"Revelation #22"

Revelation 19:17 – 21 and Revelation 20:1 – 15 (The thousand years and the defeat of Satan)

Review: Chapter 18: 21-24 and 19:1-16

- Chapter 18: 21-24 Finality of Babylon's fall...
- > 19:1-10 God avenges the blood of the prophets and the saints. (referred to in 18:24)
- Also, we see this word Hallelujah recorded, only place in the new testament... (From the Hebrew Praise Yahweh... V's 1,3,4 and 6)

1 cor. 15:20-28 Last week... (V's 22-27a... Read)

- Ended with Jesus coming back, as King of King and Lord of Lords, Riding a white horse.
- Clothed in a robe dipped in blood, with the armies of heaven to strike the nations and to rule with a rod of iron! (19:15-16... Read)

Tonight's Text 19:17-21... Read. (ESV) (The Beast and his armies defeated)

- One thing that is hard to grasp or understand, is Gods sovereignty and purpose.
- ➤ God permits the forces of evil to operate to accomplish His will.
- > Remember Chap. 17:15-18 and 6:10-11... (The everything there is a purpose)

The early church understood this... I think a lot of this understanding has been lost.

Acts 2:22-24 Read (V23...) This is Peters sermon delivered after the baptism of the H.S.

Acts 4:23-28 Read (V28...) They understood and prayed for boldness to preach His word.

Question... what do we pray for today?

• God has a purpose... rest assured, He will judge and make things right.

Chapter 19:1-3... Read.

Text 20:1-10 Read. (ESV)

- Chapter 20 depicts the realities of this present age, followed by a picture of the final judgement of Satan and all his followers.
- These verses are the most controversial in the book of revelation...

Three major Views...

- 1. Premillennialist: Those that believe Christ will return pre millennium. (Rapture) two part second coming... Christ will reign on earth, literal 1000 Years, perfect peace. Satan being totally bound for those 1000 years. Then released...
- 2. Postmillennialist: Those that believe Christ will return after the millennium. But there will be a literal 1000 years but not with a physical Christ as the Pre's believe, but before Christ returns, the gospel will spread and triumph so powerfully that all societies' will be transformed bringing peace to earth. Then Jesus comes.
- 3. Amillennialist: A meaning non-literal, believe the 1000 years is the same period as this present age and the 1000 years represents only a long period of time not an exact 1000 yrs. then Christ will come no one knowing the day or time. Stating Satan is already bound with limited power and deception abilities as God allows. But is bound to the degree we bind him.

Matt. 12:22-30 Read.

• What is important for us, is V's 1-10 emphasize Satan's final defeat! (V10)

Text 20:11-15 Read. (Great white throne judgement)

- Born once, die twice... Born twice, die once. (V14)
- Books, two books... book of our deeds. (Those judged according to their deeds)
- Book of life. (Those judged according to what Jesus Christ has done)

"If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."