

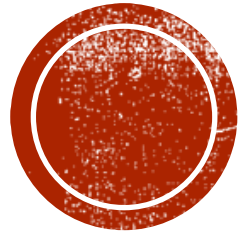
APOCALYPSE!

Session 7

"... The Victory: A New World..."

Rev. Ch. 19-22





OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 118



A FEW MORE WORDS ABOUT “THE BEAST”

- What SPECIFICALLY does this POINT to?
- WHO EXACTLY is the BEAST?????
- Many figures in the last century who have been pointed to



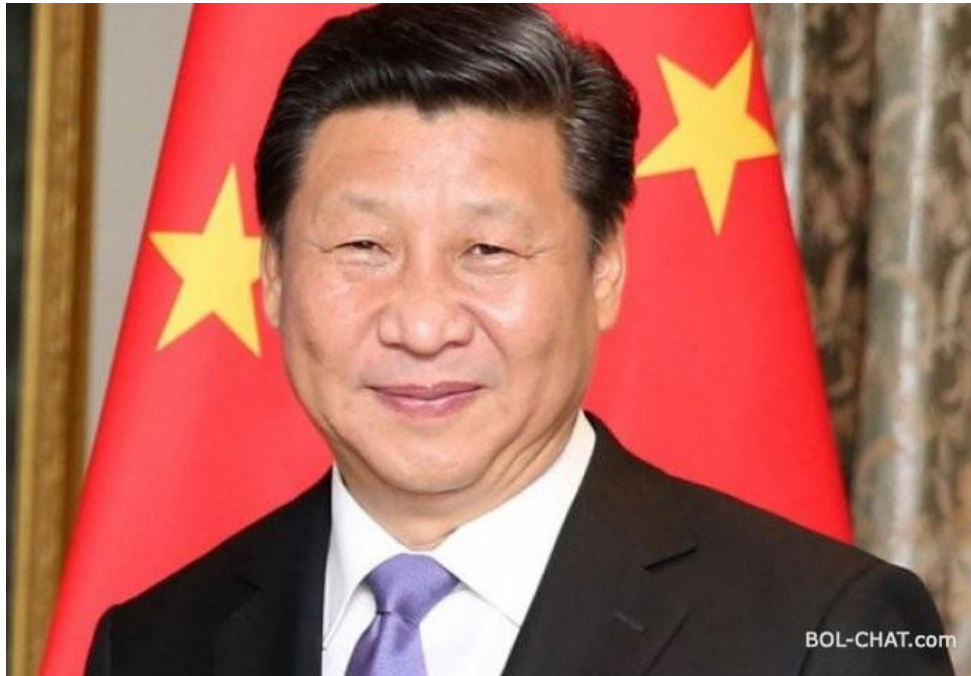


Who is
the
Beast?





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A FEW MORE WORDS ABOUT “THE BEAST”

- SYMBOLISM of Revelation is not a one to one ratio...
 - Symbols are LAYERED with meaning
 - To SPEAK to different ages and different times
- Tools of discernment
- 1 John 2:18-23



A FEW MORE WORDS ABOUT “THE BEAST”

- Point being, there is always “beasts” and “anti-Christ”
- What denies Christ as Lord
- Destructive, Chaotic, seizes power WITHOUT or OVER and AGAINST God
- Denies/strives to CONTROL religion for own ends
- Violates Human Life...



THE POINT...

- Is to REMAIN FAITHFUL to CHRIST EVEN in the face of persecution
- And seek to follow Christ with whole life as highest good...
- Ultimately Christ will conquer all evil



Day of the Lord



Part 2 of 2

Revelation





FINAL JUDGEMENT

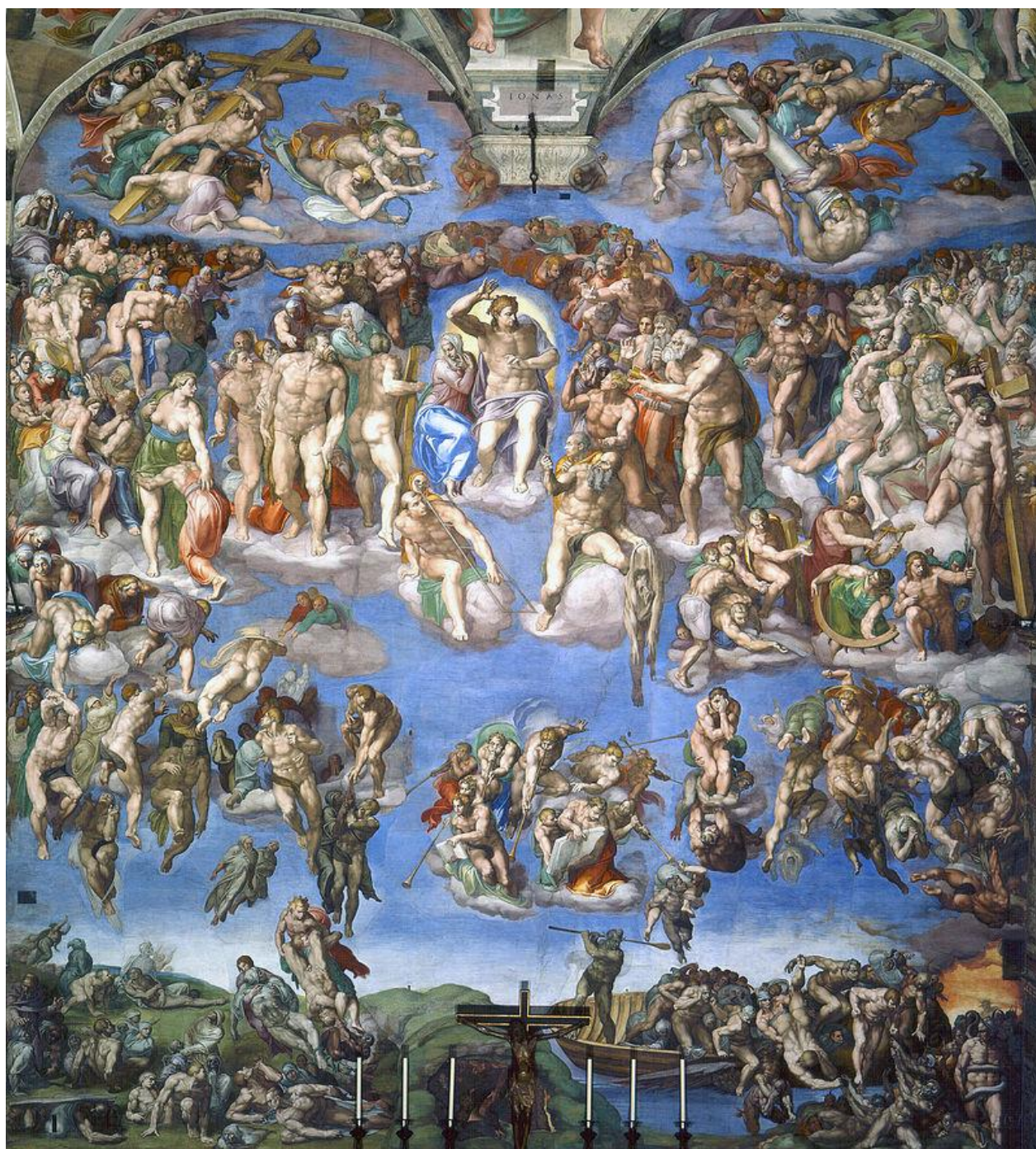
Rev. 19-20



FOUR LAST THINGS

DEATH
JUDGMENT
HEAVEN
HELL





JUDGEMENT

Particular
(soul)
(individual)

Last Judgement
(body)
(cosmic)

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BRIDE OF THE LAMB

Rev. 21



THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

“Rejoice and be glad and give him glory, for the wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, and the Bride is prepared to welcome him”

-Rev. 19:7-9



THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Marriage of:

**HEAVEN and EARTH
CHRIST and CHURCH
(Heavenly Jerusalem)
DIVINE and HUMAN
SOUL and CREATOR**



THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Bible “bookended”
with Marriage
Begins and Ends
with Marriage

Adam and Eve
Gen. 2:22-24

Wedding of the Lamb
Rev. 19-22



THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Marriage as
Sacrament

Celibacy as
Eschatological



THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Parallels between
Blessed Virgin Mary
&
Church
as
Bride of God





HEAVENLY JERUSALEM


Rev. 22

John of Patmos watches
the descent of New Jerusalem from God
14th-century tapestry



EZEKIEL 47

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and there I saw water flowing out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east. The water flowed out toward the right side of the temple to the south of the altar. He brought me by way of the north gate and around the outside to the outer gate facing east; there I saw water trickling from the southern side. When he continued eastward with a measuring cord in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and had me wade through the water; it was ankle-deep. He measured off another thousand cubits and once more had me wade through the water; it was up to the knees. He measured another thousand cubits and had me wade through the water; it was up to my waist. Once more he measured off a thousand cubits. Now it was a river I could not wade across. The water had risen so high, I would have to swim—a river that was impassable. Then he asked me, “Do you see this, son of man?” He brought me to the bank of the river and had me sit down. As I was returning, I saw along the bank of the river a great many trees on each side. He said to me, “This water flows out into the eastern district, runs down into the Arabah and empties into the polluted waters of the sea to freshen them. Wherever it flows, the river teems with every kind of living creature; fish will abound. Where these waters flow they refresh; everything lives where the river goes... Along each bank of the river every kind of fruit tree will grow; their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fresh fruit because the waters of the river flow out from the sanctuary. Their fruit is used for food, and their leaves for healing.



Water of Life



Tree of Life



The Eucharist is the fruit of the NEW TREE of
Life, that is CHRIST's CROSS

Eucharist is marriage of Body and Soul with
Christ



The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

Let the hearer say, “Come.”

Let the one who thirsts come forward,
and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

Revelation 22:17

The one who gives this testimony says,

“Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen!

Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

Revelation 22:20-21



THE END



TAKE-AWAYS/FINAL THOUGHTS

- 2020 has been a CRAZY year...
- Are we LIVING in the APOCALYPSE??
 - Is this “The end times?”
- YES and NO
- “End Times” initiated by Jesus (Eschatological Tension)
- Revelation of that which HAS happened, IS happening, and WILL happen (simultaneously presented in book)
- But NOT code for predicting WHEN will happen...

RATHER...



TAKE-AWAYS/FINAL THOUGHTS

- TOOLS for DISCERNMENT
- Call to Repentance (Prepare don't Predict)
- Call to Faithfulness in Christ in the face of Trial and Tribulation (Prayerfully Persevere (in Persecution))
- Good higher than Survival, and Evil worse than Death



TAKE-AWAYS/FINAL THOUGHTS

- Read Book of Revelation Better (TOOLS for READING)
 - Though I know we did not exhaust its meaning...
- Understand WHOLE of Biblical Story/Scripture Better (TOOLS for READING)
- Enter more deeply into Liturgical Prayer!
 - (Deeper meaning of Symbols)
- Call to REPENTANCE as well as WORD OF HOPE
- Tool of Discernment (Evil is Seductive and Deceptive)
 - Seeking one own's SURVIVAL and WORLDLY GAIN is very tempting above Faithfulness to Christ



THE END
(FOR REAL THE END NOW)



CLOSING PRAYER (SEE REVELATION 19:1-7)

- **Antiphon 3** *Ever wider will his kingdom spread, eternally at peace, alleluia.*

Alleluia.

Salvation, glory, and power to our God:
his judgments are honest and true.

Alleluia.

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants,
all who worship him reverently, great and small.

Alleluia

The Lord our all-powerful God is King;
Let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.

Alleluia

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

Alleluia

Glory be...

- **Antiphon 3** *Ever wider will his kingdom spread, eternally at peace, alleluia.*

