

# Apocalypse Now ( Revelation Revisited)

Session 13 / Wednesday

## THE MILLENNIUM

1 We live in an unhinged world. It has gone berserk. Each week I think, "It cannot get  
2 worse than this." Wrong. The next week, as Alice said in Wonderland, "It gets curio-  
3 ser and curio- ser!" Announcements this past week from Washington, D.C., defy  
4 imagination. Churches and other institutions that have hitherto promoted morality are  
5 now being threatened to be held hostage by IRS and heathen elements of our government.  
6 Leaders of Bible colleges and universities are holding their collective breaths waiting for  
7 the next warnings from our government to either acquiesce to their immoral dictates or  
8 lost their government subsidies and exemptions.

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10 As a child  $\text{IN}$  Grade School I remember the punishment for any little boy who  
11 went wandering - either innocently or on purpose - into a girls' rest room. Or vice versa.  
12 Now, it seems, a youngster can go into either rest room "with which he or see identifies."  
13 This is galloping insanity!

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15 But....what should we expect from a government that has unceremoniously invited God to  
16 please leave the premises!

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18 There is coming a day, and it won't be all that long, I believe, when a new government is  
19 coming. It will be a world government. It will not be a dictatorship; it will not be a  
20 democracy; it will not be a republic. It will be a beneficent monarchy. We will live  
21 under a king. His name will be King Jesus. And His rule will be breathtaking! We  
22 study that time tonight - the time known as THE COMING KINGDOM or THE  
23 MILLENNIUM.

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25 How does it begin?

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27 Rev. 19:11-21

28 **And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him**  
29 **was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**  
30 **[12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had**  
31 **a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a**  
32 **vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. [14] And the**  
33 **armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen,**  
34 **white and clean. [15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he**

1 should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth  
2 the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. [16] And he hath on his  
3 vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF  
4 LORDS.

5 [17] And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying  
6 to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together  
7 unto the supper of the great God; [18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the  
8 flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them  
9 that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.  
10 [19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered  
11 together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. [20]  
12 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles  
13 before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast,  
14 and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire  
15 burning with brimstone. [21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that  
16 sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were  
17 filled with their flesh.

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19 Here is a vital question: DO WE HAVE ANY INKLING OF THE TIMING OF THIS  
20 MOMENTOUS EVENT?

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22 Yes!

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24 I refer you again to the figure on the screen referred to in Daniel chapter 2.

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28 The great king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a recurring dream that was driving him  
29 crazy: Daniel 2:1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar  
30 Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep  
31 brake from him. None of his soothsayers (phony counselors) could interpret it. But the  
32 great young (at that time) prophet Daniel could as God showed it to him: Daniel 2:31-35  
33 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose  
34 brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. [32]  
35 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his  
36 thighs of brass, [33] His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. [34] Thou  
37 sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his  
38 feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. [35] Then was the iron, the  
39 clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like  
40 the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no

1 place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great  
2 mountain, and filled the whole earth.

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4 (See The Illustration - Next Page)

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6 This fantastic vision was given by God to show the sequence of Gentile world powers  
7 from that time on until THE MILLENNIUM:

8 Daniel 2:38-45 Thou art this head of gold. [39] And after thee shall arise another  
9 kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule  
10 over all the earth. [40] And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as  
11 iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these,  
12 shall it break in pieces and bruise. [41] And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes,  
13 part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall  
14 be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with  
15 miry clay. [42] And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the  
16 kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. [43] And whereas thou sawest  
17 iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but  
18 they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. [44] And in  
19 the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never  
20 be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in  
21 pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. [45] Forasmuch  
22 as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it  
23 brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God  
24 hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is  
25 certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

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27 What an astonishing vision - and interpretation. God showed Daniel (and us) an outline  
28 of the world governments from that time on until the Rapture. It started with the "head  
29 of gold" - Babylon. That empire ended in the mid 500's BC. The Persians overthrew the  
30 Babylonians and they continued in dominance until Greece emerged as the world power.  
31 The Greeks succumbed to the Romans which continued until the start of the Dark - or  
32 Middle Ages. Now world government balances precariously on the weakened toes -  
33 made of clay and iron, but that balance will shatter when "the stone comes rolling across  
34 the prairie of time and smashes into those toes and world government collapses. That  
35 STONE is none other than CHRIST Who comes to establish His world government - the  
36 Millennium.

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38 That government, which lasts 1000 years on this earth, will never end and will eventually  
39 continue on in eternity. As Daniel prophesied in 2:44: ....it shall stand forever.  
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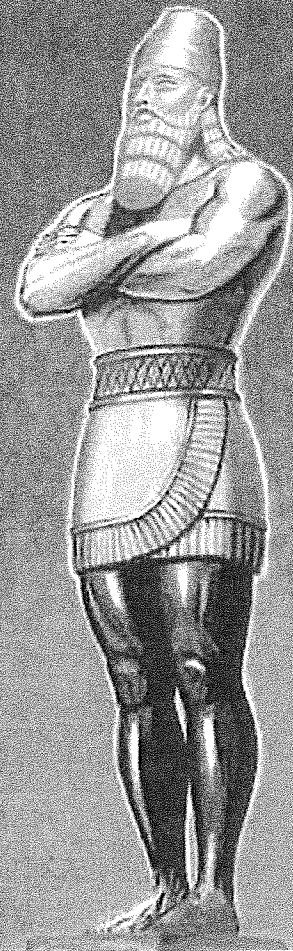
*Babylonian Empire*

*Medo-Persian Empire*

*Grecian Empire*

*Roman Empire*

*Holy Roman Empire*



THE FEET OF THIS MASSIVE IMAGE REST ON WEAKENED FEET - PRESENT WORLD GOVERNMENTS - AND WILL SOON BE STRUCK BY THE "STONE NOT CUT WITH HUMAN HANDS" - THAT IS, KING JESUS CHRIST WHO COMES TO RULE THE EARTH.

God Himself sets up His Kingdom. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus prayed, "...Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth!" What a prophecy! God's earthly Kingdom will be ruled by Jesus, in Person.

#### INITIAL WORLD REACTION

It is what you would expect - hostility. David saw in the Spirit what would happen and he wrote it in Psalm 2:1-12 **Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? [2] The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, [3] Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. [4] He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.**

God's reaction to their hostility is a mocking laughter. What a chilling sound that will be to earth's little despots! Then God will show His anger: **[5] Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. [6] Yet have I set my king**

1 upon my holy hill of Zion. [7] I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me,  
2 Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. [8] Ask of me, and I shall give thee  
3 the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy  
4 possession. [9] Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in  
5 pieces like a potter's vessel. [10] Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye  
6 judges of the earth. [11] Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. [12]  
7 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is  
8 kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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10 If only the world's system rulers would put their trust in God now! All of the divine  
11 anger could be avoided. But they will not put their trust in Him. Indeed, they grow  
12 farther and farther away from Him.

### 13 14 EZEKIEL'S PROPHECY OF THE COMING KINGDOM

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16 There is a logical progression in his prophecy. In chapters 37-39, beginning with the  
17 dramatic Valley of Dry Bones, the prophet predicted Israel's return to the land (which  
18 happened in 1948) and the effort by Russia and its satellites to militarily destroy Israel.  
19 This effort was aborted by God Himself Who will intervene in the attack and destroy  
20 those invading armies and a great part of the nations which sent them.

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22 Then in chapters 40-48 Ezekiel gives us a "heads-up" on the Millennial reign of Christ.  
23 He writes of a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and sacrifices. These will not be for  
24 salvation but rather for a memorial of God's hand in our lives and will remind the Jews of  
25 the crucified Savior.

### 26 27 ZECHARIAH'S ASTOUNDING PROPHECY

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29 Zech. 14:8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from  
30 Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder  
31 sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

32 Zech. 14:16-21 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the  
33 nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship  
34 the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. [17] And it shall be,  
35 that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to  
36 worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. [18] And if the  
37 family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague,  
38 wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of  
39 tabernacles. [19] This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all  
40 nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

1 [20] In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, **HOLINESS UNTO**  
2 **THE LORD**; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the  
3 altar. [21] Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord  
4 of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein:  
5 and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of  
6 hosts.

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8 God's standards of right or wrong living will be the norm in the Millennium. God will  
9 not be second-guessed by any court or magistrate. Remember all this time Satan will be  
10 bound in the pit: Rev. 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having  
11 the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. [2] And he laid hold on  
12 the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a  
13 thousand years, [3] And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a  
14 seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years  
15 should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. Anyone violating  
16 God's laws will be subject to severe punishment.

#### 17 18 WHAT ISAIAH WROTE ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM

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20 While Isaiah wrote a lot about the end times, his last two chapters contain vital  
21 information about the Millennium.

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23 Isaiah 65:17-25

24 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be  
25 remembered, nor come into mind. [18] But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that  
26 which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. [19]  
27 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall  
28 be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. [20] There shall be no more thence  
29 an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die  
30 an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.  
31 [21] And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards,  
32 and eat the fruit of them. [22] They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall  
33 not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and  
34 mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. [23] They shall not labour in  
35 vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord,  
36 and their offspring with them. [24] And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I  
37 will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. [25] The wolf and the lamb  
38 shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the  
39 serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the  
40 Lord.



1 Jerusalem will be the world capital of the Millennium.  
2 It will be a place of rejoicing. No more weeping for  
3 those raptured and tribulation saints.  
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5 Longevity of life will be a major factor in the  
6 Millennium. For those of us who were raptured and  
7 thus have resurrected and glorified bodies, life will be  
8 forever. Unsaved people on the other hand may have  
9 a restricted lifetime. (Isaiah 65:20 There shall be no  
10 more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that  
11 hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an  
12 hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred  
13 years old shall be accursed. ) The unsaved will  
14 experience the long-suffering patience of the Savior  
15 and be given a century to commit to the Lord.  
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17 There will be no up's and down's of Wall Street. The  
18 economy will be strong and solid.  
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20 Isaiah 65:23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are  
21 the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.  
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### 23 The Animal Kingdom 24

25 As a lover of wild animals, I find this portion of scripture so interesting. Isaiah 11:6  
26 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
27 and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead  
28 them.  
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30 That's a teaching that has drawn wry smiles from some. Comedian Woody Allen  
31 observed, "*The lion may lay down with the lamb, but the lamb won't get much sleep!*"  
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33 On several occasions, on camera safaris, we have observed the great creatures of the  
34 forest - elephants, the big cats, rhinos, hippos, giraffes, etc.  
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36 No, we didn't  
37 get too close for those strange creatures can disembowel a lion with one well-placed  
38 strike of their sharp hooves. But when the Prince of Peace comes, they will not hurt nor  
39 destroy....for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea.  
40 (Isaiah 11:1-9)

1 Remember that way back in Genesis, God pronounced three curses:

- 2 1. One on sinning mankind - which Christ Jesus took upon Himself on the cross
- 3 2. One on Satan - whose time is about to come
- 4 3. One on the earth - and it will be lifted during the Millennium, which allows the
- 5 animal creatures to exist peacefully with each other.

## 6 THE WORLD GETS A FACE LIFT

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9 Most Bible commentators acknowledge that the earth will be renovated by fire. But -  
10 when? That's the debated question. Most scholars say at the end of the Millennium but  
11 some insist that it precedes the Millennium. No matter when, this old planet will get a  
12 major re-doing. There will be new atmosphere around the earth and apparently even the  
13 seas - or much of them - will be recalibrated. Today about 3/4 of the earth is water.  
14 And a lot of the planet is made up of mountains, not conducive to easy life on them. But  
15 in the Millennium, or shortly after, the vast mountain ranges will be leveled and the earth  
16 will be changed radically.

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18 Peter referred to this change: 2 Peter 3:1-16

19 **This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your**  
20 **pure minds by way of remembrance: [2] That ye may be mindful of the words which**  
21 **were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the**  
22 **apostles of the Lord and Saviour: [3] Knowing this first, that there shall come in the**  
23 **last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, [4] And saying, Where is the**  
24 **promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they**  
25 **were from the beginning of the creation. [5] For this they willingly are ignorant of,**  
26 **that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the**  
27 **water and in the water: [6] Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with**  
28 **water, perished: [7] But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same**  
29 **word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition**  
30 **of ungodly men. [8] But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is**  
31 **with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9] The Lord is**  
32 **not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering**  
33 **to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to**  
34 **repentance. [10] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the**  
35 **which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt**  
36 **with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**  
37 **[11] Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons**  
38 **ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, [12] Looking for and hasting**  
39 **unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be**  
40 **dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? [13] Nevertheless we,**



1 according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth  
2 righteousness. [14] Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be  
3 diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. [15] And  
4 account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother  
5 Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; [16] As  
6 also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things  
7 hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do  
8 also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

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10 Peter pointed out several fascinating truths:

11 1. "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years." That would mean that as far as  
12 God is concerned, the crucifixion of His Son was only two days ago.

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14 2. During the end times (the day of the Lord) the earth will experience some  
15 cataclysmic changes.

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17 A good student of scripture will recognize that we are truly living in the end time. As a  
18 result, 2 Peter 3:11-12 **Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what  
19 manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, [12]  
20 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens  
21 being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

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23 **NEXT WEEK: Satan's final attack**  
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