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WHAT? WHO?

**A TALE OF TWO CITIES**

CHAPTERS 17 – 22

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**CHAPTERS 17:1 – 19:10**

BABYLON, A COARSE & BRAZEN PROSTITUTE

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THE NEW JERUSALEM, THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

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# BABYLON

## REVELATION 17:1 – 19:10

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### THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE TO BABYLON

FLEE FROM BABYLON! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! DO NOT BE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF HER SINS. (18:4)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CITY WITH FOUNDATIONS (HEBREWS 11:8-10, 13-16)

IT IS TIME FOR THE LORD'S VENGEANCE; HE WILL PAY HER WHAT SHE DESERVES (JEREMIAH 51:6)

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# THE NEW JERUSALEM

## REVELATION 19:11 – 22:21

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### REVELATION ENDS WITH A FINAL SEVEN — A SERIES OF VISIONS FROM 19:11 – 21:1

1. THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE RIDING OUT OF HEAVEN'S OPEN DOOR (19:11-16)
2. AN ANGEL INVITES BIRDS TO A MACABRE SUPPER OF HUMAN FLESH (19:17-18)
3. THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON (19:19-21)
4. AN ANGEL BINDS SATAN FOR 1000 YEARS (20:1-3)

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5. DEAD CHRISTIANS ARE RAISED (THE FIRST RESURRECTION) & REIGN ON EARTH WITH CHRIST FOR 1000 YEARS, AFTER WHICH SATAN IS RELEASED FOR A FINAL FLING BEFORE BEING DESTROYED (20:4-10)

6. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE APPEARS. THE 2ND RESURRECTION BRINGS ALL PEOPLE TO LIFE FOR THE FINAL JUDGMENT, BEFORE WHICH THE EARTH DISAPPEARS (20:11-15)

7. THE NEW HEAVEN & EARTH APPEAR & THE NEW JERUSALEM DESCENDS FROM HEAVEN (21:1)

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# THE RAPTURE TRAP

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<sup>14</sup> FOR WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL BRING WITH JESUS THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN HIM. <sup>15</sup> ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S WORD, WE TELL YOU THAT WE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE, WHO ARE LEFT UNTIL THE COMING OF THE LORD, WILL CERTAINLY NOT PRECEDE THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.

<sup>16</sup> FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, WITH A LOUD COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD, AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST. <sup>17</sup> AFTER THAT, WE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AND ARE LEFT WILL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. AND SO WE WILL BE WITH THE LORD FOR EVER.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13 – 5:11

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AND HE WILL SEND HIS ANGELS AND GATHER HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TO THE ENDS OF THE HEAVENS.  
MARK 13:27

AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH ME THAT YOU ALSO MAY BE WHERE I AM. JOHN 14:3

<sup>51</sup> LISTEN, I TELL YOU A MYSTERY: WE WILL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE WILL ALL BE CHANGED — <sup>52</sup> IN A FLASH, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE WILL BE CHANGED. 1 CORINTHIANS 15

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*'SEE, I HAVE TOLD YOU AHEAD OF TIME'*

*MATTHEW 24:10*

*'WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS, I WILL BE WITH YOU. WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE FIRE YOU WILL NOT BE BURNED'.*

*ISAIAH 43:2*

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## THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE

REVELATION 19:11–21

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## THE FIRST COMING AT BETHLEHEM

- TO CHALLENGE THE ENEMY TO MORTAL COMBAT
- TO DELIVER MEN & WOMEN FROM THE ENEMY & FORM 'THE RESISTANCE'
- TO PREPARE FOR THE DAY OF REOCCUPATION OF A KINGDOM SOWN BEHIND ENEMY LINES

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## THE SECOND COMING (VENUE TBC)

### THE RETURN OF THE KING

- NO LONGER ALONE (ANGELS)
- NO LONGER IN DISGUISE (MANY CROWNS)
- NO LONGER UNARMED (A SWORD IN HIS MOUTH)

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THIS IS THE SAME JESUS; BUT A DIFFERENT MISSION

<sup>1</sup>THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON ME, BECAUSE  
THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO THE  
POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKEN-HEARTED, TO  
PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR THE CAPTIVES AND RELEASE FROM  
DARKNESS FOR THE PRISONERS, <sup>2</sup>TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF  
THE LORD'S FAVOUR AND THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD ...

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# THE MILLENNIUM BUG

## REVELATION 20

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WHO  
WHERE  
HOW  
WHEN  
WHY

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<sup>20</sup> BUT OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN. AND WE  
EAGERLY AWAIT A SAVIOUR FROM THERE, THE LORD  
JESUS CHRIST, <sup>21</sup> WHO, BY THE POWER THAT ENABLES  
HIM TO BRING EVERYTHING UNDER HIS CONTROL, WILL  
TRANSFORM OUR LOWLY BODIES SO THAT THEY WILL BE  
LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21

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- NO-ONE KNOWS PRECISELY WHEN CHRIST WILL RETURN, NOT EVEN CHRIST HIMSELF (MATTHEW 24:36)
- THERE WILL BE SIGNS, AS WE HAVE SEEN, MANY OF WHICH WILL REOCCUR OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN THE COURSE OF HISTORY – ‘WAR WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END’ (DANIEL 9:26)
- REVELATION SUGGESTS AN INCREASING INTENSITY IN THE SIGNS AS HISTORY MOVES ON (15:1)

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I CONSIDER THAT OUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS ARE NOT WORTH COMPARING WITH THE GLORY THAT WILL BE REVEALED IN US.

ROMANS 8:18

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## POST-MILLENNIALISM

JESUS WILL RETURN AFTER A MILLENNIUM OF  
WORLDWIDE CHRISTIAN DOMINANCE

THIS IS BARELY CREDIBLE

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## A-MILLENNIALISM

WE ARE LIVING IN THE MILLENNIUM NOW

THE MAJOR PROBLEM HERE IS THE BANISHING OF SATAN  
IN 20:1-3

IS SATAN REALLY ABSENT FROM THE WORLD TODAY?

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## PRE-MILLENNIALISM

JESUS WILL RETURN & REIGN FOR A LENGTHY PERIOD  
ON THIS PRESENT EARTH

THE MAJOR PROBLEM HERE IS THE RELEASE OF SATAN  
(20:7-10)

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REVELATION 2:27, 5:10, 11:15

1 CORINTHIANS 6:3 / PHILIPPIANS 2:10; 3:11

2 TIMOTHY 2:12 / ACTS 1:6; 3:21

LUKE 1:32; 23:38 / MATTHEW 2:2

ISAIAH 2:1-4 / MICAH 4:3

ZECHARIAH 14:9 / ISAIAH 11:9

HABBAKUK 2:14 / DANIEL 7:9-13, 18, 22-27

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## TO COMPLETE SALVATION

SO CHRIST WAS SACRIFICED ONCE TO TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF MANY; AND HE WILL APPEAR A SECOND TIME, NOT TO BEAR SIN, BUT TO BRING SALVATION TO THOSE WHO ARE WAITING FOR HIM.

HEBREWS 9:28

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## TO BE VINDICATED

<sup>9</sup> THEREFORE GOD EXALTED HIM TO THE HIGHEST PLACE  
AND GAVE HIM THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME,  
<sup>10</sup> THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW,  
IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH,  
<sup>11</sup> AND EVERY TONGUE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.

PHILIPPIANS 2

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# THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

REVELATION 20:11-15

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# THE NEW CREATION: A NEW WORLD ORDER

REVELATION 21 – 22

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- EVIL & CHAOS WILL HAVE NO PLACE (21:1)
- THERE WILL BE NO MORE SUFFERING (21:4)
- THERE WILL BE NO MORE DISSATISFACTION (21:6)
- THERE WILL BE NO MORE WRATH (21:9)
- THERE WILL BE NO MORE NIGHT (22:5)
- THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY CURSE (22:3)
- THERE WILL BE NO MORE THREAT TO PEACE (21:25)

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- THERE WILL BE EXQUISITE INTIMACY WITH GOD
- THE IMAGE OF PARENTHOOD (21:7)
- THE IMAGE OF MATRIMONY (21:9) (NB – JESUS IN MATTHEW 22:30; MARK 12:25; LUKE 20:35)
- THE IMAGE OF SERVANTHOOD (22:3, 4) – ‘THEY WILL SEE HIS FACE’
- THERE WILL BE ALL THE POTENTIAL OF EDEN – ‘BEHOLD, I MAKE EVERYTHING NEW’ (21:5)

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## WHAT IS THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF REVELATION?

- 'THIS CALLS FOR PATIENT ENDURANCE AND FAITHFULNESS ON THE PART OF THE SAINTS' (13:10)
- 'THIS CALLS FOR PATIENT ENDURANCE ON THE PART OF THE SAINTS WHO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND REMAIN FAITHFUL TO JESUS' (14:12)
- '... TO THOSE WHO OVERCOME' (2 & 3)

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