

# Revelation – Jesus King of kings!

## 1. John sees Heaven standing open! (19:11 – 16)

- A white horse – and a rider called Faithful and True, The Word of God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, a name known only to him!
- A robe dipped in blood, treading the winepress of God's wrath
- John sees Jesus – Jesus in majesty, power, authority and justice
- Jesus coming to destroy the powers of evil

## 2. John sees an angel (19: 17 – 21)

- They call for the birds to prepare to scavenge the battle field
- Battle lines are drawn. The beast and the kings gather for Armageddon
- There is no battle – it has already been won!
- The beast and his false prophet are captured – the rest killed
- The picture is one of complete victory

## 3. Another angel (20: 1 – 10)

- Holding the key to the abyss – Satan is bound for 1000 years
- Pre, Post and A Millennial – how do we understand this 1000 years?
  - i. Pre – Jesus returns the dead are raised and rule for 1000 years. Satan returns for one final time of suffering before his final defeat
  - ii. Post – Jesus returns after the 1000 years, the church overcomes the power of Satan and there follows 1000 years while Satan is bound. Satan re-emerges and a period of suffering follows after which Jesus acts in judgement.
  - iii. A – the 1000 years is a metaphor for the present time. Post Calvary and Pre Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. The last days Satan's power is allowed to rule with increasingly damaging effect on the church, which looks as if it has been defeated.
- The key truth to focus on is Christ triumphant, ever reigning

## 4. John sees a great white throne (20: 11 – 15)

- The final judgement – the books are opened
- The book of life – salvation for all whose names are in it
- The second death – judgement – a lake of fire

Jesus is Saviour and Judge of all – no one in heaven or earth is left out.

## Digging Deeper

Read Revelation 19:11 – 20:15

1. List some of the ways earthly rulers typically display their power and reflect on the purposes behind these exhibitions.

Revelation 19: 11 – 16

2. What four names identifies the rider and what do they tell us about him?
3. Whose justice does he come to judge with and characterises the justice?
4. What is the contrast between the robe of the rider and that of his followers?
5. We have 'seen' several perspectives of the final judgement over the past few chapters. What does God want us to grasp and what impact does that have on our lives and witness?

Revelation 19:17 – 21

6. How would you summarise the final great battle (Armageddon) How does this contrast to the Hollywood blockbusters?

Revelation 20: 1 – 10

7. What is the purpose of Satan's confinement?
8. What does the 1000 years symbolise and who reigns with Jesus?
9. Another battle looms in 7 – 10 what is the outcome and how might this encourage a suffering church?

Revelation 20: 11 – 15

10. On what basis will judgement be made?
  - A. How has Jesus showed himself 'faithful and true' to you?
  - B. What everyday difference does it make for you that the battle over evil has already been won by Jesus' cross and resurrection?