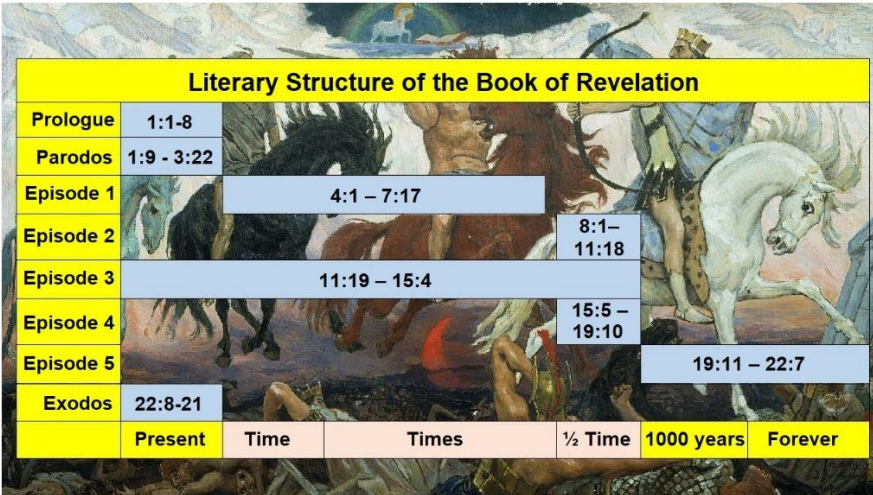


OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Powellhurst Men's Bible Study

Episode 5: 19:11–22:7

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Literary Structure of the Book of Revelation						
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	Present	Time	Times	½ Time	1000 years	Forever

Learning objectives

- Identify the horseman from heaven.
- Identify the beast and its false prophet.
- Defend your view of the 'millennium' (1000 years).
- Describe our home in the New Jerusalem.

Preview

- The rider on a white horse.
- Defeats the (2nd) beast and of his false prophet.
- binding Satan for 1000 years.
- The resurrected reign for 1000 years.
- After Gog and Magog are overthrown
- the devil is thrown into a lake of fire.
- The dead are judged by their deeds,
- and suffer the 'second death'.
- A new heaven and earth descend,
- bringing a new Jerusalem.

The horseman from heaven

19:11 I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and wages war... 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

- Who are these armies?

Rule with a rod of iron

19:15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a scepter of iron; he will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of lords."

- Rule over whom?
- Why is God so furious?

The beast and its false prophet

19:19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to wage war against the rider on the horse and against his army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet... These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

- The first beast? Or the second?
- Who is this false prophet?

The dragon bound for a 1000 years

20:1 An angel ... 2 seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years 3 and threw him into the pit and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while.

- How long is a 1000 years?
- How is Satan useful to God?

Theories of the millennium

- Amillennial: “the present reign of the souls of deceased believers with Christ in heaven.” Hoekema
- Postmillennialism: “a time in which the gospel is preached throughout the world.” Gentry
- Premillennialism: “after the Second Coming of Christ, [he] will reign for a thousand years over the earth.” Ladd
- Dispensationalism: “a future, literal 1,000-year ... merges with and continues on to the eternal state.” Walvoord



The first resurrection

20:4 Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge... They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection... 6 They will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him a thousand years.

- What will we do for 1000 years?
- What does it mean, to judge? What does it mean, to reign?

Satan's 'get out of jail' card

20:7 When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will come out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog... 9 They marched up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.

- Who are Gog and Magog?
- In Ezek. 38-39, these are a “multinational alliance surrounding Israel.” *Dictionary of Biblical Prophecy and End Times* (2009).
- 2019 Middle East Muslim population = 287,986,537. —Wikipedia

Satan's 'go back to jail' card

20:9 And fire came down from heaven and consumed them. 10 And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever.

- What is the devil's main tactic towards humans?

The dead, great and small

20:12 I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books.

- Why will God not just forgive everybody?

The second death

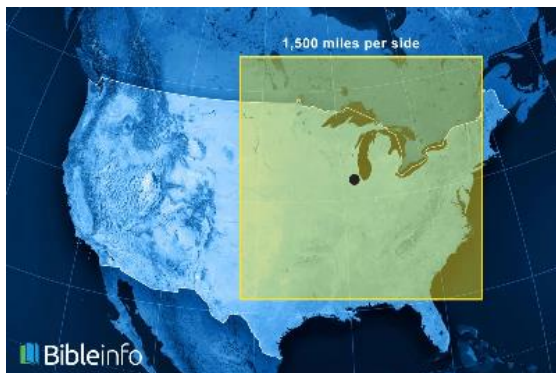
20:13 All were judged according to what they had done. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire, 15 and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

- What was the first death?
 - 1) Exclusion from Eden?
 - 2) The wages of sin?
 - 3) Physical death?

A new heaven, a new earth, and a new city

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- Why no more sea?



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