

The King Returns to Set the World Right

Revelation Series # 4

Chapters 12-20

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The Appearance of Christ
The Battle of Armageddon
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III. What Orthodoxy Requires

[I believe in Jesus Christ who] ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

IV. Where We are this Morning – (see pg 4)

V. The “Why” of All Things – Chapters 12 – 14

A. The Anti-trinity: the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet.

B. The Dragon’s Origin:

In eternity:

14.12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³ You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' ¹⁵ But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. (Isaiah 14)

On earth:

12.7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world-- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore,

rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" (Revelation 12)

C. The Identity of the Beast

13:1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ... ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. (Revelation 13)

D. The False Prophet

13:11 Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. (Revelation 13)

E. The Number of the Anti-trinity: **6 6 6**

VI. The Rightness of Judgement

A. Heaven Declares It –

15:2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire-- and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. ³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! ⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." (Revelation 15)

B. Those Unjustly Treated Know It from Experience:

16:7" Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!" (Revelation 16)

C. The Response of the Wicked Proves It

Nothing will lead them to repentance!

16:10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.... ²¹ And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe. (Revelation 16)

D. Eventually God Releases Humanity to Have the Leaders that They Want

16.13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. 15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!") 16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. (Revelation 16)

VI. The Folly of the Dragon

He stubbornly refuses to face facts:

† God remains Almighty & Undefeated, always

† The Dragon will never succeed in destroying the elect people of God, no matter how he tries

VII. The Course of Judgment

- The Unholy Anti-trinity Sent to the Pit
- The First Resurrection of the Martyrs
- The Long (this) Earthly Reign of Christ with the Saints
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- The Lake of Fire
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- All Stand before the Great White Throne

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