

The background of the slide is a solid brown color. In the center, there is a faint, semi-transparent graphic. It consists of a gold-colored cross at the top, a red heart in the middle, and a crown of thorns encircling the heart. The entire graphic is set within a faint circular outline.

Rev 19:1-8

Salvation Has Come and The
Bride Has Made Herself Ready

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- Prophetic setting – overthrow of Rome and exhortation to rejoice
 - Rev 18:20
- v1 – Hallelujah – Praise you Yah
 - Emphasis on Yah, God's name
 - Hebrew Hallelujah becomes aspirated Greek Alleluia
 - Greek aspirated Alleluia becomes Latin non-aspirated Alleluia
- v2 – What harlot?
 - Rev 17:1-6, 18 – the City of Rome
- v3 - Linear present active indicative of αναβαινω, "keeps on going up," (RWP) – eternal punishment

Eternal Punishment or Simple Destruction?

In chapter 8 of the First Apology of Justin Martyr, a work from the middle second century, we read the following: "And Plato, in like manner, used to say that Rhadamanthus and Minos would punish the wicked who came before them; and we say that the same thing will be done, but at the hand of Christ, and upon the wicked in the same bodies united again to their spirits which are now to undergo everlasting punishment; and not only, as Plato said, for a period of a thousand years."

Chapter 20: "we affirm that the souls of the wicked, being endowed with sensation even after death, are punished, and that those of the good being delivered from punishment spend a blessed existence"

Chapter 21: "And we have learned that those only are deified who have lived near to God in holiness and virtue; and we believe that those who live wickedly and do not repent are punished in everlasting fire."

Chapter 52, describing the second coming of Christ: "two advents of His: the one, that which is already past, when He came as a dishonored and suffering Man; but the second, when, according to prophecy, He shall come from heaven with glory, accompanied by His angelic host, when also He shall raise the bodies of all men who have lived, and shall clothe those of the worthy with immortality, and shall send those of the wicked, endued with eternal sensibility, into everlasting fire with the wicked devils."

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- v3 – Why eternal punishment?
 - Because there is justice for those who reject mercy – James 2:12-13
 - Most have no clue about what we truly deserve for our sins against God
- v4 – Who are these? - cf. Rev 4:2-11
- v7 - cf. Eph 5:23-32, II Cor 11:2
 - Made herself ready - cf. I John 3:3, Jude 1:21, II Cor 7:1, Heb 12:14
- v8 – cf. Eph 2:10, Tit 2:14
 - Interesting combination of verb tenses - it was given to her that she should dress (throw around) herself (BAG 651d), i.e., it is reflexive. We cannot dress ourselves in holiness and good deeds unless we have been given the garment of grace - Eph 2:8-10, Is 61:10
 - cf. Matt 17:2, I John 3:2