

THE SPIRITUAL WAR AGAINST THE LAMB REVELATION CHAPTER 19 VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY

SUMMARY OF REVELATION CHAPTER 19

Revelation 19 is a continuation of the warning from Jesus about a vast spiritual war, the lead demon Baal ("the beast"), a harlot city and a warning to avoid Islamic false doctrine. The harlot city in the desert wilderness is Mecca. The angel told John in chapter 18 that the "great city" of Mecca will be destroyed in one hour on the Day of the Lord. In chapter 19 the celebration of the punishment by the people of God is described as well as the return of Christ and the destruction of the beast and his demonic armies.

In Revelation 19:16, one of the five Revelation names given to Jesus is "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." This name is written on the Lord's robe and on his thigh. Paul names God himself as King of Kings and Lord of Lords in 1 Timothy 6:13-16. Now John gives that title to Jesus. The Lord Jesus is God! King of kings and Lord of lords is a title given to God in the Old Testament. In Deuteronomy 10:17 says God is God of gods and Lord of lords. In Psalm 136 people are told to give thanks to God, the Lord of Lords. In Daniel 2:46-47 Nebuchadnezzar tells Daniel "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries."

The enemies of Jesus, Satan and Baal, the dragon and the beast, take issue with the name "King of Kings." Islam is fearful and angry about this name given to Jesus. Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah [Mohammad], said, "The most vile man to Allah on the Day of Resurrection, the most filthy and the most wretched, is a man who was named 'King of Kings,' yet there is no king but Allah." Hadith Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī, Narrated by Abu Huraira Volume 8, Book 73, Number 224

The remainder of Revelation chapter 19, 19:17-19:21, focuses on the return of Christ and his victory over the beast. Anyone who has rejected Christ will be punished on the Day of the Lord and their soul taken by the unclean birds to Sheol. The "slaves" are those that have taken the mark of the beast, the Shahada.

The demons and unclean spirits "eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small" when they harvest their souls of the dead bodies to their gloomy darkness in Sheol. These are not actual birds feeding on the human flesh. This is a spiritual war and they are only interested in collecting souls.

REVELATION CHAPTER 19 VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY

Rev 19:1 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

In chapters 17-18, John is looking at Mecca on earth and its luxury, blasphemy and sudden destruction in one hour on the Day of the Lord. In chapter 19 John is now looking in heaven, and now the true God is praised and glorified. Revelation chapters 17-18 compare the wickedness and punishment of those who follow the beast Baal and Babylon-Mecca with God's people, those who follow the Lord Jesus. John told us about the judgment and grief of those who follow false prophet Mohammad, pray to the Kaaba, worship the beast Baal, take the mark of the Shahada, are compelled to travel to Babylon-Mecca with the joy and eternal relationship the Lord Jesus has with his saints.



THE FOUR HALLELUJAHS—REVELATION 19:1, 19:3, 19:4, AND 19:6

They cry out the first of four choruses all beginning with "Hallelujah" or praise God. These are in direct contrast with the three laments over Babylon-Mecca's fall.

Hallelujah is the Hebrew expression frequently occurring in the later Psalms and meaning "praise to Jehovah." Only in these four verses of Revelation 19 does this mighty praise-word occur in the New Testament. Hallelujah; the salvation and the glory and the power belong only to our God. They do not belong to the Kaaba, Mecca, the Blackstone, nor Baal, nor Satan nor the false prophet Mohammad and his Qur'an.

Rev 19:2 for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

The judgment of God is true and just. The Lord God has condemned Babylon-Mecca, here referred to as in chapter 17 as the great prostitute. God's just judgment is two-fold. He has condemned Babylon-Mecca for corrupting the whole earth with her adulteries, false gospel of the Qur'an, prayer to Baal in the Kaaba, meaning her idolatry and greed, demonic worship, blasphemy of the true God, and the wickedness that followed from it. And God has avenged the blood of his servants the prophets and martyrs.

A God who did not care about the difference between right and wrong and did not judge humans for acting one way or the other would not be an admirable being worthy of our love or trust. The fact that God is just and will judge between right and wrong gives ultimate moral significance to our lives and makes us accountable for our actions

The judgment of God is just because every word, thought and deed are recorded in the books. Only those with their names in another book, the book of life from the Lamb of God will be able to move past their sin and be eternally with Jesus.

Revelation 19:11-15 (NIV)

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

On Judgment Day--it is the very last thing that happens before God destroys the old heaven and the old earth, which are corrupt on account of sin. Before He creates His new heaven and new earth, He has to do away with anything that could bring sin into the new creation. On Judgment Day every person will bow down before Christ.

That God is a judge who holds every human being accountable to His law is a theme repeated again and again in the Scriptures. The apostle Paul elaborates on this theme in his letter to the Romans.

Romans 14:10-12 (NIV)

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

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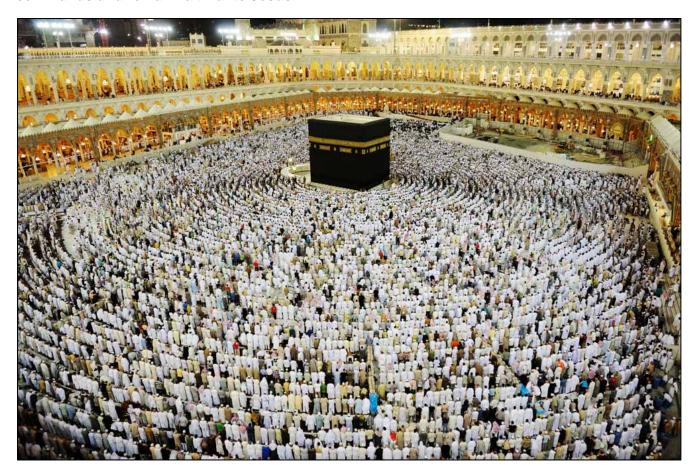
Rev 19:3 And again they shouted: Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."

Here is the second "Hallelujah" of the four in Revelation 19. The event was so glorious and so important; the final destruction of the great enemy of the church was of so much moment in its bearing on the welfare of the world, as to call forth repeated expressions of praise.

"The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." This is like Revelation 14:11-12. This is an image of final ruin. The punishment for worshiping the false god.

Revelation 14:11-12 (NIV)

"And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name." This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.



THE SMOKE FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF MECCA "GOES UP FOR EVER AND EVER"

The manifestation of God's power is in the deliverance of His children from the evil of Satan and Baal, from the great harlot Mecca, from the false prophet Mohammad, and in the avenging the blood of His servants out of her hand, forcing, as it were, out of her hand the price of their blood.

Rev 19:4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

The 24 elders and the four living creatures — After the preceding chorus had ended their hymn, the representatives of the Jewish and Christian Churches that have faith in Jesus the Son of God prostrated themselves before Jehovah, saying, Amen — So be it: let God be ever praised for the displays now made of his infinite perfections. The 24 elders and four living creatures are mentioned in Revelation 4:4-8 and who represent the churches of Christ and ministers of the Gospel in the several periods of time, these join in the chorus, and praise the Lord on the account of the destruction of Mecca, and ruin of Baal and Satan; so they are often heard of in this book, when any remarkable thing is done.

Rev 19:5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!"

A voice seemed to come from the very midst of the throne. It is not said by whom this voice was, but since the command was: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!", it seems that the voice was not from God. Likewise, it seems improbable that it was the voice of the Messiah, unless it be assumed that he here identifies himself with the redeemed church and speaks of God as his God and the church.

It would seem rather that it was a responsive voice that came from those nearest the throne, calling on all to unite in praising God in view of what was done. The meaning then will be, that all heaven was interested in the triumph of the church, and that one portion of the dwellers there called on the others to unite in offering thanksgiving.

Rev 19:6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

This is the final "hallelujah" of the series, and it provides an especially important praise theme. Once more the supreme title of the book, "Lord God Almighty," appears, and as before it centers on his omnipotence, holiness, glory and sovereignty. Upon this order from the oracle, the whole church, in obedience to it, began to praise God with loud voices; which might be compared to the sound of many waters, or of mighty thundering, saying, "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns."

Let us rejoice and praise the Lamb of God! Given Jesus glory which is so justly due; for the marriage of the Lamb is come — Is near at hand and will be speedily concluded. His true church, his faithful servants, are now about to receive public and peculiar marks of his affection in a state of happiness and dignity suitable to their relation to him.

Christ gave himself for his church, that he might sanctify and cleanse it, and present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. There is harmony between the angels and the saints in this triumphant song. Christ is the Bridegroom of his ransomed church.

Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready

Praising God for what we have, is praying for what is yet further to be done for us. There is harmony between the angels and the saints in this triumphant song. Christ is the Bridegroom of his ransomed church. This second union will be completed in heaven. Then the church of Christ, being purified from errors, divisions, and corruptions, in doctrine, discipline, worship, and practice, will be made ready to be publicly owned by him as his delight and his beloved.

The church appeared; not in the wealthy gold thread cloth of the Kaaba in Mecca the mother of harlots, but in fine linen, clean and white. In the robes of Christ's righteousness, imputed for justification, and imparted for sanctification. The promises of the Gospel, the true sayings of God, opened, applied, and sealed by the Spirit of God, in holy ordinances, are the marriage-feast. This seems to refer to the abundant grace and consolation Christians will receive in the happy days which are to come. The relation of God, and especially of the Messiah, to the church, is often in the Scriptures represented under the image of marriage. See the Isaiah 54:4-6; Isaiah 62:4-5, 2 Corinthians 11:2, and Ephesians 5:23-33.

Isaiah 54: 4-6 (NIV)

For your Maker is your husband—the Lord Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. The Lord will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—a wife who married young, only to be rejected," says your God.

Believers in Jesus Christ are the bride of Christ, and we wait with great anticipation for the day when we will be united with our Bridegroom. Until then, we remain faithful to Him and say with all the redeemed of the Lord, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Rev 19:8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

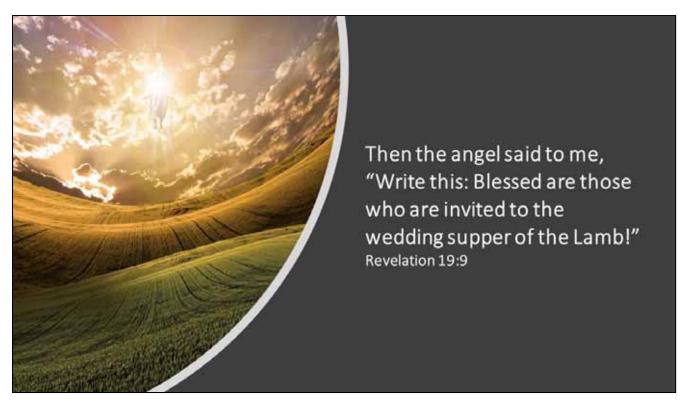
"Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." The song closes with the announcement that the Lamb's wife has made herself ready. Then follows the explanation of this readiness: she is adorned in fine linen. Her apparel is in contrast to the harlot: it is not purple, gold and scarlet. The double nature of the process is here told to John's readers. The power comes from God, and yet the action is still voluntary. Loving the true God is only meaningful if it is voluntary.

"(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)" The raiment is that which strikes the eye: it has its character, and it indicates the character of the wearer. For the fine linen is the righteousness of saints; the righteous acts of the saints. That is, their former righteousness, exhibited in fidelity to God and hostility to the world, obtained and retained by the grace of God, now forms their chief glory. See Revelation 14:13 (Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.").

Rev 19:9 Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" The idea of the wedding supper here is similar to the beatitude of Luke 14:15, "When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

All are blessed who can dine with Christ forever. We did not invite ourselves (nor could we demand it—we who are in sin) or earn an invitation. This is a gift of grace. And he added, "These are the true words of God." God's invitation is so amazing and so incomprehensible that an angel must tell John it's true! Yes, Jesus is truth and He is the Word of God. The Word is eternal.



John 1:1-5 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The "Word" is used three times in John 1:1 carries us into the depths of eternity, before time or creatures were. Genesis and John both start from 'the beginning,' but, while Genesis works downwards from that point and tells what followed, John works upwards and tells what preceded-if we may use that term in speaking of what lies beyond time. Time and creatures came into being, and, when they began, the Word 'was.' Jesus is eternal. Surely no form of speech could more emphatically declare absolute, uncreated being, outside the limits of time.

Rev 19:10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

John's experience of intense heavenly praise (Revelation 19:1–5) and the glorious marriage supper of the lamb certainly made an impression. Apparently overwhelmed, he collapsed, ready to worship the angel who disclosed those things. However, the angel immediately resists this worship. He explained that he, too, was a servant of God. Like human beings, angels are created beings. Jesus, on the other hand, created all things, whether in heaven or on earth, "visible and invisible...all things were created through him and for him" (Colossians 1:16). John 1:3 says concerning Jesus, "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." The same thing happens again in Revelation 22:8-9, and this makes it improbable that John imagined the angel to be Christ himself, as some think. It is more likely he was simply overwhelmed by what he was seeing.

Revelation 22:8-9 (NIV)

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!"

JESUS ACCEPTS WORSHIP

In contrast to the reaction from the angels (Revelation 19 and 22), this further demonstrates that Jesus claimed divinity during His earthly ministry. Though this angel refuses worship, Jesus did not—Jesus accepted it as legitimate (Matthew 14:32-33; 28:9-10; John 9:37–38; John 20:28–29).

Matthew 14:32-33 (NIV)

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 28:8-10 (NIV)

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

John 9:37-38 (NIV)

Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

John 20:26-29 (NIV)

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Rev 19:11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True." John now describes the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth! This is one of the essential doctrines of the New Testament. Both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds affirm the Second Coming. Key New Testament scriptures that reference the Second Coming are: Matthew 24:30-31, Mark 13:26-27, Luke 21:27-28, John 14:1-3, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:20-25, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, Hebrews 9:27-28, and 2 Peter 3:3-10.

Key Old Testament prophecies that refer to the events of Jesus' Second Coming are: Psalm 2:7-9, Psalm 110:1-7, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 11:1-9, Daniel 7:11-14, Zechariah 14:1-9.

In all these passages the Bible sees the Second Coming of Jesus as the climax of human history and the final establishment of the Kingdom of God and the rule of the Messiah

This rider on the white horse is <u>not</u> the rider in Revelation 6. Those four (Mohammad, Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman) are the evil riders under the control of Baal, Satan and the demonic sprits.

Rev 19:12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

"His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns." Again, as in Revelation 1:14-15. "Fire" is the type of purity and judgment. (see Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 47:14; Isaiah 66:15; Amos 5:6; 1 Corinthians 3:13, and Revelation 3:18). Now Jesus comes as King of Kings to judgment. The plurality of "crowns" points to his character as King of Kings (see Revelation 17:14). Jesus wears many crowns—diadems—crowns rather of royalty than of simple military victory.

Revelation 1:14-15 (NIV)

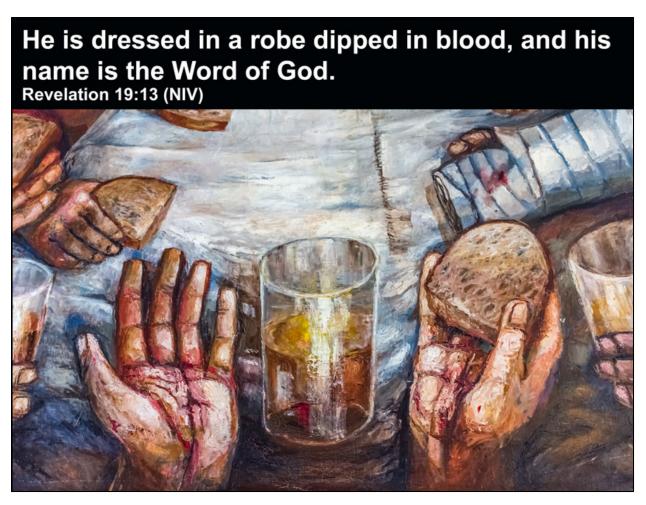
The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

"He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself." Jesus has five names in Revelation, including this one only Jesus knows. This is the mystery of God! Evidently the "new name" of Revelation 3:12, the significance of which John is unable to comprehend, or was still maintained as a mystery even while John was receiving his revelations. (see Revelation 2:7; 3:12).

From the connection with the preceding clause, we naturally infer that this name was written upon his forehead, but John does not explicitly state this. The contrast between Christ and the false trinity (Satan, Baal and Mohammad) is quite evident. Satan, Baal And Mohammad are again guilty of the "great imitation." Jesus is the truth and light, and the only path to the Father.

Rev 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

"He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God." The most likely explanation is His blood shed on the cross. Some believe it is the blood of the slain followers of the beast. The idea here is evidently derived from Isaiah 63:3, "I have trodden the wine press alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury: and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment". Probably the similarity of this passage has caused the reading, "sprinkled with blood," which is found in a few manuscripts. In the original passage in Isaiah, the blood is doubtless the blood of his enemies; but it is here a reference to the blood of Christ himself, which he shed in his warfare with Satan.



Rev 19:14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

"The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.") Some would limit these to angels. The apparel which they wear—the fine linen "which is the righteousness of saints" (see Revelation 19:8)—should allow us to include the saints. The saints who have fought the good fight here, and who loved not their lives unto the death, will share the triumph of their king. The horses upon which they are seated are white. The raiment they wear is white, pure. These hosts of the redeemed on white horses accompany him to be witnesses of his victory, and to participate in the joy of the triumph, not to engage in the work destroying the ungodly.

Rev 19:15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

"Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. 'He will rule them with an iron scepter.'" The description is like that given in Revelation 1:16 and 2:12.

Revelation 1:16 (NIV)

In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 2:12 (NIV)

"To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword."

The sharp sword in Revelation 19:15 is the same sword in Revelation 1:16. The Word of God is the conqueror and the judge. The sword is now wielded for but one work—the word that Christ spoke will judge men at the last day (John 12:48).

The power of this word found an illustration in the falling back of the hostile band which came to take Him in the day of His humiliation (John 18:5); yet more gloriously will the power of His word be felt. We see this in Isaiah 11:4-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:8 and in Psalm 2:9-12. Christ comes as King; His is a rule in righteousness; those who oppose this kingdom of righteousness find the shepherd's staff as a rod of iron; the stone

2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

Psalm 2:9-12 (NIV)

"You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry, and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Isaiah 11:4-5 (NIV)

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

In Revelation, John gives us five names for Christ. This is the truth of Jesus, the true Son of God. The first name is Faithful and True. The second is the unknown name written on him that only he knows. The third is the Word of God. The fourth, written on his robe and thigh, is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The fifth, is that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.

1. THE NAME OF JESUS IS "FAITHFUL AND TRUE"

Jesus is named the faithful and true witness in the letter to Laodicea in 3:14. Jesus is referred to as the "faithful witness" in Revelation 1:5. Jesus told Pilate he came into the world to bear witness to the truth in John 18:37. He names himself "the way and the truth and the life" in John 14:6. Paul lists faithfulness as part of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22.

Revelation 3:14 (NIV)

To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

2. THE NAME OF JESUS IS "NO ONE KNOWS BUT HE HIMSELF"

The second name in Revelation is written on the Lord Jesus and no one knows it but him. John is telling us that even though the Lord Jesus truly reveals who God is there will always be something of God that we cannot know. God is beyond human understanding and Jesus will remain a mystery to us. We think in human terms, and not spiritual realms.

Revelation 19:12 (NIV)

His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

We are creatures and though we will be united with him in a relationship that is like a marriage there will always be a part of Christ that we will never fully understand. In the letter to Pergamum in Revelation 2:17 the Lord tells those who are faithful to him that he will give them a new name that only they themselves will know.

The concept is similar yet different because the faithful believer is given that new name by the Lord whereas his name that only he knows was not given him but it is his alone. The true believers of Jesus are given a truthful white stone, in stark contrast to the blackstone in the Kaaba set up by the false prophet Mohammad.

Revelation 2:17 (NIV)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

3. THE NAME OF JESUS IS THE "WORD OF GOD"

The third name is the Word of God. John 1:1 ("In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God") begins with a picture of the Word or logos in Greek. John describes Jesus the Son, the Word become flesh, the incarnate one. In John 1 John describes the first revelation of the Son, the Word of God, when he became a human being and lived among us. His mission was to die and rise again for the sins of the human race and draw all people to himself.

Revelation 19:13 (NIV)

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

John in Revelation 19:13 describes the second revelation of the Son, the Word of God. Now he comes to judge the world in righteousness and to finally and completely defeat Satan and Baal and all who oppose the Lord God. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:17 that he did not come into the world to condemn the world but to save it. ("For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.") At the second coming of Jesus there is no more chance for salvation. Jesus comes to judge!

4. THE NAME OF JESUS IS THE "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS"

Here in Revelation 19:16 the fourth name is "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." This name is written on the Lord's robe and on his thigh. Paul names God himself as King of Kings and Lord of Lords in 1 Timothy 6:13-16. Now John gives that title to Jesus. The Lord Jesus is God! King of kings and Lord of lords is a title given to God in the Old Testament. In Deuteronomy 10:17 says God is God of gods and Lord of lords. In Psalm 136 people are told to give thanks to God, the Lord of Lords. In Daniel 2:46-47 Nebuchadnezzar tells Daniel "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries."

1 Timothy 13-16 (NIV)

In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

5. THE NAME OF JESUS IS "THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA"

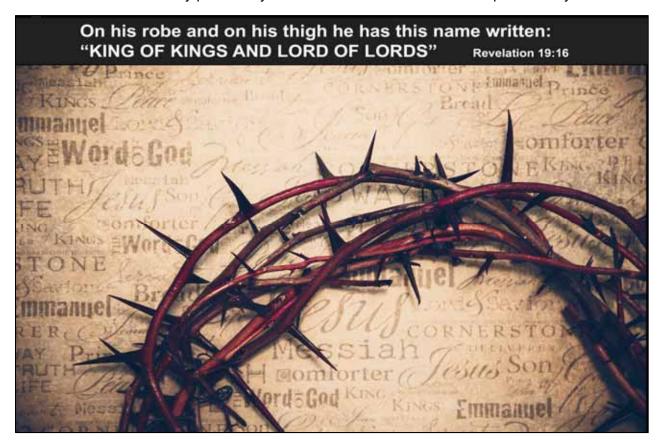
The idea here is, that Jesus will thus show that he is the first and the last - the beginning and the end. Jesus is eternal--not created. Jesus is God, not a messenger. Jesus originated the whole plan of salvation, and he will determine its close; he formed the world, and he will wind up its affairs. In the beginning, the continuance, and the end, he will be recognized as the same being presiding over and controlling all.

Revelation 22:13 (NIV)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

IN ISLAM BAAL AND SATAN FEAR AND LOATHE THE NAME "KING OF KINGS"

Baal and Satan are terrified of Jesus, the true Son of God. John says Jesus is to be worshipped as the "King of Kings." In Islam the "King of Kings" is a name that carries a much different connotation. "Allah" threatens to severely punish anyone who takes that title and draws praise away from Allah.



The term "King of Kings" is not in the Qur'an itself, it does appear in the Hadith, the traditions of Mohammad. In Sahih Bukhari, the most trusted and reliable Hadith collection within Islam, we learn something about Allah. Here is what Mohammad said about Allah and the name "King of Kings".

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah [Mohammad], said, "The most vile man to Allah on the Day of Resurrection, the most filthy and the most wretched, is a man who was named 'King of Kings,' yet there is no king but Allah."

Hadith Source: Sahīh al-Bukhārī, Narrated by Abu Huraira Volume 8, Book 73, Number 224

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī (Arabic: صحيح البخاري) is one of the six major hadith collections of Sunni Islam. Out of all these six major books, the collection of prophetic traditions, or hadith for Sahih al-Bukhari, was performed by the Muslim scholar Mohammad al-Bukhari. It was completed around 846 AD. Sunni Muslims view this as one of the two most trusted collections of hadith along with Sahih Muslim. From the true Biblical Christian point of view, Satan is the enemy of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is God who alone who holds the title "King of Kings." Satan and Baal (the dragon and beast) bluff and claim to target their wrath at the "King of Kings", who is God. This tells us with certainty the spirits worshipped in Islam are not the true God.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun." John is indicating the angel is in heaven (as in Revelation 8:13); in a place befitting his glory. The angel cried with a loud voice, which is usual in all the heavenly proclamations in revelation. There is nothing timid coming from the angels of God. From this grand and exalted position, unreachable by any earth-born being and by the demonic spirits of Satan and Baal, goes forth the proclamation, and reaches all the earth.

"Who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair." Many interpret these to be predatory living physical birds, such as vultures and eagles, and eat the carrion of the dead bodies. But this event will hold several billion human corpses. There would not be anywhere near enough predatory birds to eat these corpses on the Day of the Lord. We know from Revelation 18:2 that Mecca holds all unclean spirits and unclean birds from the demonic world. Here John most likely means the unclean birds are synonymous with devils and evil spirits. They are in midair and not heaven because they are unclean.

Revelation 18:2 (NIV)

With a mighty voice he shouted: "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!' She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.

We can better understand the sinister use of birds in parables to represent demons given to us by Jesus in Matthew 13 in the parable of the sowing seed.

Matthew 13:3-5 (NIV)

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow."

Matthew 13:18-21 (NIV)

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away."

Here we see very clearly that when Jesus said: "the birds came and ate it up" in verse 3, Jesus explained in verse 19 that it means: "the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart." The evil one (Satan and his demons) comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. "Come, gather together for the great supper of God." The demons and unclean spirits take the souls of the dead bodies to their harvest in Sheol. They have no interest in feeding on the actual human flesh they are only interested in collecting souls. Those that have taken the mark of the beast (said the Shahada) and prayed to the Kaaba image will now realize their mistake.



THE GREAT SUPPER OF GOD ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

Rev 19:18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small."

How vain will be the plea of many sinners at the great day! "We followed our guides; we did as we saw others do" they might plead. These people include everyone who has rejected the Gospel of Jesus. This ranges from the most important people of the world to the humblest. No one is exempt. The whole account indicates the widespread and complete nature of God's judgments, which none shall be able to escape. The dead human bodies have their souls collected by the demons.

Anyone who has rejected Christ will be punished on the Day of the Lord and their soul taken by the unclean birds to Sheol. The "slaves" are those that have taken the mark of the beast, the Shahada.

The demons and unclean spirits "eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small" when they harvest their souls of the dead bodies to their gloomy darkness in Sheol. These are not actual birds feeding on the human flesh. This is a spiritual war and they are only interested in collecting souls.

Rev 19:19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army.

"Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together." Notice how conspicuous the absence of the false prophet is. John does not see the false prophet Mohammad. This is because Mohammad is already dead (Mohammad died in 632 AD) and can only influence people by what comes "out of the mouth of the false prophet." (Revelation 16:13-14) What comes out of the mouth of the false prophet Mohammed are the writings in the Qur'an that Mohammad recited out of his mouth after they were given to him by the demonic spirit Baal.

Revelation 16:13-14 (NIV)

Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

Here Baal directly tries to fight with Christ. This is a spiritual battle. Satan has given his power and authority to Baal the beast. The battle with Satan and his complete defeat by Jesus comes a bit later.



The Lord Jesus and his heavenly army defeats the Baal the beast and his army of the ten demonic kings. These are the same ten kings who were before the Little Horn of Daniel chapter 7. Since the little horn is Umar, who died in 644 AD, the ten kings must be demonic.

In addition, Daniel tells us the little horn is "different" because he has a mouth and human eyes. Umar defeated three kings and gave the Islamic calendar and the Islamic Sharia law. ("try to change the set times and the laws.")

Daniel 7:8 (NIV)

While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

Daniel 7:23-25 (NIV)

"He gave me this explanation: 'The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.

The beast Baal is captured along with the false prophet who performed signs and wonders to deceive the nations so that they would worship and follow the beast. The two of them are thrown into the lake of fire or the lake of burning sulfur. In chapter 20 Satan is thrown into the lake of fire after his final defeat. The dead whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life are also thrown into the lake of burning sulfur at the last judgment.

The lake of burning sulfur or lake of fire is John's picture of hell, the place of eternal separation from God and punishment for rebelling against him. Jesus in Matthew 25 said hell was prepared for the devil and his angels but those who rebel against God are also consigned there at the last judgment. This is a spiritual battle notice in all the Bible translations below they make war against Jesus who is portrayed as sitting on the horse, and then also his army of saints

Revelation 19:19 NKJV And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Revelation 19:19 ESV And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.

Revelation 19:19 NIV Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army.

Revelation 19:19 NASB 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.

The false trinity began preparing for Armageddon in the sixth bowl judgment of 16:13–16, sending out their own (fallen) angelic heralds to call "the kings of the whole world" to "gather together" for the final battle. This is a direct continuance of Revelation 16:14, and 16:16, for we first see "the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered." Note again how the false prophet is physically missing because Mohammad is already dead.

Rev 19:20 But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

"But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf." The false prophet and the beast are not physically killed by Christ, but instead are captured. This is the same fate as Satan in Revelation 20:10. This is because all three are in the spiritual world, and do not have a physical body that could die. Mohammed is not seen in Revelation 19:19 because he is dead, but he is captured in Revelation 19:20 because Jesus captures his soul.

Revelation 20:10 (NIV)

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Mohammad, the false prophet, died in 632 AD. The beast Baal is from the Abyss is Baal. Both are in the spiritual world when defeated by Christ. Baal the demonic spirit and the soul of Mohammad are thrown "alive" into the lake of fire. "In the presence of the beast." In the book of Revelation, only the false prophet is in the physical presence of the beast. This is Baal, released from Sheol, who was revealed to Mohammad claiming to be the angel "Gabriel." Baal appeared to Mohammad for 22 years from 610 to 632 AD and gave him the false gospel of the Qur'an. The NASB, ESV and NRSV translations state the false prophet is in the presence of the beast.

Revelation 19:20 NIV But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Revelation 19:20 NASB 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.

Revelation 19:20 ESV And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Revelation 19:20 NRSV And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who <u>had</u> <u>performed in its presence</u> the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Only the false prophet is in the "presence" of the beast. We see the same language in Revelation 13:14. The idolatrous persecuting Islamic power represented by Baal in the Kaaba after release from Sheol and the false prophet Mohammad that deceived the world with fraudulent miracles before him.

The pretended miracles and false doctrine of the Qur'an had supported the apostasy; that is, the antichristian tyranny, and the corrupt clergy, were taken, were made prisoners, and condemned to suffer the most exemplary punishment by the hands of justice. These both were cast alive - since they no longer had physical bodies - into the spiritual the lake of fire burning with brimstone

Revelation 13:14 (NASB)

And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Revelation 19:20 (NASB)

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

The "man of lawlessness" was Baal, being restrained at the time of Paul in the Abyss-Sheol. Once released, he was revealed to Mohammad. Mohammad was in the physical presence of the beast.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-10 (NIV)

Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

These both were cast alive into a lake of fire - The beast Baal and the false prophet Mohammad. That is, the overthrow will be as signal, and the destruction as complete, as if the leaders of the combined hosts should be taken "alive" and thrown into a pit or lake that burns with an intense heat. There is no necessity for supposing that this is to be literally inflicted - meaning that the false prophet is still a living human. The soul and spirit are thrown into the spiritual dimension lake of fire.

Rev 19:21 The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

"The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse." This is not a literal sword coming out of the mouth of Jesus. The Lord Jesus will speak the Word of God and without firing a shot, all these armies will be destroyed in an instant of time! This is all the unbelievers left on the earth that are praying to the Kaaba in Mecca, and worshiping Baal the beast.

In John 12:47-50 Jesus tells us he will judge and punish the nonbelievers by the words he has said. "The very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day." The word of God coming from the mouth of Jesus judges all men on the Day of the Lord. Spiritual death is inflicted upon those who have proved themselves hostile to God.

John 5:21-23 (NIV)

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

John 12:47-50 (NIV)

"If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

"And all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh." This last sentence emphasizes the nature of the punishment by the reference to the indignity offered to their souls after death. The demonic spirits gorge themselves on the ungodly souls killed by rejecting the Word of God--Jesus the Son of God. The demonic spirits take the souls of those humans that rejected Christ down into Sheol to await the final judgment.

God's army is a heavenly army. This is a spiritual battle. See Revelation 19:14 to first see where the army comes from. No humans can fight spirits.

19:14 NASB And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

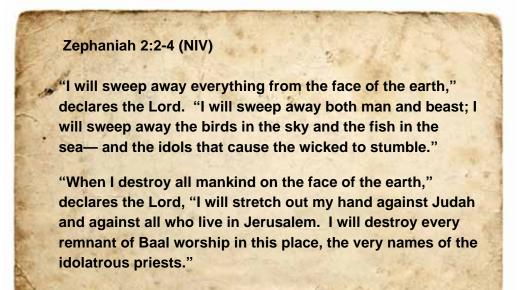
19:14 ESV And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

In Revelation 19:14-19:21 the Lord's judgment and final spiritual war are accomplished. In Revelation 19:19 the beast (Baal) and his ten kings armies (demons) try to fight the Lamb one last time.

BAAL IS FINALLY DESTROYED AND THROWN IN THE LAKE OF FIRE

"I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place, the very names of the idolatrous priests." Which sword was coming out of his mouth? That is, they were cut down by the Word of God. They fell before him as Jesus spoke, as if they were slain by the sword.

Will unsaved humans follow the remaining human kings--led by 10 demonic kings--led by Baal (beast) into battle that day? Yes, every remaining human on earth will be killed on that day. At this time Zephaniah says Baal is finally defeated!



The victory by Jesus is so plainly designated as one to be gained by purely spiritual means. The confederacy of the Islamic powers of the world, under the leadership of Mohammad and Baal in the Kaaba will be primarily intellectual and spiritual. The powers of earth and hell make their utmost effort. The "beast" Baal and the "false prophet" Mohammad are disposed of, and there remains only the subjugation of the great dragon - the source of all this evil - to prepare the way for the long-anticipated triumph of the Gospel.

2 Peter 3:10 (NIV)

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Christ, the glorious Head of the church, is described as on a white horse, the emblem of justice and holiness. He has many crowns, for he is King of kings, and Lord of lords. He is arrayed in a vesture dipped in his own blood, by which he purchased his power as Mediator; and in the blood of his enemies, over whom he always prevails. His name is The Word of God; a name none fully knows but himself; only this we know, that this Word was God manifest in the flesh; but the glory of Jesus and his perfection cannot be fully understood by any human creature