

## Growth Groups Lesson

March 26-27

Revelation 19:11-21

**Recap of Daniel:** Daniel receives several visions while he and Israel are in exile in Babylon. The visions are troubling to Daniel, and portray the future events of many evil kingdoms rising and falling. One day, the Son of Man will come to deal with evil and rule over the nations.

**Spend some time praying with your group and asking for help in understanding and applying His word.** Review and reflect on the prayer requests shared the previous week.

As we step into a discussion about the end times and second coming of Christ, there are some things we must acknowledge. Our knowledge in this area is limited, in some sense, as God has chosen to reveal this to us in apocalyptic literature, which includes many metaphors steeped in the Prophetic writings (like Daniel). We must also acknowledge that there are different interpretations of these texts that are all within the boundaries of proper doctrine. In your discussion, you may disagree with someone on this topic, and that is alright. As this book was written to help bring unity and perseverance to the church, so we will read it with the same purpose.

**Big Idea:** Jesus will return at His second coming, leading the armies of heaven, to destroy the beast (antichrist), the false prophet, and the evil kings of the earth, prior to establishing His Millennial Kingdom.

### Read Revelation 19:11-21

At this point in the story, the Great Tribulation is coming to an end with Christ's return and the church has been raptured to be with Christ (whether that is after or before the Great Tribulation). Jesus is depicted as a great King riding in victory and purity, as shown by the white horse and white linen garments. John recalls Psalm 2 by quoting how Jesus will rule the nations with an iron scepter.

1. What are the four names that Jesus is given? **Verses 11, 12, 13, 16**
2. Revelation has many descriptions of Jesus, one being a slain lamb. Here Jesus is depicted as a warrior. Why are each of those descriptions significant? **Rev. 5:5-14, 19:11-16**
3. Why is Jesus' robe dipped in blood before the battle starts? Whose blood is it? **Rev. 5:9, Isaiah 63:1-6**
4. How does Jesus defeat His enemies? **Verse 15, Isaiah 11:1-4, 49:1-7, 2 Thess. 2:8**
5. What happens to the beast, the false prophet, and the kings of the earth? **Verses 20-21**

Along with the beast and false prophet, the kings of the earth are slain by the sword coming from the mouth of the Word of God. These are people who have chosen to reject God in thought and action (**Rev. 13:16-18**). In Deuteronomy 6:4-9, God asks Israel to tie symbols of His law on their hands and foreheads as a symbol of their continual meditation on God in thought and action. These people have rejected God and worshiped the beast instead.

6. Though these times have not yet come, there are still those who worship evil in thought and action. What characterizes this type of person now? **Galatians 5:19-21**
7. We were once living in this same darkness, but by the grace of God, through faith, we are now in Christ. What characterizes those in Christ? **Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:17-5:2**

We know the outcome of history, so we have a living hope in Jesus. Though we face suffering and trials now, we know that it is ultimately for our benefit. **Read 1 Peter 1:3-9**

8. When you experience trials and hardships, or see others experiencing them, is it easy for you to trust that God is good?
9. What do you do to lean on Him so that you can have this living hope?
10. Are there any specific Bible verses that you like to read when you are experiencing suffering? Share and read them with the group.

Because of God's patience for those that have yet to be saved, we have not reached the second coming of Christ. That means we have a great responsibility to share the hope we have in Jesus with others by sharing the Gospel.

11. What is your favorite way to share the Gospel with others? How do you approach the topic of spirituality in conversation with someone else?
12. Is there anyone in your life that the Holy Spirit is prompting you to share with? If not, would you be willing to ask the Spirit to give you someone?

**Spend time in prayer for those that the Spirit is prompting you to share the Gospel with. Spend time praying for God's help in persevering to the end of this age as we await Jesus' second coming.**