

Rev234 - **MARANATHA! Come Lord Jesus**
Revelation 19:11-16

MARANATHA!! - - IT MEANS - "O LORD, COME"

The Word (Phrase) is **ARAMAIC** - & **Since** the **NT** is **written** in **Greek**
the **Aramaic** word **Maranatha** is **only written once** in the NT

But **from** the earliest **church writings** we **know** this **word** **became**
a **Celebration** - A **Battle Cry** - & a **1-Word PRAYER**

COME LORD JESUS!

It **was** a **constant reminder** to the **1st Century church**
especially under **persecution** - that **Jesus WAS coming again**

MARANATHA! - COME LORD JESUS!

It's **OUR Celebration**, **OUR Battle Cry**, & **OUR Prayer**

Let's Pray

We've been building up to this **moment** - **For a long time**

& Finally - TODAY - we are at the **Crescendo**
of **God's Plan** for **Human History** on **EARTH**

The **2nd Coming** of Jesus is **A Major Theme**
Of **BOTH** - **The N.T.** AND **the O.T.**

The **2nd Coming of Jesus** is **referred to**

Over **1,800 times** in the **OT** - & over **300 times** in the **NT**

It's **Referred to** in **27 OT books** - & **23 NT books**

& For every prophecy on the **1st** coming of Christ

there are **8 prophecies** on the **2nd** Coming

Jesus Himself referred to his **2nd Coming** - **20 times**

& **we are commanded** almost **50 times** to be **READY** for it

From **the earliest** of the **O.T. Prophets** - God's people
have **LONGED** for the coming of **the Messiah**

From the **earliest days** of the **N.T. Church** - Believers
have **LONGED** for the **Return of Jesus Christ**

Since the Moment **Jesus Ascended** into Heaven in **ACTS CH 1**
Christ-Followers have been **WAITING** - for **THIS DAY**

When **Jesus Ascended** from the **Mt of Olives**

The **Disciples** were **standing** there
Dumbfounded - **Staring** into **the clouds**

& two Angels said to them in Acts 1:11 (NLT) → →

Acts 1:11 (NLT)

11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

& that **Incredible - Earth-Changing - Crescendo moment Happens TODAY** in our **Text**

There is MUCH more that HAPPENS AFTER the Return of Jesus to the Earth

& **SO MANY Promises STILL to come to pass**

But **THE Return of the Lord to Earth**
is the MOMENT that Triggers the Beginning of all those Promises of our Eternal life in His Presence

So, **I'd like to read straight thru** the Text
Then we'll **come back** & look at **ea vs** - ok?

& **Remember** - we're **coming out** of that **Out-of-control Worship session** - & the **Marriage of the Lamb** (Beg of Ch 19)

Worship is at its PEAK in Heaven

The Marriage of the Lamb has **taken** place
& Heaven is **preparing** for the **1,000 yr Marriage Feast**

Heaven is EXPLODING in WORSHIP

As we go into today's Text

Let me read it all - Revelation 19:11–16 (NLT)

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war.

12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself.

13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God.

14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.

15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress.

16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

MARANATHA !! (Come Lord Jesus)

**This is the CULMINATION of the VICTORY Of Jesus Christ
Over this World**

& We've got to Know - This is COMING

We've got to Know - This is REAL

We've got to Know - We can be PART of It

Alright - Let's back & go thru it - vs-by-vs

Revelation 19:11 (NLT)

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war.

The 1st time in Revelation that Heaven was opened
it was to LET the Church IN - at the Rapture (Ch 4)

The 2nd Time Heaven is opened

it's to LET Jesus (& the Armies of Heaven) OUT
to return for His Final Victory on Earth

& when Heaven Opens the 2nd Time

The FIRST Thing John sees
is Jesus - on a WHITE HORSE

Remember - Jesus made His triumphal entry
on a DONKEY - in Humility

But when He Returns - He returns - ON A WHITE HORSE
As the Symbol of the Conquering King

Then v.11 says - Jesus is *named - Faithful and True*

Guys - Jesus Christ is FAITHFUL to His Promises
& He is TRUE to His Word - (& he always WILL BE)

& Jesus IS coming back again
To **Rule & Reign** on this Earth

& to that - we **SHOUT MARANATHA !** (*Come Lord Jesus*)

& then v.11 says - he **judges fairly** and wages a **righteous war**

Jesus is **NOT** an **Arbitrary Conqueror**

It is **in Perfect Righteousness**

That He **Judges** - & **wages war** on his **enemies**

& He will **do that** - **only after** the **world** has been **SATURATED**
with the **Gospel Message**

INCLUDING during the Tribulation

Just in the Book of Revelation - we've seen:

144,000 Jewish **Billy Graham Evangelists** released on the world

Two Miraculous **Witnesses** in Jerusalem (raised from the dead)

& in **Ch 14** - an **Angel flying** - **Proclaiming** the Gospel to the earth

But **WHAT** have we seen

from the **people who belong to this World**

as we've **moved toward** the **end** of the **Tribulation** ?

The **People REFUSED TO turn** from **their sin**

& they **REFUSED TO cry out** to **God**

And - by the time **Jesus returns** here in **Ch 19**

Every SOUL on earth has **MADE** their **CHOICE**
either **FOR** Christ - or **AGAINST** Him

It is **IN RIGHTEOUSNESS** that Jesus - **Judges** & **Wages War**

Vs 12 cont's the **description** of **Jesus** in the **2nd Coming**

Revelation 19:12 (NLT)

12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself.

His eyes are like flames of fire

referring to The **Burning Discernment** of the **Lord**

He is the ONE - Who **SEES** all - Who **KNOWS** All
& **to Whom** we must all **GIVE ACCOUNT** (Heb 4:13)

If you think you're **HIDING** from **His Knowledge**

It's like **holding** up a **Tissue Paper** to stop a **Flame-Thrower**

& **v.12** says - **on his head are many crowns**

This is a **Symbol** of **His Ultimate AUTHORITY** & **RULE**
over **ALL the Earth**

& **These Crowns** are **NOT like** the **Athletes Crown**
(that is **GRK stephanos**)

These Crowns are the GRK - *DIADEM* -
Which is the Crown representing *Sovereign Royalty*

& MANY CROWNS are because Jesus is
the Sovereign ruler - over ALL THINGS

When Jesus Christ Returns -
He will Sovereignly RULE the Entire Earth

You can COUNT on That !! - & SHOUT *MARANATHA* !!

The One who wore the *Crown of Thorns*
to PAY for your sin

Now wears the Many Crowns
of SOVEREIGN RULE over the Earth

& then - the end of v.12 - . . . *A name was written on him that no one understood except himself.*

The Names of Jesus - are Incredible & Powerful

They speak of His Character & His Majesty
& MANY other Divine Attributes

The COUNTS go from 125 - to almost 200
Names & Titles for Jesus in the Bible

ALL of which convey an "Aspect" of WHO Jesus IS

But - Here is a Name - that is SO INTIMATE, so Personal
That no one can even KNOW IT

BUT - - In Rev 3:12 - Jesus made a Promise
to those who Remain Faithful

Revelation 3:12 (NLT)

12 All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God . . . And I will also write on them my new name.

If you ever think you know ALL there is about Jesus -
He says to you . . . *No, there's More . . . there's More*

& if you will *Remain Faithful* - you will Know Him
More, & More, & More - Right into ETERNITY!

(cont'g) Revelation 19:13(a) (NLT)

13 He wore a robe dipped in blood . . .

Jesus is Returning - *in a robe dipped in blood*

BUT this MAY NOT be the blood
That was shed for your Salvation

Listen to the Prophecy from Isaiah 63:1-4 (NLT)

1 Who is this who comes . . . with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in his great strength? "It is I, the

Lord, announcing your salvation! It is I, the Lord, who has the power to save!”

2 Why are your clothes so red, as if you have been treading out grapes?

3 “I have been treading the winepress alone . . . In my anger I have trampled my enemies as if they were grapes. In my fury I have trampled my foes. Their blood has stained my clothes.

4 For the time has come for me to avenge my people, to ransom them from their oppressors.

**Yes - You & I are SAVED, FORGIVEN,
& CLEANSED - By the Blood of the Lamb**

**But This Blood-Stained ROBE
may actually be a Symbol**

**of the Judgment - that Jesus is coming
to Bring on this Earth**

**& then - Revelation 19:13(b) says
. . . and his title was the Word of God.**

**This is the Apostle John’s - Favorite name for Jesus
It is - LOGOS - “God in Expression” (or ‘Communication’)**

**Jesus came the 1st time - as “God in Communication”
to save YOU from YOUR Sin**

**He’s coming the 2nd time as “God in Communication”
to JUDGE the World in Righteousness**

& If you Will RECEIVE Him as Lord - in His 1st Coming

Then - At His 2nd Coming

instead of Being on the Receiving End of His Judgment
You will be JOINING Him in His VICTORY

Which is what we see in Revelation 19:14 (NLT)

14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.

Almost ALL Scholars agree - This is US !!

These are The Saints of Heaven

Who have either Died in Christ
or who were Caught Up in the Rapture

THIS IS US !!

AND notice - it says ARMIES (Plural) of Heaven

& Listen to - Matthew 25:31 (NLT)

31 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne.

The ARMIES of Heaven - is certainly US

AND apparently - all the Angels of Heaven - WITH US!

Guys - Jesus Christ Returning

With ALL His SAINTS, & ALL His ANGELS

To Rightfully Take Possession of the World HE CREATED

The Bible says:

This world was Created THRU Jesus Christ

& It was Created - FOR Jesus Christ Him

& it is going to Return - TO Jesus Christ . . . MARANATHA !!

& Back in Rev 19:14

the White & Pure Linen we are wearing - Symbolizes

The Righteousness of Christ - we are CLOTHED IN

& we are Riding White Horses

Symbolizing our Victory In Christ

Because BOTH Our Righteousness & Victory - Are IN HIM

BUT - HOW CAN WE wear FINE White LINEN

to the Final Battle of Armageddon ??

HOW CAN WE? - Because we won't have to lift a finger

We are just WITH Jesus

as His Great Cloud of Witnesses

We are there as the PRAISE TEAM

Along With the ANGELS

**Because Jesus Christ does not need ANY of US
To win this Battle**

Here's why - Revelation 19:15(a) (NLT)

15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod . . .

From His Mouth - (Referring to his Spoken Word)

From His SPOKEN WORD

Comes a Sharp Sword to STRIKE DOWN the Nations

In Hebrews 4:12, we are told

The Word of God is

Sharper than the Sharpest two-edged sword

the GRK word there is for a DAGGER

small enough to be hidden under a cloak

& sharpened to a Razor's Edge - ON BOTH SIDES

& it could Penetrate to the heart - in a SECOND

Like a Surgeon's Scalpel

**HOWEVER - the GRK word - for the Sword that comes from
the Spoken Word of Jesus in His Return**

is **NOT** an "**Assassin's Dagger**"

This word is for The LONG (Great) SWORD

that a Warrior would Swing with 2 hands
More like we would swing a Baseball Bat

& it would Cut Down - Everything in its Path

With a Word - the Earth was CREATED BY JESUS

& With a Word - the Earth will be JUDGED BY JESUS

& then Revelation 19:15(b) says (NLT)

. . . He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress.

Maybe you've seen someone "Treading The Winepress"

a person gets into a large vat of grapes,

& they SMASH the grapes by stomping on them
again & again - until all the juice runs out

The only difference is - Jesus is treading this winepress with
the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty

AND - it's NOT grapes in the winepress

it is those who have chosen to be - Enemies of God

& Finally - Revelation 19:16 (NLT)

16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

King of ALL Kings - & Lord of ALL Lords !!

The Sovereign - Omnipotent - Almighty Jesus Christ !!

Over every King who has ever tried to Reign on Earth

Over every Man & Spirit that has tried to Receive Worship

Jesus Christ will RETURN VICTORIOUS

& He will REIGN VICTORIOUSLY

This earth has been in a Great Battle

since Man TURNED CONTROL of it over to Satan

But **Where God exists** - The **Battle** is already **FINISHED**

The Victory HAS ALREADY been WON

& **We** can **Turn** to the **Back of the Book**

& **SEE** how this **whole thing** is gonna **Work OUT**

The Question is - Do we have enough SENSE

To READ it - BELIEVE it - & CHOOSE to Live our Lives BY IT ??

500 yrs before Christ - Zechariah said

The **Messiah would stand** on the **Mount of Olives**

(**same place** as **ascension**) & **it** would **SPLIT in TWO**

Zechariah 14:4 (NLT)

4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south.

& then, Zechariah 14:9 says (NLT)

9 And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one Lord—his name alone will be worshiped.

& **we** should **SHOUT** - - **MARANATHA** !!! (Come Lord Jesus)

In **one** of the **20 Times** - **Jesus spoke** of His **own return**

Matthew 24:27-29 (partial) (NLT)

27 For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes.

. . .

29 . . . the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

30 . . . And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (no joke)

31 And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

Jesus is COMING BACK - & **He** will **Gather**

ALL those who are His - In **preparation** for the **Millennium**

Jesus is COMING Back - & REVELATION 1:7 says
EVERY EYE will See Him

Jesus is coming BACK - WITH - & FOR
ALL those who are HIS

& God's Desire - is that every person
who can hear my voice - would BE HIS

But the BIBLE says - The Only Way for you to **BE HIS**
Is to **BELIEVE & RECEIVE** him

John 1:12 (ESV)

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Jesus is COMING BACK !!

To **Rightfully Rule & Reign** on this Earth

& **if** you **have RECEIVED him** into **your Life**
And **BELIEVED** in **His Name**

Then **YOU will be WITH HIM**

FOR His 2nd Coming - & FOR Eternity!

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Let's Pray