



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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- **We are there – right at the battle of Armageddon; the battle the world has been anticipating for the last 2,000 years, and possibly longer.**
- **The enemies of God have encircled the apple of God's eye, Israel, and they want to annihilate the people of God and try to find some way to exist another day.**
- **Mankind is deceived, desperate, and about to learn first hand that righteousness will eventually prevail because it is the will of God that He redeem a people for His own, and a place for them to live.**

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- Psalm 2:1 Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? 2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one. 3 “Let us break their chains,” they cry, “and free ourselves from slavery to God.” 4 But the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.
- We are also at the end of the “Day of the Lord” – Jesus is coming back in His glory to set things right.
- Isaiah 66: For behold, the Lord will come in fire and His chariots like the whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For the Lord will execute judgment by fire and by His sword on all flesh, and those slain by the Lord will be many.

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- **17** Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God”.
- **Joel 3:12** Let the nations be aroused and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. **13** Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full; The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. **14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.
- **And from 19:15** we saw this – “and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.”

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- In verse #17 we see an angel with a message to the birds in a place called “midheaven” - “Come, assemble for the great supper of God”.
- Rev 8:13 “Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven” (halfway through the trumpet judgments pronouncing “woe, woe, woe, to the world)
- Rev 14:6 “And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth”
- So where is “midheaven”? It is the space where birds and planes fly – that part of the creation above us that we can see.

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- **Earlier we saw the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, now we see a second supper called “the great supper of God”.**
- **The “Marriage Supper of the Lamb” was a celebration – this supper will be a clean-up operation conducted by birds eating the flesh of the dead enemies of God.**
- **Every year the birds from as far west as Europe and as far east as Siberia, fly south to migrate for food – and they all fly right through Israel because there is water to the west, and desert to the east.**

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- **18** “so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.”
- **Ezek 39:11** “On that day I will give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his horde, and they will call it the valley of Hamon-gog. **12** *For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land.* **13** Even all the people of the land will bury them; and it will be to their renown on the day that I glorify Myself,” declares the Lord God.”



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- **We will talk more about Gog and Magog when we get to chapter 20, but for now just know that they are the enemies of God, and have been so for a long, long, time.**
- **For now, let us focus on what John says in verse #18 – the birds are going to eat the flesh of “all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.”**
- **This is it – at the end of the battle of Armageddon there are no survivors. All who sided with Anti-Christ in this battle are dead.**

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- Zeph 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the Lord's wrath; and all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy, for He will make a complete end, indeed a terrifying one, of all the inhabitants of the earth.
- Now the day will come when all of the unsaved, in the valley of Megiddo, will be struck down and killed by the brightness of His coming.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thes 2:8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming. (brightness of His coming in the KJV)

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- **19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.**
- **John's vision continues – he sees the beast (the Anti-Christ) and the “kings” of the earth and their armies.**
- **Rev 13:1 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.**

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- So John is probably seeing the 10 leaders (kings) of the world's economic regions and their armies.
- Economists tell us, “if you want to understand the reasons for any war in the history of the world, just ask, “who wanted what?”.
- We also see in verse #19 that the kings bring their armies with them, AND we also see that Jesus brings an army to this battle as well. (Onward Christian Soldiers)

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- **Zach 14:1 Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. 2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. 4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. 5 You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!**

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- **20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.**
- **So here is that point where a place of eternal fire and judgment, the lake of fire, receives its first occupants.**
- **The beast and false prophet – for these two there is no courtroom appearance like the rest of the unsaved will receive in chapter 20; they are simply seized and thrown alive into fire and brimstone.**

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- **21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.**
- **So who are the “rest”? They are all of the foot soldier types who were led by their leaders to the battle of Armageddon.**
- **But the “rest” does not include all of earth’s population living at the time – it is just not logical that all of the living unsaved at the time were gathered in the valley of Megiddo.**

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- So this brings us to an event not specifically mentioned in chapter 19, but one that is directly related to the events of chapter 19.
- Matt 25:31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.”
- What Matthew recorded in his gospel fits into the timeline of Revelation chapter 19.



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- **What Matthew describes in chapter 25 is what is commonly called “the judgment of the sheep and goats”.**
- **It is great motivation for the believer today to look at the criteria that Jesus uses to separate His sheep from the goats, but probably not great salvation theology.**
- **Not all of Christ’s sheep will be at this separation – those who have already died, those raptured, and those martyred in the tribulation will not be a part of what Matthew describes in chapter 25.**

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- **So who is here? Who is standing before Jesus at this separating of the sheep and goats?**
- **Well, there will be some goats from around the world who were not at the battle of Armageddon. They were unbelievers and joiners of Anti-Christ's system.**
- **And there will also be sheep – those believers who have successfully avoided martyrdom, hailstones, earthquakes, and all of the other judgments that have rained down on earth during the tribulation.**

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- **Matt 25:34** “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” (compare Rev 13:8)
- **So it would seem that we have a population of believers who have survived the tribulation who will, for lack of a better term, walk into Jesus’s kingdom on earth for the next 1,000 years in their natural bodies.**
- **Notice that the kingdom was not some after thought or plan B after the fall – no, it was planned from the foundation of the world.**

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- **Matt 25:41 “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;”**
- **Here we have the “goats” at this judgment – the unsaved of the world who survived the tribulation.**
- **And it seems that Jesus uses the same criteria in reverse for the goats that He did for the sheep – how did they treat Christ’s people?**

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- Now this is not primarily about determining faith – this judgment is about separating sheep (those who are Christ's) from goats (those who do not know Him).
- Matt 7:15 “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 So then, you will know them by their fruits.

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- **So what are we going to do about these “goats” and what we might call due process regarding the Great White Throne Judgment?**
- **We are not specifically told, but here is what I think and you are free to disagree.**
- **I think when Jesus tells the goats, “Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels” that he is sending them to Hades.**

# Hades, Paradise, and Judgments



HADES

Lower Region, the place  
of the dead. OT Sheol.

PARADISE  
(empty today,  
Eph 4:8)

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- In the next two weeks we will talk more about judgment, the lake of fire, hell, death, and the grave, but for now this is where I think the “goats” are; in Hades.
- Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.



# Questions