

The Final (un-)Epic Battle

I. Check-In

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge: Read one of the following scripture and be prepared to talk about it next week: Revelation 17-18

II. Scripture

Revelation 19:17-21

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he called out with a loud voice and said to all the birds flying high overhead, "Come and gather for God's great supper. 18 Come and eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of generals, the flesh of the powerful, and the flesh of horses and their riders. Come and eat the flesh of all, both free and slave, both small and great." 19 Then I saw that the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies had gathered to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. 20 But the beast was seized, along with the false prophet who had done signs in the beast's presence. (He had used the signs to deceive people into receiving the beast's mark and into worshipping the beast's image.) The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake that burns with sulfur. 21 The rest were killed by the sword that comes from the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds ate their fill of their flesh.

Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and the one who is seated on it. Before his face both earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Another scroll was opened too; this is the scroll of life. And the dead were judged on the basis of what was written in the scrolls about what they had done. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and Death and the Grave gave up the dead that were in them, and people were judged by what they had done. 14 Then Death and the Grave were thrown into the fiery lake. This, the fiery lake, is the second death. 15 Then anyone whose name wasn't found written in the scroll of life was thrown into the fiery lake.

V. Prayer Requests

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. Challenge

Read Revelation 21-22. Take notes about what stood out to you and why. Feel free to ask as many questions as necessary.

III. Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you from this week's scripture?
- Pastor Fernie points out that the epic final battle we have been waiting for ends up being non-epic. When have you experienced this? What was it like?
- This section also covers the redemption of the martyrs. Why do you think it was important for God to redeem them? What does this redemption mean for you today?
- The "un-epicness" of Revelation is meant to be a source of comfort - the reminder that evil doesn't stand a chance. How does this reminder help you on your life journey?
- What things have changed in your understanding of the book of Revelation so far?