

## **The King Reigns Revelation 20:1-10**

### **I. Preparing for His Return – 16:17-19:21**

1. If a Righteous & just ruler is to reign all evil must be Judged - This is what we find in Rev. 16:17-19:21
2. God's judgment is poured out on this earth – 16:17  
A loud voice "came out of the Temple, from the Throne" - Saying "It is done"  
7 seals opened by Lamb of God - Rev. 6-8  
7 trumpets announce God's judgment – Rev. 8-13  
7 angels pour 7 bowls of God's wrath—Rev.15-16:21  
"It is done" is an announcement "from the throne"
3. What about the enemies of the king?  
Great Prostitute—enticing humans with false gods – Rev. 17  
God will use 10 horns & beast to destroy her-17:16-17  
Great City Babylon enticing humans with its glitter .18  
Mighty angel threw iinto sea "like a millstone—18:21
4. Heaven rejoices at Marriage Supper of the Lamb—19  
Lamb's bride clothed in Christ's righteousness,  
follow Him – 19:14
5. All opposing the King defeated by His sword— 19:15  
Birds of prey gather to feast on the remains at God's great supper – 19:17-18, 21
6. Beast & False prophet captured, cast into lake of fire – 19:20

### **II. One Enemy Remains – 20:1-3**

1. The Dragon – ancient serpent, devil & Satan – 1  
The leader of the great rebellion  
Began in heaven as God's cherubim—Ezek.28:12-19  
Pride was his sin, desire to be like God—Isa.14:12-17  
Rebellion spread taking about 1/3 of angels-Rev12:3-4  
This developed a kingdom of demons with evil powers
2. If Christ is to reign on earth Satan must be restrained- 1  
An angel is given this task by God, he comes down from heaven  
He holds in his hand the "Key to the bottomless pit"  
– And a "great chain"
3. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the devil and Satan – 2  
Ancient serpent, takes us back to the garden & the beginning of temptation  
The devil speaking of his demonic powers to deceive  
Satan speaking of the power he has in his world-wide reach
4. The angel bound him for 1,000 years – 2-3  
Threw him into the pit – 3  
Shut it, sealed it over him (no possible escape)  
"So that he might not deceive the nations any longer"  
"Until the 1,000 years were ended"
5. After that he must be released for a little while – 3  
Our God is gracious and He does not take humans by force  
God created humans in His own image so that

He might fellowship with them  
But He seeks to draw us unto Him in a love relationship  
(note the marriage supper of the Lamb)  
He has shown His love for us with the sacrifice of His Son – John 3:16  
Man must be given the opportunity in this choice  
Great tempter will be released in line with this choice.  
Rev 20:7-10

### **III. Those who Rule with Christ – 20:4-6**

1. John saw thrones set in this kingdom – 4  
He notes those seated on these thrones  
Those to whom authority was committed to judge  
Souls of those beheaded for the testimony of Jesus  
Those who had not worshipped the beast or its image  
Those who had not received the mark of the beast  
These came to life &reigned with Christ for 1,000 yrs.
2. Rest of dead did not come to life until after 1,000 yrs.  
Blessed and holy are those in this first resurrection  
Second death has no power over these (note 20:14)  
They will be priests of God & of Christ - reign with Him

### **IV. Nature of this Kingdom**

1. Jesus comes to earth to bring righteousness & peace  
"In righteousness He judges and makes war" - 19:11  
This war is to defeat all evil and bring peace  
He will rule this earth with a "rod of iron" – 19:15  
Does not mean cruelty but justice according to law
2. The nature is foretold by O.T. prophets  
Curse be removed—desert blossom like a rose—Isa.35:1  
"Wolf and the lamb will feed together" – Isa. 65:2  
"Every man will sit under his own fig tree" – Micah 4:4  
Righteousness, peace, prosperity & extended life-span

### **V. Final Defeat of Satan – 20:7-10**

1. Satan is released from the pit – 7 – After 1,000 yrs.  
Why does God allow this great deceiver to reappear?  
Humans must be allowed to choose
2. The rebellion is numbered "like the sand of the sea"— 8  
They marched against the "beloved city" & the camp of the saints
3. Fire came down from heaven and consumed them – 9
4. Satan, the deceiver was thrown into the lake of fire - 10  
Where the beast and the false prophet were  
They will be tormented day and night forever and ever
5. New birth is essential to enter God's eternal kingdom – Jn. 3:3
6. God created man in His own image – spirit, soul and body  
God is spirit and man must also be spirit to fellowship with God  
Man's spirit died when Adam sinned – Gen. 2:16-17  
Man's spirit is dead at birth - Eph. 2:1-7 He must be born again  
Peter promised this new birth of spirit – by faith in Jesus' Sacrifice - Acts 2:38-39

The King Returns  
Revelation 19:11-21

**I. Heaven Opens – 19:11-13**

1. John has shared with us many glimpses of heaven – 19:6-9  
We have just seen the Marriage Supper of the Lamb  
Many other scenes from heaven are in this book
2. But now – something unique is about to happen –19:11  
“Heaven is opened” – and John sees a “white horse” coming out
3. John’s attention is drawn to the one sitting on the horse – 11  
This One is called “Faithful and True” - 11  
And “In righteousness He judges and makes war”  
He comes to make war with Satan’s army  
But His mission is to restore truth & righteousness to earth
4. “His eyes are like a flame of fire” - 12  
They burn with truth and justice - penetrating
5. “And on His head are many diadems” (crowns) –12  
He comes to claim the promise of God – Psa. 2  
He comes to claim the kingdom promised to Israel (By their prophets)  
He comes to restore God’s creation to the rule of man (Gen. 1:28)  
He is that “Man” that fulfills God ‘s redemptive plan  
“He has a name written that no one knows but Himself”  
“A name which is above every name” – Phil. 2:9-11
6. His garments reveal His great sacrifice – 13  
“A robe dipped in blood”  
“The name by which He is called is “The Word of God”  
He is the One who reveals God to us in this sacrifice  
Can anyone fail to see the Lord Jesus Christ is the rider of this horse

**II. His Mission – 19:14-16**

1. His Command – 14  
“The armies of heaven” following Him on white horses”  
“Arrayed in fine linen, white and pure”  
Follow Jesus, their Lord and Savior  
Like Him they also ride on white horses  
Have reached “conformed to the image of God’s Son”
2. His Weapon – 15  
“From His mouth comes a sharp sword”  
“To strike down the Nations” – With the words from

His mouth

“He will rule them with a rod of iron” - His word will rule

“He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty”

3. A name written, “King of kings and Lord of lords”–16  
This name is written on His robe and on His thigh  
“King of kings & Lord of lords” suggests the majesty of His return  
“Every eye will see Him” – Rev. 1:7  
Coming with kingly majesty suggests slowness in His return
4. This gives men on earth time to prepare for battle –16:12-16  
Sixth bowl of God’s wrath – Drying up the Euphrates  
To prepare for the kings from the east (Asia)  
For demonic spirits to perform signs (miracles) to assemble Kings of whole world  
To assemble them for battle on the Great Day of God almighty  
They assembled them at the place in Hebrew is called “Armageddon”

**III. The Great Supper of God – 17-21**

1. Angel announces a message – 17  
This angel is standing in the sun  
The full light of God’s truth, radiance  
This message is not only in full light - It is also made with a loud voice
2. Message is intended for the birds that fly directly overhead  
This message seems to be for the “flesh eating birds”  
That search for food  
“Come gather for the great supper of God”
3. To eat the flesh of kings, captains, mighty men – 18  
To eat the flesh of horses & their riders, flesh of all men, - Both free & slave, both small & great
4. The King’s enemy – 19-21  
John saw the beast & the kings of earth with their armies – 19  
“Gathered to make war against Him who was sitting on the horse & against His army”  
“The beast was captured, and with it the false prophet” – 20  
The prophet who in its presence had done signs (miracles)  
By which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast  
And those who worshipped its image  
“These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur”  
“And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of Him who was sitting on the horse.”

(Jesus Christ) – 21

5. All the birds were gorged with their flesh – 21

This was the great supper of God