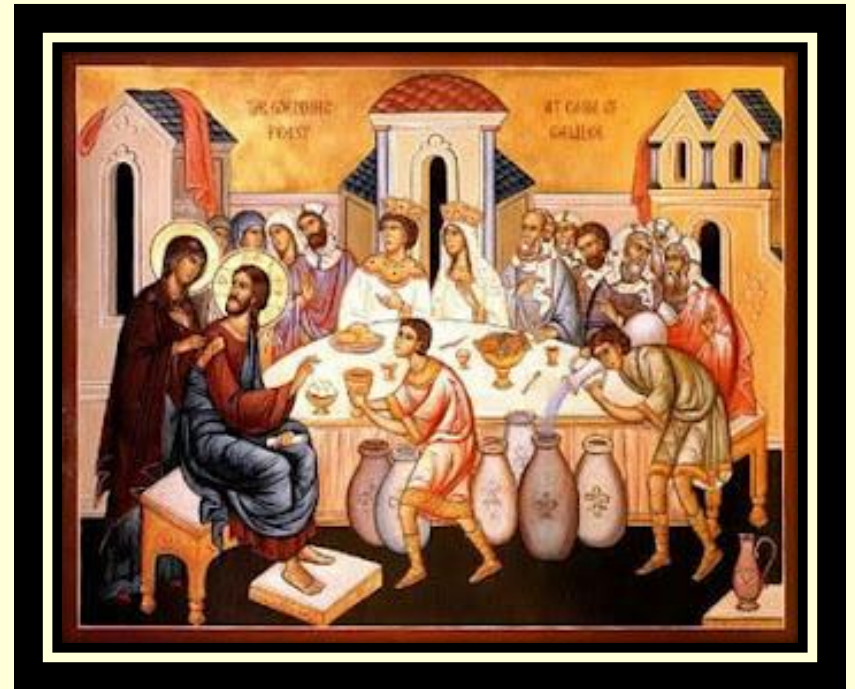
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- The Fall of Babylon
The Great (Chapter 18)



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- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Chapter 19)



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14. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

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15. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
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- Nevertheless I can understand how some may still see Christ in the first horse and rider in Chapter 6.

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- So here the white horse represents not only victory and power and leadership but virtue and purity and innocence.

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- But the vision unveils him gradually

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- Here however it almost certainly echoes the language of Isaiah 63 and other similar passages in which the blood on the garment of the Lord, is the blood of his enemies!

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- At this point in the vision, Satan is still alive someplace, but his agents on earth have been permanently removed and all of the men who were led astray have been killed.

Looking Ahead

- The fate of Satan and the final judgment of the dead is taken up in Chapter 20.
- Not surprisingly all of God's enemies come to a bad end, and all who worship God come to a good end, eternally.
- These truths are clear enough from what we have already read in Revelation and from what we read in the whole Bible.
- Ironically Chapter 20 has been the most controversial section of Revelation and, perhaps, of the whole Bible.

Looking Ahead

- Much of the controversy arising from the 20th Chapter of Revelation arises from the period of a thousand years there referred to (six times) in Verses 2 through 7.
- One issue is whether this should be understood as a time interval in human history and, if so, how literally it should be understood to consist of 1000 years.
- In a book as filled with symbolism and with symbolic numbers as is Revelation, it may not be possible to reach a definite conclusion on this point.

Looking Ahead

- As we get into this next week, we will not be dogmatic about how one should read these controversial passages regarding the “millennium.”

Looking Ahead

- 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

Looking Ahead

- Four possible studies other than Romans:
 - John + 1, 2, 3 John
 - Luke + Acts
 - Mark
 - Matthew