

Week 10: Chapters 19 & 20

Jesus Wins

Notes:

The rise of evil:

Death and Hades set loose 6:7-8

Dragon persecutes the church – Revelation 12:13-17

Rise of the sea beast - Revelation 13:1-10

Rise of the land beast – Revelation 13:11-18

Babylon – Revelation 17:1-6

The fall of evil:

Fall of Babylon – Revelation 17:15 – 18:24

Fall of the beasts – Revelation 19:17-20

Defeat of the dragon – Revelation 20:1-10

Defeat of Death and Hades 20:14

DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST IN 19:11-16

- Faithful and true
- In righteousness he judges and makes war
- Eyes like a flame of fire
- Crowned with many diadems
- Name inscribed no one knows but himself
- Robe dipped in blood
- Word of God
- Sword from his mouth
- Rules with rod of iron
- Treads winepress of God's wrath
- King of Kings, Lord of Lords

Thoughts on Victory:

“...the martyrdom of Christians – is described both as the beast's victory over them and as their victory

over the beast. In this way John poses the question: who are the real victors? The answer depends on whether one sees things from the earthly perspective of those who worship the beast or from the heavenly perspective which John's visions open up for his readers."

"The perspective of heaven must break into the earth bound delusion of the beast's propaganda to enable a different assessment of the same empirical fact: the beast's apparent victory is the martyr's – and therefore God's – real victory."

Richard Bauckham p.90-91

So this is not the slaughtered Lamb turned slaughterer, but it is the witness turned judge. The 'faithful and true witness' (3:14) is now 'called faithful and true' (19:11), but not witness.

Bauckham p.105

The Millennium 20:1-6

Pre Millennium – Christ comes prior to the 1,000 years

Post Millennium – Christ comes after the 1,000 year reign

Amillennial – The 1,000 years is not literal

"John expected the martyrs to be vindicated, but the millennium depicts the meaning, rather than predicting the manner of their vindication."

Bauckham p.108

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8