



# REVELATION

THE RETURNING KING

REVELATION 19-22

**“The Revelation is lavish in colorful descriptions of the visions which proclaim for us the last days before Christ’s return and the ushering in of the new heaven and new earth.**

**The Revelation begins with letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor, then goes on to reveal the series of devastations poured out upon the earth; the mark of the beast, “666”; the climactic battle of Armageddon; the binding of Satan; the reign of the Lord; the Great White Throne Judgment; and the nature of the eternal city of God. Prophecies concerning Jesus Christ are fulfilled and a concluding call to His Lordship assures us that He will soon return.”**

# The Concluding 4 Chapters of Revelation:

the climactic battle of Armageddon

the binding of Satan

the reign of the Lord

the Great White Throne Judgment

the nature of the eternal city of God

soon return

**Things will get worse  
before they get better.**

## 2 Timothy 3:1-5

**“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power.”**

## Isaiah 5

**“Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field.”**

**“Woe to those who rise early in the morning to run  
after their drinks.”**

**“Woe to those who draw sin along with cords of deceit,  
and wickedness as with cart ropes.”**

**“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put  
darkness for light and light for darkness.”**

**“Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever  
in their own sight.”**



**“This is a spiritual thing.  
What the hell is going on?”**

**It is a deeply spiritual thing.**

**The “hell” that is going on  
is the Empire of Babylon.**

**The kingdom of Satan.**

# Revelation 18

**“Woe! Woe to you, great city, you mighty city of Babylon! All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered. The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. Woe! Woe to you, great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! Your merchants were the world’s important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray. In her was found the blood of prophets and of God’s holy people, of all who have been slaughtered on the earth.”**

# Revelation 19-22 (The Final Ten)

1. The Fall of Babylon (19:1-5)
2. The Wedding Supper of the Lamb (19:6-11)
3. The Return of Christ to the earth (19:11-16)
4. The Battle of Armageddon (19:11-16)
5. The Enemies of God (19:17-21)
6. The Millennial Kingdom (20:1-6)
7. The Loosing and Doom of Satan (20:7-10)
8. The Great White Throne Judgment (20:11-15)
9. The Final Creation (21:1,2,10)
10. The Final Word (Rev 22)

# 1. The Fall of Babylon (19:1-5)

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are His judgments.

He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of His servants." And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both great and small!"

# 1. The Fall of Babylon (19:1-5)

There will be an end to all that we see.

All that frustrates us.

All that confuses us.

All that breaks our hearts.

# 2. The Wedding Supper of the Lamb (19:6-11)

- The Bride
- The Clothes
- The Invitation / Matthew 25
- The Role of Angels



# **3. The Return of Christ with His saints to the earth (19:11-16)**

**The Bride—the adopted children of God—will be caught up with Christ in the air in the rapture.**

**We will be kept from His wrath—and receive crowns of glory (which we will lay right back down at the feet of Jesus). We will be given new bodies—and will return with Jesus at the last battle.**

# 4. The Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:12-16; 19:19)



# 5. The Enemies of God

## (19:19-21)

- The Beast/Antichrist (19:19-20; Rev 13:7)
- Confederation of Nations from North (Rev 19:19; Ezekiel 38:14-16)
- The Kings from the East (Rev 16:12)
- The Lake of Fire; Death & Hades (Rev 19:20-21)

# 6. The Millennial Kingdom (20:1-6)

- Satan bound and cast into "the Abyss"
- Six times we see the words: "a thousand years"  
(Which does not mean "a very long time." It means a thousand years.)

## This Millennial Kingdom will be:

- On earth (Zech 14:3-4; 9)
- Universal (Daniel 2:35; 44-45)
- Righteous (Is 11:3-5)
- Peaceful & Free from Genesis Curse (Is 9:7; Is 11:6-8; Micah 4:3)

People will not usher in this kingdom.

Christians will not usher in this kingdom.

Our efforts will not “bring in the kingdom.”

The One True & Reigning King, Jesus Christ,  
must come in person before the dawning  
of that glad and glorious kingdom.

# **7. The Loosing and Doom of Satan (20:7-10)** Predicted in Genesis 3:15

- The battle between Yahweh and Satan (along with Gog and Magog) will at last reach its climax. A final rebellion, instigated by the devil, will be cut short by devouring fire from heaven. The arch-deceiver, Satan himself, will be cast into the lake of fire—there to be tormented with his unholy allies forever. (Rev 20:10)**

# 8. The Great White Throne Judgment (20:11-15)

- The unbelieving dead who have rejected Christ
- The verdict in every case will be "Guilty" (20:12)
- The sentence will be "the lake of fire" (20:14-15)
- The "Books" are a real thing. There are books.
- The indescribable importance of this judgement scene  
(Think Jonah...and Nineveh. Repent now!)

**When the grim and drastic events described in the entire Book of Revelation have reached their climax in judgment and destruction, God will “make all things new” (21:5). From this moment on God will be “all in all and forever.”**

**A new creation will come—one that will never pass away.**

# 9. The Final Creation (Rev 21)

Every Word of Scripture points, ultimately, to this glad day of consumption and fulfillment. It's the Upper Story.

- The First Creation / Genesis 1-2
- The Original Condemnation / Genesis 3
- The Present Situation / Romans 8:22-23
- The Coming Conflagration (fire) / 2 Peter 3:10-12
- The Ultimate Re-Creation / Rev 21:1-2; 2 Pet 3:13

*“John did not write this book as a secret code for you to decipher the timetable of Jesus's return, or figure out exactly what happens to you after you die. It's a symbolic vision that brought hope and challenge to the seven 1st Century churches, and every generation of Christians. It reveals history's pattern and God's promise that every human kingdom eventually becomes Babylon and must be resisted in the power of the slain Lamb. But there's a promise that Jesus who loved and died for this world, will not let Babylon and all the evil of this world go unchecked. One day, Jesus will return to remove evil from His good world and make all things new, including his people! And that is a promise that should motivate faithfulness in every generation of God's people until the King returns.”*

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# 10. The Final Word (Rev 22)

- A Twofold Description of Heaven (22:1-5; 15)
  - What there will be (v.1-2) / What there won't be (v3,5,15)
- A Twofold Division of Humanity (22:14-15)
  - Those with the right to go in / Those left out
- A Twofold Invitation (22:17) - "Come!" & "Come!"
- A Twofold Assertion (22:18-19) - Don't add. Don't subtract
- A Threefold Promise (22:7,12,20) - He is coming soon!
- A Twofold Prayer (22:20-21) - Please come. Give grace.

# A Warning.

- This future is sure. The Ark door will close.

# A Wooing.

- Hear and understand The Gospel! It's good news!

# A Word of Encouragement.

- Believe! Before it's too late! John 3:16 / 1 John 3:16

“The doctrine of the Second Coming has failed, so far as we are concerned, if it does not make us realize that at every moment of every year in our lives the question ‘What if this present were the world's last night?’ is asked.”



*C.S. Lewis*

*“The World's Last Night” (1952)*

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**The grace of the Lord Jesus  
be with God's people.**

**Amen.**



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