### THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God,

18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

- 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.
- 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.
- 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

- 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.
- 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.









#### **Place in the Book of Revelation**

- II. What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
  - A. The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
  - B. The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
  - C. The Unholy Trinity (12:1–14:20)
  - D. The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)
  - E. The Great Harlot (17:1–18)
  - F. The Judgment of Babylon (18:1–24)
  - G. The Rejoicing in Heaven (19:1–8)
  - H. The Recommissioning of John (19:9–10)

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- 1. The 2nd Advent of Christ (19:11–16)
- 2. The Great Supper of God (19:17–21)
  a. Angel's invitation (vv. 17–18).
  b. Earth's armies against Christ (v. 19).
  c. Defeat of the Beast (v. 20; cp. 14:9–11).
  d. Slaughter of Earth's armies (v. 21).

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  - c. Satan cast into sealed abyss (v. 3a).
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- 4. The 1,000-Year Reign of Christ (20:4–6)
  a. Judgment given to those on thrones
  - (v. 4a).
  - b. Tribulation saints reign with Christ (v. 4b).
  - c. 1st resurrection (vv. 5–6).

#### **The First Resurrection**

- The rest of the dead will be raised at the end of the 1,000 years (v. 5).
- Participants in the 1st resurrection will not experience the 2nd death (eternal death; v. 6a; cf. 2:11).
- Participants in the 1st resurrection will be priests of God and of Christ (v. 6b).
- Participants in the 1st resurrection will reign with Christ for 1,000 years (v. 6c).

#### **Implications Regarding Jesus Christ**

- Jesus stands against all the forces of evil.
- Jesus will defeat the Man of Sin and the False Prophet.
- Jesus will defeat all the armies led by the Man of Sin.
- Jesus will reign for 1,000 years with His martyred saints.
- Jesus will be served by those who are in the 1st resurrection.