

We will now begin the fifteenth lecture on the book of Revelation. /The main text will begin from Revelation 18:21.

/Read 18:21. /Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.

/A mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea. /This means that Babylon will be destroyed in the same way. /Here in chapter 18, it teaches us that the humanistic world will be destroyed all at once.

/The world will be destroyed for leaving God. /When a large millstone is thrown into the sea, it cannot come back out. /Therefore, once the humanistic Babylon is destroyed, it will not be able to restore itself.

/Verse 22. /The music of harpists and musicians, flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No workman of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again.

/There, the music of harpists and musicians, flute players and trumpeters will all be destroyed. /This means that those who have fallen into the pleasures of the world with such instruments will all be destroyed.

/Those who fill their greed with instruments will be destroyed. /Amos 6:5. /Today, there is music that is worldly and self-indulging.

/There is even music that worships Satan. /There are also music genres like rock music that are hedonistic. /There are also music genres like New Age music.

/A "workman" is mentioned here. /Workmen are those who make instruments and luxuries. /God said that the "sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again."

/These are people who indulged themselves in luxuries and debaucheries, whose god was their stomach. /Philippians 3:19. /Babylon received God's judgment and was destroyed.

/Therefore, it became difficult to make luxurious food. /They were no longer able to make luxurious food. /In this way, those whose god is their stomach, and those who are humanistic will ultimately be destroyed.

/Verse 23. /The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

/God said, "The light of a lamp will never shine in you again." /Here, the "lamp" is the light that was lit when performing in the dark. /Even today, there are many places where one can go to dance. /There are nightclubs.

/There are debauched places where one can go at night to dance. /There are lights outside the doors of these places where one can dance, and there are many vibrant lights where people sing and dance.

/People stay into the late hours of the night, and eat, drink, and dance. /When Babylon is completely ruined, there will be no more sounds of dancing or singing.

/Also, "The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again." /This is not natural in a marriage. /This is like the times of Noah and also like the times of Sodom and Gomorrah.

/This is to be lustful. /It will become a lustful and debauched generation. /All of this will receive judgment.

/God said, "Your merchants were the world's greatest men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray." /The "magic spell" refers to fortune tellers. /They entice people. /They deceive others.

/They lead people away from God and destroy them. /However, they will no longer be able to tell people's fortunes again. /People will no longer be able to do business. /They will no longer be able to buy and sell goods; they will no longer be able to make money.

/Verse 24. /Revelation 18:24. In her was found the blood of prophets and of the saints, and of all who have been killed on the earth."

/Here, "her" refers to the humanistic Babylon. /The saints faced great hardships, persecutions, and martyrizations in Babylon. /Therefore, God will avenge the sufferings of all believers.

/The humanistic Babylon killed all believers of Jesus. /Therefore, God will destroy the humanistic Babylon within an hour's time. /This world will ultimately be destroyed.

/Therefore, we must not be attached to this world. /We learned this in verse 4. /It says, "Come out of her, my people." /Thus, we must remove our hearts from this humanistic world.

/This Babylon will ultimately be ruined. /Therefore, we must put our hope in God. /We must desire heaven. /We must keep our hope in God through our faith, that our lives would have the final victory.

/We will continue with the lecture with Revelation chapter 19. /The title of chapter 19 is "Jesus' Second Coming." /First, God judges impartially. /Verses 1-10.

/Second, God judges according to his Word. /Verses 11-16. /Third, the feast of the birds. /Verses 17-18. /Fourth, thrown alive into the fire. /Verses 19-21.

/Read Revelation 19:1. /After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

/There was a loud voice from heaven. /John heard the sound of praises to God. /This is after Babylon has received judgment. /Here the "great multitude" refers to angels.

/Angels praise God. /Here it says, "Hallelujah." /"Hallelujah" means to praise Jehovah. /There is salvation and glory in God. /Salvation means to fully remain in God.

/Salvation is not found in people. /Therefore, all glory must be given to God. /All power is in God. /God uses his great power to save us, the believers. /Then God judges the enemies.

/Verse 2. /for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

/God's judgments are just. /God's judgments are just and righteous. /God judges according to his Word. /God judges strictly. /He avenges the wicked.

/He commends those who do good. /God will judge the prostitute who disgraces the world with her depravedness. /We studied this in chapter 17. /The humanistic world, and its culture, materials, and civilizations will all be destroyed.

/The humanistic world persecuted and killed a large number of believers. /Therefore, God will destroy this humanistic world.

/Verse 3. /And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."

/It says, "The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." /This is the smoke from Babylon's judgment of fire that will go up for ever and ever. /This means that the humanistic world will forever be destroyed.

/Verse 4. /The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

/The humanistic world will be destroyed through a judgment of fire. /The "twenty-four elders" are the representatives of believers. /The "four living creatures" represent oneness of angels. /They worshiped God, crying out "Amen, Hallelujah!"

/Verse 5. /Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!"

/There was a voice from the throne. /This is possibly the voice of the living things. /The just and almighty God brought judgment. /He saved the believers.

/Hence, it says, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him." /We, as believers who have been saved, must fear God and praise God.

/Verse 7. /Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

/It says that the almighty God reigned over all. /It also says, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory." /It says, "the wedding of the Lamb has come."

/In verse 6 , it says there was a "roar of rushing waters." /This is the voice of the angel. /It also says the Lamb's "bride has made herself ready." /The "bride" of the Lamb is us believers. /We believers are Christ's bride.

/The "Lamb" is Jesus Christ. /It says that we believers were given fine linen, bright and clean, to wear. /The "fine linen, bright and clean" refer to the proper conduct of believers.

/In verse 6, it says, "our Lord God Almighty reigns." /The God Almighty judges the sinful world.

/In verse 7, it says, "the wedding of the Lamb has come." /This does not mean that the wedding will take place in the air. /God will judge the world in the air. /Revelation 2:26-27. /1 Corinthians 6:2.

/God will judge this world in the air. /Then the wedding will take place in the kingdom of the thousand-year reign. /2 Peter 3:8.

/The "bride" here is the believers. /We will enter the kingdom of the thousand-year reign with Jesus, and have a wedding banquet there.

/Verse 8. /Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

/Here the believers were given clean, fine linen to wear. /This is the proper conduct of believers. /Believers must have clean faith. /James 2:26. /When we obey the Word of God, we can become clean.

/When a believer walks righteously, the Lord will commend him or her. /We have been given the righteousness of Jesus through faith. /We received salvation through faith in Jesus.

/We, as saved believers, must continue to keep and go forward with our faith. /We must become more and more like Jesus, and more and more holy.

/Verse 9. /Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

/The angel spoke. /“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” /The “Lamb” symbolizes Jesus. /The “brides” refer to the believers of Jesus. /It refers to those who have been saved.

/It refers to those who have received invitations of the gospel, and those who accepted it. /Matthew 22:2-14. /Therefore, we who believe in Jesus will all enter salvation. /We will enter Jesus’ wedding banquet.

/We have become brides. /Therefore, we will eat and drink and enjoy blissfulness with Jesus. /We have entered the kingdom of the thousand-year reign. /We have been chosen to take part in the wedding banquet. /Therefore, we are blessed.

/Verse 10. /At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

/The apostle John fell at the angel’s feet to worship him. /Then the angel said, “I am a fellow servant.” /The angels did not receive worship. /The angels kept their status.

/The angels were humble. /Therefore, our only subject for worship should be God. /Matthew 4:10. /We must not worship people. /We must not serve angels.

/We must only worship and serve God. /“The spirit of prophecy.” /This is the Counselor, the Holy Spirit. /The Counselor, the Holy Spirit speaks for us. /He testifies about Jesus.

/Verse 11. /I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

/Heaven was opened. /There was a rider on a white horse. /This rider is Jesus. /Jesus will come on a white horse. /This symbolizes Jesus’ coming to earth.

/Jesus’ coming on the clouds is Jesus’ Second Coming. /When it says that Jesus will come riding on a white horse, this refers to Jesus’ coming to earth. /The “horse” symbolizes war.

/The color “white” is the light within God. /Revelation 3:5. /Revelation 7:9. /Isaiah 1:18. /Jesus continues the works of heaven. /Then He judges the sinful humanistic world. /He judges with impartiality.

/Jesus comes faithful and true. /This means that Jesus’ character is faithful and truthful. /Jesus has no lies. /He is true. /Then He will judge the world with fairness.

/Verse 12. /His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

/It says that Jesus' "eyes are like blazing fire." /This refers to the Lord's omniscience.
/The Lord looks into the deepest parts of our souls with His eyes that are like blazing fire.
/The Lord knows everything about us.

/We cannot hide anything before the Lord. /When He returns at His Second Coming, all mankind will receive judgment for his actions. /Then those who have believed, kept, and obeyed the Word of God will receive rewards. /Matthew 16:27.

/The "many crowns" is the reward for victory. /Jesus received the crowns for obeying God's commands. /It says, "He has a name written on him." /The "name" is Jesus' character.

/There is a gift, mission, and a job that only Jesus knows about. /There is a mission that Jesus received. /Jesus received a secret gift that God gave Him, and He fulfilled the works of God. /Revelation 2:17.

/Verse 13. /He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

/Jesus was dressed in a robe dipped in blood. /This means that Jesus will judge the wicked with justice. /The Lord will judge with fairness, the wicked will be killed, and their blood will splatter on the robe of Jesus. /Isaiah 63:1-3.

/Here, "the Word of God" refers to Jesus. /Jesus, the Word, became flesh. /Here, "the Word" is "logos" in Greek. /Logos, logos. /John 1:14. /Therefore, Jesus' Word will judge at the last day. /John 12:48.

/Verse 14. /The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

/There are "armies of heaven." /This symbolizes us believers. /The believers were dressed in fine and clean linen. /Then they followed Jesus.

/When Jesus comes again on the clouds, we believers will follow Him. /We believers will judge the world with Jesus. /Jude 1:14, 15.

/Verse 15. /Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

/The "sharp sword" symbolizes the Word of God. /Hebrews 4:12. /Jesus will judge the world with the Word of God. /He will judge the world with authority like that of an iron scepter. /Jesus' judgment will be like treading the winepress.

/When treading of grapes takes place, there will be dark red grape juice. /It will be dark red. /Jesus will judge the sinful people of this world in the same way. /Revelation 14:19, 20. /A great number of people will die on the battlefield.

/Verse 16. /On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

/There was a name written on Jesus' robe and His thigh. /Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. /Jesus rules the entire world. /He governs over all of creation. /He will judge the sinful world in the end.

/The authority of Jesus is absolute authority. /It is complete authority. /No one will be able to resist submission to the authority of Jesus. /Jesus will judge all the nations of the world and govern it.

/When Jesus returns, we believers will also judge this sinful world alongside Jesus. /Jesus is the King of kings, and we are the smaller kings. /Thus, we will judge the sinful world with Jesus.

/Verse 17. /And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

/There was an angel standing in the sun. /This angel was standing in the light, doing the work of God. /The birds received invitations to the supper of God's judgment. /The birds were to eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of generals.

/Verse 18. /so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

/When this world receives judgment, a great number of people will die. /There will be war. /Kings will die. /Generals will die. /Mighty men will die.

/Then birds will come and eat the flesh of those who were killed. /Nearly everyone in this world will die at Jesus' Second Coming. /Those who do not believe will be judged, and almost all will die.

/All who are rich and all who are poor will die. /All who do not believe will be destroyed. /Those who are of the world will be killed. /A great number of people will die, and thus, there will be no one to conduct funerals for anyone.

/Birds will eat the flesh. /Therefore, unbelievers will die miserably. /In such ways, all unbelievers who leave God and live in secular ways will all eventually perish.

/Verse 19. /Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.

/The kings of the earth will gather and stand against Jesus. /They will also stand against the believers who are with Jesus. /This will be the final war. /The nation of the Antichrist and the kings of the earth will persecute Christians. /This is a religious war.

/Antichristianism will arise. /The Antichrist will arise. /Yet, what will be the result?
/Those who stand against God will all perish.

/The wicked will perish by the sword of Jesus. /We learned this in verse 15. /At the end,
all who stand against Jesus will perish. /In the last days, Jesus, who is the King of kings,
will have the final victory. /We believers will gain victory as well.

/Verse 20. /But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had
performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who
had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were
thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

/Here, the beast perishes. /The false prophets perish. /The “beast” symbolizes the worldly
nations that worked on behalf of the devil. /The “beast” is the nation of the Antichrist.
/The false prophets are fallen religious leaders.

/The false prophets entice people so that they would chase after the world. /False
prophets teach lies. /They teach wickedness. /However, in the end, God will kill the false
prophets.

/The nation of the Antichrist and the false prophets will perish. /Here it says, “The two of
them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.” /The “fiery lake” is hell.
/They will receive eternal sufferings and punishments in the fires of hell.

/The false prophets will pair up with the power of the beast and entice people, and they
will perish together. /The wicked will persecute the church and then in an hour’s time
will be thrown into the fiery lake. /Jesus will judge the beast and the false prophets.

/We learned this in 13:1. /Then those who received the mark of the beast and the
unbelievers who worshiped idols will all perish. /They will be thrown alive into the fires
of hell.

/It won’t matter how much they seduced people; God will ultimately judge them in the
end.

/Verse 21. /The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the
rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

/The rest of the them will be killed by the rider on the horse. /Here the “rider on the
horse” is Jesus. /We learned this in verse 11. /Jesus will kill the remaining unbelievers.
/He will kill them with the sword that will come out of His mouth.

/The “sword” symbolizes the Word of God. /John 12:48. /Our Jesus will judge the world
with the Word. /Jesus will come again and will judge the world.

/The people of this world will fight among themselves, and then will be killed. /The people of this world will battle among themselves, and a great number of people will die. /This is also Jesus' judgment.

/Jesus will return and judge this world. /The number of the dead will be so great that birds will come and eat the flesh of the dead. /The birds will be full with flesh.

/In the same way, the beast will be destroyed. /This means that the Antichrist who stood against Christians will perish. /The nation of the Antichrist will be destroyed. /The false prophets will also perish. /The false prophets are those who taught the Bible wrong.

/They are cults. /They are those who teach wickedness. /They will perish in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. /They will be thrown into hell. /We must remember that Jesus will return to this world.

/Jesus will return riding on a white horse. /We will also judge this sinful world with Jesus. /We will be dressed in clean, fine linen and worship God.

/There will be twenty-four elders and angels worshiping God. /The wedding banquet will take place for a thousand years in the kingdom of the thousand-year reign. /We must live with hope in this, and gain the final victory.

/Here we will conclude the fifteenth lecture on Revelation. /Thank you.