

Introduction

The restored and radically reconstructed earth of the millennial kingdom will constitute paradise regained. The thousand-year reign of the Savior over the earth is the divinely planned and promised culmination of all redemptive history and the realization of the hope of all the saints of all the ages.

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The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, Revelation 12–

22, p. 228

This year we memorized Ephesians 2. The *additional verses* this week are Ephesians 4:1–2: “Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing

Day One

*Read Revelation 19:1–10; **Heaven’s Rejoicing and The Marriage Supper of the Lamb***

NOTE: In Revelation 19:1, “After these things” is a key time. After the destruction of Babylon at the end of the Great Tribulation, just before the kingdom is established (chap. 20), this section bridges the tribulation and the millennial kingdom.

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The MacArthur Study Bible (NASB), p. 1989

1. From last week’s lesson or lecture, what did you find particularly encouraging or convicting?

2. According to Revelation 19:1–2, what did John hear after the destruction of Babylon at the end of the Great Tribulation?
 - a. From Isaiah 9:7 and Jeremiah 23:5, why might heaven rejoice to hear that the time for God’s judgment had come?

 - b. From this passage, identify some specific characteristics of God or work that He has done. How does that encourage you?

3. Summarize the event that takes place in Revelation 19:7–10.

4. In verse 10, what was John’s response to this vision of heaven, and what exhortation did the angel give him?
 - a. What might that look like for believers today, and what might that look like in your own life?

Day Two

*Read Revelation 19:11–21; **The Second Coming of Christ***

1. In Revelation 19:11, what does John see after his vision of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb?

- a. How does John describe the glorified Christ? (See also Revelation 1:14.)
 - b. Use a dictionary or Bible resource to define “faithful” and “true.”
 - c. Remembering our study of God’s plan of redemption, cite one or two examples of how has God been faithful and true in His covenants and promises to His people.
 - d. How does seeing God’s past faithfulness encourage you to trust Him in promises that are yet to be fulfilled?
2. From the following passages about the battle of Armageddon, identify what will happen and how God will be magnified.
 - a. Revelation 19:17–21
 - b. Isaiah 66:15–16
 - c. Joel 3:12–16
 - d. 2 Thessalonians 1:7–9
 3. How can you be encouraged by the certain knowledge of the coming judgment at the battle of Armageddon when Christ returns? How can it practically make a difference in your life today?

Day Three

*Read Revelation 20:1–10; **Christ and His Earthly Kingdom***

1. In Revelation 19:20 and 20:1–3, what happens to the three main characters of the Great Tribulation?
 - a. When Satan is bound and thrown into the pit, he is not yet judged in finality like the beast and the false prophet. In Revelation 20:3, what is the purpose of Satan’s binding?
2. According to Revelation 20:4–6, what takes place after Satan is bound and thrown into the pit?
 - a. How does this literal, physical kingdom relate to 2 Samuel 7:12–16?
3. From Micah 4:1–8, summarize briefly how the prophet described the millennium kingdom.

4. **Dig Deeper:** Using the study notes in your Bible or other biblical resource, according to Revelation 19:14 and 20:4, who will reign and judge with King Jesus during this time? (See also 1 Corinthians 6:2 and 2 Timothy 2:12.)
- a. If you are in Christ, one day you will reign with Him. What practical implications should this have in your life?

Day Four

*Read Revelation 20:1–10; **The Final Defeat of Satan***

1. In Revelation 20:7–9, summarize what will happen once Christ's thousand-year reign with the saints is over.
- a. What do verses 7–8 imply about the spiritual state of children who are born during this time?
- b. What does the rebellion of so much of the world's population reveal about the human heart and God's judgment?
2. In 20:9–10, who is defeated in finality? How does it relate to Genesis 3:15?
- a. How does the knowledge of Satan's final defeat encourage you in your battle against sin right now?

Day Five

*Read Revelation 20:11–15; **The Great White Throne Judgment***

1. In Revelation 20:4–6 and 12–13, what are the two resurrections at the end of redemptive history? (See also John 5:29 and Daniel 12:2.)
2. According to Revelation 20:12, at the throne of Judgment all the dead, both great and small, will be judged either by what is written in the books, or in the book of life if their name is found written there. From the following verses, identify upon what their judgment is based.
- a. The books: Revelation 20:12, Matthew 12:37 and 16:27, Luke 8:17, Romans 2:16
- b. The book of life: Daniel 12:1–3, Malachi 3:16–17, Luke 10:20, and Revelation 13:8
3. What hopes and fears do these truths raise in your own soul?
4. According to Revelation 20:15, what will happen to all of those whose names are not found in the book of life and are judged against God's own standard (Matthew 5:48) and found wanting?

5. Will your name be found written in the Book of Life? Search your heart and ask God to reveal what you are trusting in: Christ, or in your own works, and then write a prayer of response to this week's study.

Revelation 19-20

The Future Revealed, Part 2

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.” *Revelation 1:19*

I. The Glory of Christ Proclaimed in Heaven (19:1-8)

II. The Glory of Christ in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (19:9-10)

III. The Glory of Christ in His Second Coming (19:11-16)

IV. The Glory of Christ in His Millennial Reign (19:17-20:14)