

How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 34]

(Revelation)

- Opening Scripture: **Revelation 19 & 20 – Rejoicing in Heaven, Armageddon, Final Defeat of Evil**
 - **The harlot is conquered and Heaven celebrates. Christ returns (as a warrior). Armageddon (servants of evil overthrown). 1,000 years of GOD's reign (Satan bound). Martyred saints resurrected. Satan released & defeated. General resurrection & The Throne (Final) Judgment.**

ONGOING FOCUS: Symbolism in Prophetic & Apocalyptic Literature

- ✓ **This week:** Praise to GOD for victory. The Wedding of The Lamb. Christ's return. Who is preserved & why? The Millennial Kingdom (meaning & purpose). Why is Satan freed for a time? Everyone brought back to life & judged.

○ Chapter 19

- Rejoicing in Heaven – Emphasis on GOD's character (demonstrated in defeating Babylon).
- The Wedding (Christ & The Saints united).
- Prophecy angel clarifies worship is for The LORD (not for GOD's servants).
- Jesus' return (as victorious king & fulfilment of The Word of GOD)
 - Horse, character, eyes, crowns, robe, names inscribed on him, sword (where does it emanate from?).

□ Armageddon

- Angel announces the battle (meaning of description).
- Painful consequences of war (Nature gets some kind of "repayment").
- (Brief) Details of the conquer of collective evil.

○ Chapter 20

□ The Serpent chained-up

- 1,000 years.
- Thrown & sealed into Abyss.

□ Resurrection of Martyred Saints

- Judges (who might they be?)
- What proves people "worthy" of ruling with Christ during the Millennial Kingdom?

□ Satan released

- Who is left to deceive/torment?
- Gog & Magog (prophecy from Ezekiel – possible meanings?)
- Final defeat of the devil.
- 2nd/Final Resurrection.
 - All judged before The Throne.
- Destruction of death & Hell (Hades).
 - ✓ Possible meanings/symbolism of "lake of fire"

- **CONTINUING KEY WORDS:** *Hermeneutic; Semiotics; Transmission; Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase); Psuedopigrapha; Inspiration; Divine Superintendence; Textual Reliability; Exogesis/Isogesis; Anthropomorphism, Polytheism/Henotheism & Monotheism; Eschaton &/or Parousia; Millennialism/PRE-Millennialism/POST-Millennialism/ A-Millennialism; Dispensationalism; Covenant Theology; Type, Archetype & Metatype. Antagonist & Protagonist*

NEXT SESSION : Revelation 21 & 22 – The Glorious Conclusion. Visions of New Heaven & New Earth. John as witness. Purpose for the vision. Christ is returning (soon).