



END TIMES: WHAT'S GOING ON? "The End" Revelation 19:11-20:15

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On three occasions in his visions, John has seen the great climax of this world's history (the vision of the seals, trumpets, and bowls). But now he returns to the subject and reveals more details of the events constituting the end of the age.

I. The Triumphant Return of Christ. 19:11-21; See 16:15

- A. The promise of Christ's second coming. John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 2 Peter 3:4
- B. The splendor of His return.
 1. He entered Jerusalem on a donkey; He returns on a white charger.
 2. He has proved Himself to be faithful, true, and just.
 3. He is irresistible and indisputably in control (eyes, crowns).
 4. He is unfathomable (name hidden) and indomitable (magic powerless).
 5. He knows suffering (blood), but He is the Word of God.
 6. He speaks truth no man can withstand (sword); He will rule the nations.
 7. He will exercise divine judgment and reign supreme (King of Kings).
- C. The defeat of His enemies.
 1. "The wedding supper of the Lamb" *contra* "the great supper of God."
 2. The beast amasses forces to defeat the Christ; no contest! 16:16
 3. The beast, false prophet, and followers dispatched to "fiery lake."

II. The Millennium. 20:1-6

- A. The ancient serpent, Satan seized, chained, locked and sealed for 1000 years.
- B. The "beheaded" ones live and reign with Christ 1000 years.
- C. End of 1000 years Satan released, stages rebellion...no contest; joins beasts.
- D. Pre-millennial, Post-millennial, A-millennial position?

III. The Great White Throne. 20:11-15

- A. The awesome presence of the one seated on the great white throne.
- B. The enforced presence of the dead, small and great from sea, land and Hades.
- C. The judgment of all on the basis of heaven's record of "What they had done."
- D. The opening of the Lamb's book of life and the hunt for names there.
- E. The "lake of fire," the final destination of those not in the "book of life."