

We are getting closer and closer to the end of the seven-year tribulation period. It was a couple of weeks ago, but we were able to see that there is going to be a marriage in heaven. Where the Church, true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, have been raptured to meet the Lord in the air and are now beginning that wonderful time of worshiping the Lord Jesus for all of eternity. There is a bride, the Church, to be presented to the Husband, the Lord Jesus. The bride is to be spotless and pure and after that marriage there is to be a feast, which is called, “What?” The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

As we looked at what John saw two weeks ago. We now see another vision. While those events are happening in Heaven the wrath of God is still being poured out against those who have rejected Jesus Christ as Lord. The Anti-Christ and the false prophet have made themselves known. The Anti-Christ lead by Satan is getting ready to turn his fury against all of Israel. A battle is going to rage that will create more carnage than has ever been displayed during any war ever fought. Just as it seems all is lost for Israel, there steps in one that will now make all things right and will eradicate all evil from the world and will now reign as he should. We are going to see that last great battle on earth called the Battle of Armageddon.

**Let’s Read Revelation 19:11-21**

*<sup>11</sup> Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.*

*<sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.*

*<sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>17</sup> Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup> to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup> And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.*

How many of you remember that great song, “The King Is Coming!” The song was written by Charles Milhuff, Gloria and Bill Gaither and of course made famous by the Gaither Vocal Band! Here is the chorus to that song.

**O the King is coming  
The King is coming  
I just heard the trumpets sounding  
And now His face I see  
O the King is coming  
The King is coming  
Praise God, He's coming for me**

This song, I believe, is in reference to the Rapture. But the Rapture is only half of Jesus' second coming. As we have studied we know that Jesus' second coming is two-fold. There is the rapture and then there is the time when he sets up his millennium kingdom in Jerusalem. We once again see in these verses a picture of the deity, glory and the holiness of Jesus as King.

If there are two events that a true follower of Jesus Christ should be anticipating or longing for it should be the Rapture and the Second Coming. In Titus Chapter 2 verses 11-14 says as much. Turn in your Bibles to Titus Chapter 2 and let's read these wonderful verses.

***Titus 2:11-14***

***<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.***

Jesus is this grace from God that has appeared and our salvation is through and only through Jesus Christ. But in that salvation what is our life to now look like. We are to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions. We are to live sanctified, set apart, Holy lives on this earth while we wait for that promise of Jesus to come get us.

The first time Jesus came to this earth he came as a baby in swaddling clothes. As God, he put on the flesh of man.



After Jesus began his ministry to reveal his Lordship and the fact that he was the Messiah and came to die for the sins of mankind. Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey.



Showing himself to come in humility. But what we see now is that it is time to come in judgment. The time has come to eradicate all evil from the face of the universe. We see Jesus in all his glory and in all his power. Look at verses 11-13 again.

***Revelation 19:11-13***

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John sees this vision and he sees a white horse. The white horse is a symbol of purity and strength and the one that would be sitting upon it would be a conqueror. This is depicted by this picture here.



This description shows us that it is Jesus that is the rider upon this horse. Faithful and True! Jesus is faithful, Amen! He keeps his promises. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He will stick closer than a brother. He will save us if we will repent of our sins and surrender our lives to him. We must remember that Jesus is all truth. John 14:6 tells us that Jesus is, “The Way, The Truth and The Life!”

Jesus has detailed very clearly what sin is and the consequences of sin. It tells us here that he is going to judge in righteousness. There is no lust of power or ambition of conquest with Jesus. It is to bring righteousness to the world again and to eradicate evil. But to be more specific, “How do you think Jesus is going to judge?” He is going to judge us against the Word of God. The Bible again is our authority on all

things, especially what God calls sin and the only hope we have for forgiveness of that sin. As we continue to see this description of Jesus he comes back to make war. Jesus is coming back in fury and he is coming back to fight. This is the Jesus that some people have a hard time with. We want that Jesus that is alright with all of my sin and will just over look it. Scripture knows no Jesus like that Jesus does not even describe himself like that.

I truly believe that we sometimes think that this is not going to happen. That life is going to continue on and on. There is going to be rebellion against God's Word and for some of us we are in rebellion now. Twisting Scripture to meet our lifestyles. There is going to be a time when God says enough. Jesus is going to come back just as we see it hear.

Further on with the description of Jesus, we see that his eyes are described as a flame of fire. This was already described to us in Chapter 1 as John's vision of the revealing of Jesus Christ began. Jesus is always looking. He sees everything. His eyes are looking upon the saved and they are looking upon the unsaved. I got to thinking a little about this though. Though Jesus was in human form on the earth.

1. It was these eyes that wept at Lazarus tomb.
2. It was these eyes of compassion that looked into a woman's eyes that said, "If I could touch but the hem of his garment!"
3. It was these eyes that looked over at Peter after Peter denied Jesus a third time and sent Peter out to weep bitterly in his shame.
4. It was these eyes that looked upon the people at the foot of the cross and said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do!"
5. It is with these eyes now he comes to execute justice upon the face of the earth because of man's rejection of Jesus sacrifice for them.

What is this return? He is coming to set up his millennial reign. So, we see that it is described as he has many diadems. Jesus is coming to be King, not one of other kings but the King. In Jesus' second coming he is coming to take over the world, he is coming to rule. Jesus is going to take over the world. There will be no more Kings, no more Lords, no more President's. Jesus is coming to rule. But before we get into that we need to look a few more things here. Look at verses 12 and 13 again.

### ***Revelation 19:12-13***

***<sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.***

Jesus has a name written on him. What is that name? As, I studied this I found that many people have stressed over this. But, I see it as very simple. You can speculate because there are many names that describe the holiness of Jesus. What does it say? No one knows but himself. So, let's move on.

Jesus is clothed in a robe dipped in blood. As we look at this we should remember that Jesus shed his own blood for our sins. There is the blood of the martyr's through out the generations. And, he is coming to make war and there would be bloodshed of those nations that Jesus is getting ready go against in battle.

As we looked earlier that there is name that is written, we now see the name Jesus is called. That name is the Word of God.

We get this from the Gospel of John. Look at the screens as we read John Chapter 1:1-2.

***John Chapter 1:1-2***

***<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning God.***

We can not express enough that the Bible is God's Word and it is all about Jesus who is to come and to rule for all of eternity. I repeat! How and what is Jesus going to rule with and put us against? The Word of God!

But hey! Does he come back alone? No! Look at verse 14 in Revelation 19.

***Revelation 19:14***

***<sup>14</sup>And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.***

Now who is this Army? It is those that have repented of their sins and have truly given their life to the Lord Jesus Christ and made him Lord along with the Old Testament saints and all those martyred during the tribulation. Here we come! Now the battle ensues. Look at verse 15 and 16.

***Revelation 19:15-16***

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Let's get the picture here of what is happening. Let's look at the picture of the Meggido.



What is happening is the armies of the nations are coming against the Lord. Turn over to Chapter 16 verses 12-16. What we see hear is the gathering of the nations. As they are gathered then Jesus strikes them down. Get a picture of this. I know when we read this we get this sense that we are coming to fight along with Jesus. But in the description do you see anywhere that we are armed? It is Jesus and Jesus alone that executes judgment and destroys these nations.

Turn back to Chapter 19 and verse 15 and 16.

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Now, Jesus does not have a sword sticking out of his mouth. He's not shooting out knives from his mouth. Again, we see the power of God's word. What is that famous verse that describes the Word of God?

***Hebrews 4:12***

***For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.***

But look at verse 13.

***Hebrews 4:13***

***And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.***

And this is what is happening here in this valley. Mankind is giving an account for their rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ. What we read next is the end results of the Battle of Armageddon. But before we look at that I want us to see that this also is a part of prophecy.

1. Turn to Psalm 2
2. Turn to Joel 3:12-14

So not only is John given this vision, but it is backed up by prophecy from the Old Testament. I could go to Isaiah 63, Matthew 24 and 25 that describes these events. Jesus execution of judgment will be swift and it will be sure. Not only during this battle but also when he rules as King of kings and Lord of lords from Jerusalem. Because what we are reading here is the precursor to Jesus setting up his 1000-year reign. He will be the only ruler on this earth at that time. We will serve him.

What we see next are the results of this battle.

***<sup>17</sup> Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God,<sup>18</sup> to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great."<sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.<sup>20</sup> And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.<sup>21</sup> And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.***

Because of the carnage there will be a feast for the birds. I got curious, so I did some quick research. So, I googled, "Migration of Birds of Israel." What I found is that approximately 580 million birds will migrate throughout the year from Europe and Asia through the nation of Israel. At any point during the year there could be millions of birds in Israel. Verse 21 tells us they will be gorged with flesh. If they weren't flesh eaters, they become flesh eaters after this battle. During this time the beast (Anti-Christ) and the false prophet are captured and thrown into hell. Satan at this time is arrested at this time. We will talk more about that next week. There is quite a smorgasbord for the birds. These verses describe it:

1. Flesh of Kings
2. Flesh of Captains
3. Flesh of Mighty Men
4. Flesh of Horses

## 5. Flesh of All Men (Both free and slave, small and great)

I end with this tonight. In Matthew 22 it describes a wedding feast that a King is inviting people to for his son. He sent his servants out, but no one would come. God has been calling people to come have supper with him since the Garden of Eden. Through repentance and surrendering to the Lord Jesus Christ we can join that supper. There are several suppers described in the Bible. The Lord's Supper, The Marriage Supper of the Lamb and now what is called The Great Supper of God.

I even hate the way this sounds of what I am about to say. But if you give your life to the Lord Jesus Christ you get to sit at a table and eat a meal with Jesus. But if you don't your body becomes the meal for these millions of birds. Jesus is coming soon!