

ALL GOD'S ENEMIES

Sunday, January 21, 2024 – The Book of REVELATION – Pastor Ben Nistor

Revelation 17:14

English Standard Version (ESV)

14 *They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."*

REVIEW

- LAST WEEK: 'Why Christians Are Conquerors' – Because the Lamb has conquered his enemies, we are conquerors!
- The Book of Revelation is meant to give Christians a trajectory of God-centered hope – God WINS!
- Revelation is a letter written to several churches in Asia Minor.
- Revelation is a prophetic letter because John speaks on behalf of God to God's people.
- Because Revelation is apocalyptic, it deals with *eschatology*. The Greek word for 'end-times' is *eschaton* – eschatology is the study of end-times:
 - 1) Eschatology deals with God's activity in the future.
 - 2) It also deals with Christians and non-Christians and their eternal state.
 - 3) Finally, it deals with God's future and ultimate salvation and judgment.

Revelation 1–3	Jesus's Words to the Seven Churches
Revelation 4–5	God and the Lamb Reigning
Revelation 6–8	The Seven <u>Seals</u> of Judgment → How it ends: Revelation 7:13–17
Revelation 8–11	The Seven <u>Trumpets</u> of Judgment → How it ends: Revelation 11:15–19
Revelation 12–14	The Woman, Dragon, Beasts, and the 144,000 → How it ends: Revelation 14:14–20
Revelation 15–16	The Seven <u>Bowls</u> of Judgment → How it ends: Revelation 16:17–21
Revelation 17–19	The Judgement of <u>Babylon</u> → How it ends: Revelation 19:11–21
Revelation 20	The Judgment of All the Rest → How it ends: Revelation 20:11–15
Revelation 21–22	God, the Lamb, and the Bride Reigning
Revelation 22:6–21	Jesus's Final Words to the Churches

WHO ARE GOD'S ENEMIES?

GOD'S ENEMIES	BIBLE REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	THEIR ULTIMATE FATE
- <u>Satan</u> /Dragon	Rev 12:7–17; 20:1–10	great dragon, ancient serpent, the deceiver, the accuser Make war against the Almighty and the Lamb (16:4; 17:14)	Rev 20:10
- The <u>Sea</u> Beast	Revelation 13	10 horns/crowns, 7 heads/blasphemous names,	Rev 20:10
- The <u>Earth</u> Beast/ The False <u>Prophet</u>	Rev 13:11–18; 16:13; 19:20; 20:10	2 horns like a lamb, speaks like a dragon, performs great signs, marks on right hand/forehead	Rev 20:10
- The Great Harlot of Babylon/The Kings of Earth	Rev 17 (entire chapter)	Revelation 17:3–6	Rev 17:16–17; 19:1–4
- The City of <u>Babylon</u>	Rev 18 (entire chapter)	Rev 18:1–3, 11–13, 16–17	Rev 18:21–24
- <u>Death</u>	Rev 6:8; 20:13–14	Revelation 6:8	Rev 1:18; 20:14; 1 Corinthians 15:26

WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU AN ENEMY OF GOD?

- 1) Apart from Christ, all humanity is at enmity with God. (See Psalm 14:1–3; Romans 3:23; 5:10)
- 2) God will judge every person. EVERYONE WILL SEE HIM.

Romans 1:18

18 For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness** of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

5 This [the Church's endurance in persecution] is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— 6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, **inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus**. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

Revelation 1:7

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and **every eye will see him**, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

- 3) God will judge every deed. Notice the repeated sins in Revelation:

- Sexual Immorality (Rev 2:14, 20–21; 9:21; 14:8; 17:2, 4; 18:3, 9; 21:8; 22:15)
- Murder, lying, theft (Rev 9:21; 21:8; 22:15)
- False worship/idolatry (Rev 9:20; 13:4, 8; 14:9–10; 19:10; 22:8–9)
- Other important NT sin lists (Romans 1:26–32; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Galatians 5:19–21; Colossians 3:5–10; 1 Timothy 1:9–10; 2 Timothy 3:2–4)

Revelation 22:12–15

12 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, **to repay each one for what he has done**. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 15 **Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood**.

- 4) God's judgment will be determined by our name – EVERYONE HAS A NAME.

- Those whose names are not in the Book of Life will be condemned:

Revelation 13:7–8; 20:14–15

7 Also [the Beast] was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, **everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain**.

14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

- Those whose names are in the Book of Life will be saved:

Revelation 3:5, 12; 21:27

5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I [THE LAMB of GOD] will never blot his **name** out of the book of life. I will confess his **name** before my Father and before his angels.

12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the **name** of my God, and the **name** of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new **name**.

27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but **only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life**.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF? GOD'S ENEMIES OR GOD HIMSELF?

DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS GOD'S ENEMY OR ARE YOU 'ON HIS TEAM'? SEE REV 15:3–4