God Always Wins: Pictures of Victory in Revelation (Part 1)

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**Foundational Scripture:** Rev. 17:14

**Intro**:

* A word search in Greek, shows that the word for overcome of victory occurs 18/28 times in the New Testament in the book of Revelation. That’s roughly 65%. And of that amount, the word overcome is most often used to speak of God’s victories over the His enemies and sin. That is to say: **God always wins!**

**Pictures of Victory in Revelation**

1. **The Rider on the White Horse is Victorious: Rev. 19:11-21**
   * The scriptures do not shy away from painting a glorious picture of this rider. The Rider Himself is worthy of praise and honor. He is faithful and true! His eyes are like a flame of fire. On His head are many diadems. His robe is dipped in blood and His name is the Word of God. Armies in heaven follow Him and out of His mouth comes a sword. On His robe and thigh, He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is victorious before the enemy can gather its tactics together for battle. There is no battle! No war! How powerful do you have to be to win a victory before a battle can even be fought?
2. **Victory over Babylon the great: Rev. 17-18 (17:12-14; 18:1-2, 8-10, 17-21)**
   * This city stands in opposition to God. It not only hates the principles and ideas of God it persecutes the people of God (drunk with the blood of saints 16:6; 17:6, 24). It hated God and it went to great lengths to demonstrate it. The city is exalted in the eyes of man and what great a city is like it? But in God’s eyes this city is nothing. God effortlessly brings judgment upon Babylon the great and its sinners. *“For in one hour”* does not emphasize that it was in fact a single hour. Rather it shows how quickly she has come to ruin, the likes no one expected much less could imagine. She is desolate, ruined and will not be found any longer. God is victorious over this great city that no man thought could be defeated or destroyed. What does that say about Him?

**The Outcome of God’s Victories**

1. **He is glorified and exalted: Rev. 19:1, 3-6**
   * He is above all and worthy of all praise! The word “Hallelujah” never occurs outside of the book of Revelation and for that matter it never occurs outside of chapter 19 and for good reason! Parse out the word (Hallel-u-jah). The word Jah is sometimes in word used for the rendering of God’s name Yahweh. He is mighty, He is wonderful, He is omnipotent! He always wins!
2. **The saints are comforted: Rev. 19:2, 20:4**
   * To those who fear God, those who take up their cross and follow Him daily, these have a part in God’s glorious home. They have a part in eternity with Him forever. There is none that can come remotely close to the power and conquering nature of the Almighty God. He fights for His saints and His servants and He overcomes the enemy that’s against them. God always wins!
3. **Salvation belongs to Him: Rev. 19:1; 7:10; Acts 4:12**
   * When all hope is lost, when sin has taken its course, enemies surround you by the multitudes who else can help you but God? Where else would you go? You have seen the evidence for yourself, so what can possibly stop you from turning to Him? He delivers victories even before armies can fight. He triumphs over the greatest and most powerful nations and rulers of this world. There is none like Him none can compare! God always wins, He has always won, and He will forever win!