

REVELATION



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Part 2

Recap

- So this is one of the most incredible chapters in the Bible
- If Babylon represents REBELLION then we see God put an end to rebellion.
- This causes all creation to cry Alleluia!
- We talked about the wedding and now the wedding is made ready.
 - Remember this is NOT the wedding, that does not happen until CH 21.
 - But the wedding is made ready.

VS 10

- Now we pick up at verse 10

John's Reaction

- John falls to worship the angel—he is corrected.
 - You can always tell if something is of the Lord or not because of the angels response.
- “The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
- John had just seen a vision of heaven rejoicing over the fall of Babylon and the coming of Christ. He falls at the angel’s feet to worship,

“The testimony of Jesus”

= The message about Jesus — who He is, what He has done, and what He will do.

- This includes:

- His incarnation
- His death and resurrection
- His coming kingdom
- His role as the central focus of all redemptive history

“Is the spirit of prophecy”

= The essence, purpose, and driving force behind all prophecy is to point to Jesus.

- Prophecy isn't about predicting random future events.
- It's about revealing Christ:
 - His glory
 - His authority
 - His role in judgment and salvation

So here we go!!

- The Glorious Return of Christ

The Rider on the White Horse (vv. 11–13)

- Called “Faithful and True”; character and reputation.
- Faithful = He always fulfills His promises (Heb. 10:23)
- True = He is the standard of truth (John 14:6)
- In contrast to the antichrist, who deceived the nations, Jesus comes in truth and integrity.
- He has been faithful to the Father, to His Word, and to His people.

He judges and wages war.

“...in righteousness He judges and makes war.”

- Jesus comes not as a lamb, but as a warrior king.
- He judges righteously (unlike corrupt earthly judges).
- His war is holy and just — against the beast, the false prophet, and the rebellious nations at Armageddon (Rev. 16:16; 19:19–21).
- This fulfills Psalm 2:9 – *“You shall break them with a rod of iron...”*

Eyes like fire,

- Symbol of omniscience and judgment.
- He sees through every mask, every lie, every secret.
- Same description as in Revelation 1:14 and 2:18.
His gaze penetrates all deception — nothing escapes His sight.

“On His head were many crowns”

- Diadems = royal crowns, not victor’s wreaths.
- Symbolizes complete sovereign authority over all nations, kings, and powers (Rev. 11:15).
- The antichrist wore ten crowns (Rev. 13:1); Jesus wears many — total supremacy.

“He had a name written that no one knew except Himself”

- There is a mystery about Christ’s person and deity that no one can fully comprehend.
- This could refer to an aspect of His divine identity that remains eternally beyond our grasp.
- Emphasizes His uniqueness and transcendence — He cannot be reduced to a name tag.

“Clothed with a robe dipped in blood”

- This could mean:

1. His own sacrificial blood (a reminder of the cross), or

2. The blood of His enemies (Isaiah 63:2–4 — prophetic image of Messiah trampling the nations)

Both ideas may be true — He saves by blood and judges by blood.

“His name is called The Word of God”

- This clearly identifies the Rider as Jesus Christ.
- John 1:1 – *“In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God.”*
- Jesus is the living expression of God’s will, wisdom, and truth.
- He is not just a messenger of the Word — He is the Word.

The Armies of Heaven (v. 14)

- Clothed in fine linen, following Him on white horses.

Raptured Church – Glorified Believers

- In Revelation 19:8, just two verses earlier, (the Church) is given:
“fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”

Revelation 4:4 The 24 elders have white robes.

- The same clothing is described in v. 14 for the armies.
- This indicates continuity — those following Jesus are the Church, now glorified and prepared for reigning.

The Church

Verse

1 Thess. 4:16–17

Colossians 3:4

Jude 14–15

Zechariah 14:5

Revelation 20:4–6

Description

Church raptured to meet the Lord in the air

“When Christ... appears, you also will appear with Him in glory”

“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints...”

“The Lord my God will come, and all the saints with You.”

Saints rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 years

When Are the Old Testament (OT) Saints Raised?

Daniel 12:1–2

“At that time shall Michael stand up... and at that time your people shall be delivered... and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...”

- “That time” refers to the end of the tribulation, when Israel is delivered (Dan. 12:1).
- The resurrection here is specific to Israel’s faithful dead.
- Clearly after the Tribulation, at the Second Coming.

Isaiah 26:19–21

“Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise... Come, my people, enter your chambers... until the indignation is past.”

- OT saints are hidden (dead) during the time of indignation (Tribulation).
- They are raised after it ends, in connection with Israel’s restoration.

Revelation 20:4–6

“...and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded... and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years...”

- This is the first resurrection of tribulation martyrs.
- OT saints are likely included here as part of the first resurrection class.

Timing.

Group	Timing	Scripture
Church Age Saints	At the Rapture	1 Thess. 4:16–17
OT Saints	At the Second Coming , before Millennium	Dan. 12:2, Isa. 26:19
Tribulation Saints	At the Second Coming , with OT saints	Rev. 20:4
Millennial Saints	At the end of the 1,000 years	Rev. 20:5
Wicked Dead (all ages)	At the Great White Throne , after the Millennium	Rev. 20:11–15

O.T. Saints during the 1000 years

Role

Resurrected

Rewarded

Restored

Ruling

Worshiping

Witnessing

OT Saints Will...

At the Second Coming of Christ

According to their faithfulness (Heb. 11:39–40)

To the land and covenant blessings

Under Christ's authority (e.g. David)

In the Millennial Temple and festivals

As examples of God's fulfilled promises to Israel

O.T. Saints Will Be Resurrected

Daniel 12:2 – “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...”

Isaiah 26:19 – “Your dead shall live; together with my dead body they shall arise.”

- These are bodily resurrections of faithful OT saints.
- This happens after the Tribulation, at the start of the Millennium.

They Will Inherit the Land Promised to Israel

Ezekiel 37:12–14 – “I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves... and bring you into the land of Israel.”

- This is not figurative. It’s the literal fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant.
- OT saints like Abraham, David, and the prophets will dwell in the land promised to their descendants.

Genesis 15:18 – God promised this land to Abraham’s seed forever — not just in the past, but in the Millennial Kingdom.

They Will Serve and Worship the Messiah-King

Ezekiel 40–48 – Detailed description of worship, offerings, and service in a new Millennial temple.

Zechariah 14:16–17 – All nations (including Israel) will go up yearly to worship King Jesus.

- OT saints will likely be involved in leading worship, service, and instruction of nations.
- Think of figures like David — who is described as prince and shepherd under Christ (Ezek. 34:23–24; 37:24–25).

They Will Rule Under Christ

Jeremiah 30:9 – “They shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.”

- OT saints (especially key leaders like David) will have positions of rulership.
- Though Christ rules as King of kings, He delegates authority — to the Church, OT saints, and faithful Israel.

What Will Church Saints Be Doing During the 1,000-Year Reign?

Ruling and Reigning with Christ

Revelation 20:4,6 –

“They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years... They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

- Church saints will exercise real governance under Christ’s kingship.
- This may involve cities, regions, or nations — see Luke 19:17–19.

2 Timothy 2:12 – *“If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.”*

Romans 8:17 – *“Heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.”*

Judging the World and Angels

1 Corinthians 6:2–3 –

“Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?... Do you not know that we shall judge angels?”

- "Judge" here means govern or administer, not just legal judgment.
- The Church will have authority in the kingdom — over earthly matters and possibly in the spiritual realm as well.

Ministering as Priests

Revelation 1:6 & 5:10 –

“He has made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

- Priests in the OT offered sacrifices and taught the people.
- In the Millennium, Church saints will likely:
 - Teach truth to the nations
 - Help administer worship in the Millennial temple
 - Serve as spiritual leaders and examples

Living in Glorified Bodies

Philippians 3:21, 1 Corinthians 15:51–53

- Church saints will not age, sin, or die.
- We will be distinct from natural human beings who survive the Tribulation and repopulate the earth.
- Like Christ after His resurrection — visible, physical, yet glorified.

Church during the 1000 years.

Role	Church Saints Will...
Reign	As kings under Christ's authority (Rev. 20:6)
Judge	The world and possibly angels (1 Cor. 6:2–3)
Teach	Possibly instructing natural people in righteousness
Serve	As priests and administrators in God's government
Dwell	Likely in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2) — which hovers over the earth
Glorified	Incapable of sin, sickness, or death

Who Are the Tribulation Saints?

These are people who:

- Come to faith in Jesus after the Rapture
- Endure through or are martyred during the 7-year Tribulation
- Refuse the mark of the beast and remain faithful to Christ
- Include both Gentiles and Jews

What Happens to Them?

Martyred Tribulation Saints Are Resurrected at the Second Coming
Revelation 20:4

“And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God... And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

- These martyrs are raised at the beginning of the Millennium.
- They are rewarded with positions of service in His temple. REV 7:15-17
- They are included in the first resurrection (Rev 20:5–6).

His Authority and Power (vv. 15–16)

- Sharp sword from His mouth—symbol of His Word.
- He will rule with a rod of iron.
- Name on His robe and thigh: “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

The Defeat of the Beast and False Prophet (Verses 17–21)

The Angel's Call to the Birds (vv. 17–18)

- Invitation to the “great supper of God” (contrast to the marriage supper).
- Birds to feast on the flesh of kings and mighty men.

Final Battle (vv. 19–21)

- The beast, kings of the earth, and their armies gathered against Christ.
- The beast and false prophet are captured and thrown alive into the lake of fire.
- The rest are killed by the sword from Christ’s mouth.