

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

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Rev. 19:11-21

As we come to the end of God's final revelation of the end time events of His creation concerning the final dispensation before a 1,000 year reign of Messiah on this earth clear and precise are the steps that will bring about that reign. Just as the 1st Coming of Christ is foretold to the last minute detail so we have looked at the way the Gentile Dispensation will come to an end. The 70th Week of Daniel's prophecy, also known as the Great Tribulation Period, has been covered in our studies. The Book of Seven Seals has been opened and we have seen the results upon this earth that will come to those who are left behind. We have seen the Church in heaven in Chapter 4 with the events of the seals taking place on earth. Now, hear in 19:11 we again find heaven opened with the Church behind the King of Kings preparing to descend upon a Christ-rejecting population that has followed the last gasp of the evil system of the Babylonian religion which has been pushed by Satan with the premise of elevating mankind into idolatry. His efforts have ramped up during this final seven year span to the point that we have the final battle of good and evil climaxed in this Battle of Armageddon.

In this brief but highly descriptive and clear passage we have the pointed account of the consummation of all the ages, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in glory to set up His kingdom upon the earth. In this chapter we approach not only the climax of the entire book of Revelation, but the climax of the entire Bible as well. All the prophets looked forward to this event. When Jesus was here upon the earth, the disciples asked Him again and again concerning this event. It is the hope of Israel, the theme of all prophecy, the consummation of the ages, and the indication of the humiliation of His 1st Coming.

The discussion of the Tribulation is concluded in Revelation 19, the wedding of the Lamb has occurred, and the time for Christ to return to take the kingdoms of this world and to make them His own is now.

This is the event for which believers have been praying for nineteen hundred years: "Thy kingdom come Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

We must not confuse this event with the taking out of the born again which will not have Jesus stepping foot upon this earth. (I Thess. 4:13-18). This is known as the Rapture (calling up) where Jesus comes after His Bride shown in heaven in Rev. 4. It will be known only to those to whom it affects. The 2nd Coming of which we are considering now will be known by all. Jesus will be stepping foot on earth and bringing His redeemed with Him. So the "secret" event of the Rapture which begins the Tribulation Period will be followed by the "public" appearing, 2nd Coming, at the close of Tribulation.

The Old Testament prophet saw the glory of His public Second Coming only, and knew nothing about the secret coming in the Rapture. The truth concerning the Rapture is taught in the New Testament, and was unknown in the Old. The reason for this is evident, when we remember the Rapture concerns the Church, whereas the Second Coming is the time of Israel's deliverance. Hence in the Old Testament when there was no Church there was no mention of the Rapture (though it was foreshadowed in type and in figure), but when we study the New, we find many references to the blessed hope of His return for the Church before the awful Day of the Lord.

V11. "And I saw Heaven opened": John's vision shifts again.

"White horse": In Mat. 21:1-7 we find Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey which is a symbol of peace signifying Him as the Prince of Peace. Now we see Him on a white horse which is a symbol of war.

"Faithful and True": A study of the names and titles of Jesus Christ will enable us to understand to whom we have to serve. Here we have two of the attributes of Jesus meaning the characteristic traits which define Him.

"Faithful": Denoting being worthy of the confidence of His believers to deliver them from all their enemies.

"True": Meaning to every promise He has made concerning them.

"In righteousness": The wars which He wages are from no principle of ambition, lust of power, or extension of conquest and dominion; they are righteous in their principle and in their object: and this is perhaps what no earthly potentate could ever say.

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"A name...no man knew": This is speaking to the entirety of His character. Here we know and see in part. The language being used here in the original is depicting this truth as the ancient Jewish scribe thought Him to be too Holy to even speak out His name. They used Jehovah and Adona attempting to declare that His full name was not known. There are many Scriptures that deal with this truth of knowing Him. We are to grow in this as we journey here. Through prayer and study of the Word we can become more familiar with Him. May we make it our daily prayer to learn more of Him.

V13. "Vesture dipped in blood": Isa. 63:1-6; Psa. 58:10; Isa. 34:3-8. This signifies His purpose and the same as already done status of His work.

Let us take a minute and look at the "Inescapable" blood. Salvation is obtained by a bloody way. No wonder many want the mention of it removed from pulpits. Men of all ages have tried to escape the blood of Christ, but a Christ without blood can be no Savior. When He came the first time He died in blood and agony. In the garden His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling upon earth. In the judgment hall the blood flowed as the cruel scourger lashed His innocent back with the cruel flail. When wicked men pushed the crown of thorns upon His head the blood flowed down, and when they pierced His hands and His feet His blood flowed freely. Last of all, when after His death the soldier plunged the spear into His side, there came forth blood and water. That blood which flowed is the cleansing blood in which He died but by which we live. That blood cannot be evaded. You may reject it, ridicule it, tread it under foot and despise it, but that blood remains the witness of God either for or against you. If you by faith receive Him, that blood will cleanse you from all sin and save you forever. If you reject that blood now, you will have to face it later, for note well you must accept the blood of Christ or He will require your blood. Isaiah tells us that when He comes again, He will stain His raiment with the blood of His enemies. This may shock you, but it is the clear teaching of the Word of God. Jesus Christ is not a weakling. He is not only a tender and compassionate Savior to all who believe on Him; He is also the righteous and eternal Judge of all those who reject. There is teaching everywhere that robs Christ of one of His principle attributes: His justice. To be sure, He is love, but He is also Justice, and while He deals in infinite mercy with those who believe on Him, He deals also in infinite justice and righteousness with those who turn their backs upon Him. For His 2nd Coming is to bring vengeance upon the wicked.

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V15. "Sharp sword": Psa. 2:9; Isa. 11:4; I Thess. 2:8; Rev. 1:16; 2:27; 12:5; 14:19-20; 19:21. This is the emblem of His doctrine as penetrating the hearts of men. Here it is the emblem of destruction wrought on His foes. Heb. 4:12. Jesus who was in the beginning with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit spoke the universe into existence. By faith we believe this truth. (Heb. 11). Now we are seeing it is His speaking that shall defeat all His enemies.

"The nations": All the nations of the Christ-rejecting world that are following the "big lie".

"Rod of Iron": Fulfillment of Psa. 2, II Thess. 2:7-8 and of Isa. 11: 1-4.

"Winepress of": John had a vision of this recorded in Rev. 14:14-20. It is a preview of what we are looking at now. We see that the allied armies of Antichrist will cover the whole of Palestine, and so great shall be the slaughter, that, in the valleys and hollows, all over the whole of Palestine, for the length of Palestine as far south as Bozrah is around 200 miles, the blood shall flow up to the horse's bridles. Isa. 34:1-8 declares the land will be soaked with blood. Zech. 14:1-3 teaches us that it will occur just as these armies are about to take the city of Jerusalem.

"King of Kings and Lord of Lords": The rank of those in battle, during the writing of this book, was always prominently placed on both the outer garment (vesture) and inner one (thigh). He is declared to be over everything. Dan. 2:47; Psa. 72:11; Rev. 17:14. I Tim. 6:15 teaches us He is the "only Potentate". Please don't serve a false one.

V17. "In the sun": This is denoting yet another angel who has the job of making this declaration. It is indicating that every part of this angel has rays of light emitting from him.

"Fowls of the air": The call is to every bird that will feast on the dead bodies. Ezek. 39:4-20; 19:21.

"Supper of": This is a grim contrast to the wedding banquet of the Lamb. One is celebration; the other is devastation.

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V18. "Eat the flesh of": We have a complete list of all mankind from the top to bottom of social structure. The Lord is the victor. No flesh will stand against Him. His utter discuss with the fleshly works of mankind is evident here. Ezek. 39:12 indicates it will take seven months for Israel to bury the slain. As bad as some of the events of our current days are to us they will be a cakewalk to what God is declaring will take place. This day is coming. We cannot dodge the facts. Not only does the Word of God clearly predict these events, but history and current events unite in their testimony that they are rapidly approaching the end of the age, the judgment of God and the day of final reckoning. Flee from the Wrath of God that is to come. O wicked man you shall surely die without remedy if you don't repent and turn to the finished work of Christ. Everyone is not going to heaven. Only the born again can enter in. Church let us wake up from our slumber and become the voice of the Master warning people before it is too late. Pray for courage, faith, wisdom, and strength to work while we may. Become a Jesus freak. Let Him be our every thought and His Gospel our declaration in our walk. How can they escape it they neglect so great a Salvation.

V19. "To make war": This is the Battle of Armageddon. Rev. 16:6; Rev. 17:13-14. The sides are shown. This battle will declare whether Antichrist or the Messiah will reign.

V20. "Was taken": The issue of the results of this battle was never in doubt. This verse is showing us before the armies of Antichrist are slain two of the satanic trinity are removed and cast alive into the Lake of Fire where eternity will keep them. Satan will be bound in the "bottomless pit" for the entirety of the 1,000 year reign to be loosed at the end and there he will be also cast in the Lake of fire for eternity.

"Lake of Fire": This is described in the Bible as the final destination of all who are in opposition to God. This is their eternal state. Dan. 7:11; Rev. 13:12, 15; 14:10; 16:13-14; 21:8; 20:10 This verse shows us the Devil will be cast in.

V21. "Sword": Not depicting a literal one but His Word. Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17; Isa. 11:4. It was His Word that created this universe. It saves us. It will destroy the wicked at the end of the age.