

## Scenes of Victory

Rev. 19:1-20:15

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### Chapters 19-20

19:1-10 Threefold Hallelujah - \_\_\_\_\_ !

Brings us back to the \_\_\_\_\_ vision. (Rev. 4:4,10, 5:8 & 11:16)

It reaches the goal: Union of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Or \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

19:11-21 The Conquering Christ.

The identity is \_\_\_\_\_.

Faithful & true (Rev. 3:14)

Blazing eyes (Rev. 1:14, 2:18)

Crowns the antithesis of the beast.

Sword (Rev. 1:16, 2:12,16, 19:15, 21) The sword is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The King of Kings (Rev. 1:5, 17:14)

He is also the \_\_\_\_\_.

White horse means \_\_\_\_\_.

The blood is the blood of his \_\_\_\_\_.

The word is his \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of defeat and \_\_\_\_\_ of unbelief. (Deut. 28:26)

Pictures the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
and the death of their \_\_\_\_\_.

## 20:1-15 The Millenium Chapter

The premillennial - amillennial debate.

I reject: One is the literal meaning of Scripture and one is figurative.

(Some) passages do not advance the prophetic narrative but, looking backward and forward, sum up the past and anticipate the future.

The order of the narrative is therefore not consistently chronological.

(**N.S.R.B.**, a dispensational, premillennial study Bible)

And **John Walvoord** admits that chapter 12 is about “the birth of Christ (the dragon referring to the Roman Empire at that time as dominated by Satan) and the attempts of Herod to destroy the baby Jesus.”

Here is the question: Do the events of chapter 20 happen \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ chapter 19?

Before, we reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of the end, but returned to \_\_\_\_\_ events. (6:12-17, 8:5, 11:19, 14:14-20, 16:18-21)

A number of premill scholars and amill scholars agree with this interpretation.

The question is, does it happen here? “A key issue in our understanding of the millennium is whether chapter 20 involves recapitulation, looking back from the end to the whole history of the church.” (**G.E. Ladd**)

**R. Mounce** writes, “strong arguments can be marshalled in support of either position.”

Reading \_\_\_\_\_, or a premillennial understanding.

1. It reads like the \_\_\_\_\_ in a series of events.  
Chapter 18 Babylon falls.  
Chapter 19 The beast and false prophet are defeated.  
Chapter 20 Marks the defeat of the dragon.
2. Clearly, Satan is not \_\_\_\_\_ today.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers,

so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor. 4:3-4) See Rev. 20:3

. . . in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. (Eph. 2:2)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

“There are few theories of Scripture which are less warranted than the idea that Satan was bound at the first coming of Christ.” (**Walvoord**)

3. Verse 4, “They came to life . . .” is a physical resurrection.

Reading \_\_\_\_\_, or an amillennial understanding.

1. When the angel comes in 7:2, 10:1, 18:1 it is not bringing a message that follows chronologically, nor here.
2. Satan is bound.

Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house. (Christ speaking of his ministry in Matt. 12:29)

He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” (When disciples proclaim the gospel. Also, Rev. 12:9)

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Col. 2:15)

3. Are there two wars or one? (Rev. 16:12-16, 19:17-21, 20:8-10)

. . . they go out to the kings of the whole world, **to gather them for the battle** on the great day of God Almighty. (Rev. 16:14)

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. (Rev. 19:19)

and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—**and to gather them for battle**. In number They are like the sand on the seashore. (Rev. 20:8)

No one believes there are three battles, but is there one or two battles at the end.

## **A Few Conclusions**

1. I reject the dispensational teaching that Revelation is not about the church but Israel, that is, the church is removed in Rev. 4:1 and the rest has nothing to do with the church. But this is Christ-centered completely. The church (the faithful church) is the believing community that worships the Lamb, that is faithful to Jesus (12:17), that are His faithful ones (17:14), and it is the church that is the bride of Christ (19:7, 21:2). Remember Christ is the fulfillment of all Scripture. Don't get caught up in all the political and national ideas of today.
2. What about the rapture? The idea of the rapture comes from 1 Thess. 4:17. Does Revelation say anything? **Walvoord** believes the church is raptured in Rev. 4:1 even though he says, "it is clear from the context that this is not an explicit reference to the rapture of the church." And he says, "the rapture as a doctrine is not a part of the prophetic foreview of the book of Revelation." We should note that there are believers who call themselves pretribulation, mid-tribulation, and post-tribulation (rapturists). We should add that the one place where both **Mounce** (premill) and **Hendriksen** (amill) see the church removed is at 11:12. Both insist that it is no secret rapture.

3. If we agree that Revelation is about Christ the Lamb, his victory and the church as his faithful people, should there be a huge rift between Believers about end time events?

**Rev. 20:11-15 A Final Word**

There is \_\_\_\_\_, and the important thing is believers' \_\_\_\_\_ are written in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A complete contrast between the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, or earth \_\_\_\_\_, and those whose names are in the book of life. (Rev. 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 20:15, 21:27.)