

LifeGroup Leader Discussion Guide

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Apocalypse of Hope: The End of Evil

Key Verses: Revelation 20:1–2

Leader Preparation

Main Theme:

Revelation 17–20 reminds us that evil may appear powerful and attractive, but it is temporary and already defeated. Jesus conquers through sacrifice and truth. Our hope is not in managing evil—but in its final removal.

Goal of This Study:

- Help participants recognize cultural compromise.
 - Strengthen confidence in Christ’s victory.
 - Encourage repentance and courageous witness.
 - Anchor suffering believers in real hope.
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Suggested Flow (75–90 minutes)

1. Welcome & Prayer (5–10 min)
 2. Read Revelation 20:1–2 aloud (5 min)
 3. Sermon Reflection (10 min)
 4. Discussion Questions (45–60 min)
 5. Application & Prayer (10–15 min)
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Opening Scripture

Read Revelation 20:1–2 together.

Discuss briefly: What stands out to you in this image of Satan being bound?

Emphasize: Evil is powerful, but not ultimate. It is restrained and will be removed.

Discussion Questions & Leader Helps

What ideas from the sermon caught your attention?

Leader Tips:

- Let this be open and conversational.
 - Write key themes on a whiteboard if possible.
 - Look for recurring ideas (hope, judgment, victory, repentance).
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Babylon is draped in gold and pearls (Rev 17:4), showing that evil often looks like success and luxury before it is revealed as destructive. Where do you see “Babylonian” values (wealth at the expense of others) being normalized in our daily lives?

Leader Insight:

Babylon represents systems of pride, exploitation, materialism, and self-glorification.

Possible Areas to Explore:

- Work culture (success at any cost)
- Social media image-building
- Consumerism
- Exploitative business practices
- Fame and influence without character

Follow-up Prompt:

- How can we discern when success is godly fruit vs. Babylonian seduction?
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In chapter 18:4, God offers mercy by telling His people to “come out” of the system before it falls. If “coming out” is an act of repentance, what is one cultural “comfort” you might need to leave behind to stay faithful to Jesus?

Leader Tip:

Encourage honesty without pressure. Model vulnerability if appropriate.

Examples might include:

- Status-seeking
- Entertainment choices
- Political idolatry
- Comfort over obedience
- Silence in the face of injustice

Application Question:

- What would “coming out” practically look like for you this week?
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In Rev 19:13, Jesus’ robe is dipped in blood before the battle starts. Some suggest this is His own blood shed on the cross. How does the idea of Jesus conquering through His own suffering (rather than by shedding the blood of others) redefine what “victory” looks like for us?

Leader Insight:

Kingdom victory \neq domination.

Kingdom victory = sacrificial faithfulness.

Explore:

- How does this challenge our cultural view of winning?
 - How might this shape how we handle conflict?
 - What does this mean for leadership, marriage, parenting, work?
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The Rider on the White Horse has a sword coming out of His mouth (the Word). If the primary way evil is eradicated is through the Truth, how can we better use the “sword” of scripture and honest testimony in our personal struggles?

Leader Insight:

Truth confronts lies.

Scripture dismantles deception.

Practical Prompts:

- Do you have specific verses ready for spiritual battles?
- How can we normalize speaking truth over fear, shame, temptation?
- When have you seen testimony weaken darkness?

If evil is currently “on a leash,” does that give you more confidence to share the Gospel and act for justice?

Leader Angle:

Fear shrinks when sovereignty grows.

Discuss:

- What fears hold you back from boldness?
- How does knowing the enemy is restrained change your perspective?

How does the hope of a time when evil is physically removed from our world provide comfort to those who are currently suffering from violence or injustice?

Important:

Handle tenderly. Some may carry deep wounds.

Discuss:

- How is Christian hope different from denial?
- Why does justice matter for healing?
- How does Revelation validate suffering rather than ignore it?

At the end of chapter 20, Death and Hades are thrown into the lake of fire. If the “removal of evil” is the ultimate Christian hope, why do we sometimes prefer to “manage” our sins rather than asking God to eradicate them?

Leader Insight:

We often domesticate what God wants to destroy.

Discuss:

- What’s the difference between managing sin and killing it?
 - Why can repentance feel scary?
 - What might full surrender look like?
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If the “Dragon” is ultimately destined for the lake of fire, why do we still live in fear of him? How can this group help you live this week as if the victory of Revelation 20 is already a settled fact?

Encourage Practical Application:

- What would fearless obedience look like this week?
- Is there a conversation you need to have?
- A step of faith you’ve delayed?
- A sin you need accountability for?

Consider pairing up for prayer/accountability.

Key Takeaways to Reinforce

- Evil is impressive but temporary.
 - Jesus conquers through sacrifice and truth.
 - The enemy is restrained and defeated.
 - God calls His people to come out of corrupt systems.
 - Our hope is not survival — it is total restoration.
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