

Book of
Revelation
A VISION OF VICTORY

The Victorious Rider

Revelation 19:11-12



Revelation 1:3

³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

**Revelation was written to strengthen our
faithfulness in the present.**



A DEFINITION

Apocalyptic literature **uses vivid symbols and images to reveal God's perspective on present realities and inspire faithful endurance.**



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Apocalyptic Imagery Refresher:

- ❖ **Dragon** = Satan
- ❖ **Babylon** = (Roman) Empire
- ❖ **Beast/s** = Caesar/Emperor
- ❖ **Horns** = Kings (and Leaders)

(Revelation 12-13, Daniel 7)

Revelation 18:1-3 (Context)

¹ After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. ² With a mighty voice he **shouted**:

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!” ^[a]

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.

³ For all the nations have drunk
the maddening wine of her adulteries.

The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”

[a] **Isaiah 21:9**





Isaiah 21:6-10

⁶ This is what the Lord says to me:

“Go, post a lookout
and have him report what he sees.

⁷ When he sees chariots
with teams of horses,
riders on donkeys
or riders on camels,
let him be **alert**,
fully alert.”

⁸ And the **lookout shouted**,

“Day after day, my lord, I stand on the
watchtower;
every night I stay at my post.



Isaiah 21:6-10

⁹ Look, here comes a man in a chariot
with a team of horses.

And he gives back the answer:

‘Babylon has fallen, has fallen!’

All the images of its gods
lie shattered on the ground!’”

¹⁰ **My people who are crushed on the
threshing floor,**

I tell you what I have heard
from the Lord Almighty,
from the God of Israel.



THE PAIN OF WAITING

God's people are feeling **crushed**, they have felt the oppression of empire - physically, economically, spiritually - and yet **the alert messenger has news**.

Revelation 19:11-16

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¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his **name** is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 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.” ^[a] He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this **name** written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

[a] Psalm 2:9



A DIFFERENT KIND OF **KING**

Before we can understand the battle, we
need to know **who** is riding the horse.

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Psalm 2:9-11

- ⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron ^[b];
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”
- ¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear
and **celebrate his rule** with trembling.

[b] *Or will rule them with an iron
scepter (see Septuagint and Syriac)*



Psalm 2:1-3

- ¹ Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
- ² The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed,
saying,
- ³ **“Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.”**



A DIFFERENT KIND OF **KINGDOM**

While “nations and kings” may not understand this,
a life lived under God’s rule **is not captivity, but
freedom.**

Revelation 19:17-21

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**, 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.”



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Revelation 19:7, 9

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...

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.”



Revelation 19:19

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Revelation 19:21

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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. 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.





There is no big battle.
It's just...**over.**

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If Jesus is our King, we don't just celebrate his victory. **We learn his way of being victorious.**

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Jesus Christ The Victorious Rider

KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS:

- ❖ He fights with **justice**.
- ❖ He conquers **with truth**.
- ❖ He wins **through sacrifice**.