

The Commencement of Eternity
“THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST”
Revelation 19:11-16

Theme: Christ will appear a second time to judge the godless and reward the righteous.

I. THE PROPHECIES OF HIS APPEARING – 19:1-6

A. *The Consistent Prophecy*

1. The earliest prophecy – *Jude 14-15*
2. The prophecies of the OT – *Psalms 2:6-9*
3. The prophecies of the Messiah – *Matthew 24:27-31*.

B. *The Comforting the Persecuted – Isaiah 63:1-6*

C. *The Consummation of Promise – Zechariah 14:1-5; Joel 3:1-2, 12-14; Matthew 25:31-46*

D. *The Contrast with the Rapture*

The Rapture	The Second Coming
<i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; John 14:1-3</i>	<i>Joel 3:12-16; Revelation 19:11-21; Zechariah 14:1-5; Matthew 24:29-31</i>
Saints meet Christ in the Air	Lord descends to Mt. Of Olives
Lord comes to bless His people without any reference to judgment	Emphasis on the judgment that falls on unbelievers of this world
No references in context to Millennium	Emphasis on the establishment of the Millennium
Both living & dead saints receive glorified bodies	No reference made to glorification of bodies
Rapture occurs before the wrath of God is poured out	Second Coming occurs after the wrath of God is poured out
Imminent	Signs & events must take place
The Lord returns to heaven with His saints	The Lord descends and remains on earth
All believers are removed from the earth leaving only unbelievers	All unbelievers are removed from the earth leaving only the righteous

II. THE PURPOSE OF HIS APPEARING – 19:11-15

A. *He Is Coming to Fulfill His Promises – v. 11*

1. Here Jesus, the Victor on the White Horse, is called *“Faithful and True”*

2. In v. 13, His Name is called the Word of God – “*... and His name is called The Word of God.*”
3. Thus, we see that He comes in order to fulfill such promises as *2 Thessalonians 1:5-9* and other references in the Old Testament.

B. He Is Coming to Execute Judgment – vv. 11-13, 15

1. The judgment executed by Christ Jesus is one that is designed to uphold His righteousness – “*And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.*”
2. The characteristics are provided for us – first it will be thorough – “*His eyes are a flame of fire ...*” – no sin or sinner will be overlooked.
3. His universal sovereignty is emphasized in the fact that “*... on His head are many diadems*” – the word for the rulers’ crowns who have usurped His singular privilege as the King over all.
4. The loftiness of His rule is so exclusive that He possesses no advisors – “*... and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.*”
5. It seems that the robe that he wears is bloodied – and since this is a picture of judgment and not redemption, it is most likely the blood of those slaughtered – “*He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood ...*”
 - a. This is not Christ’s first battle – He has been present through the slaughter of the saints by the wicked throughout history.
 - b. This is His last battle – and with it He will let the blood of the wicked without mercy.
6. In that the martyred will suffer for the testimony of faith in Christ and for the Word of God, the very One for Whom they gave their lives is identified – “*... and His name is called the Word of God.*”
7. His purpose is to “*... strike down the nations ...*” – to annihilate all the wicked in preparation for the Millennium – v. 15.

C. He Is Coming to Avenge His Saints – v. 14

1. As He appears, bloodied by the hostilities against His people, He will also be accompanied in glory with Him are those who have been glorified – “*And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.*”
2. Those who are described as glorified and wearing white robes include:
 - a. The Church – *Revelation 19:7-8*

- b. The Martyred from the Tribulation – *Revelation 7:9*
- c. The OT Saints – *Daniel 12:1-2*
- d. The Holy Angels – *Matthew 25:31*
3. All the saints of all ages have looked to this time of the Messiah's coming in glory as the time when God will avenge their blood – cp. *Revelation 6:9-11*.

D. *He Is Coming to Establish His Kingdom – vv. 15-16*

1. The means by which His judgment will occur is through the declaration of His Word – *“From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations,”*
 - a. This is the evidence of the power of God's Word – the sword of the Spirit – cp. *Ephesians 6:17*
 - b. The power of God's Word has always been compared to a two-edged sword against which nothing can stand – cp. *Hebrews 4:12-13*.
2. His conquering of His enemies will be swift and complete – instantly putting down any rebellion against His Word or authority – *“and He will rule them with a rod of iron;”*

III. THE POWER AT HIS APPEARING – 19:15-16

A. *It Will Proceed from an Outburst of Wrath*

1. There will be no rivaling His authority or power – and He will execute His judgment without restraint – *“...and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.”* - cp. *Revelation 14:19-20*
2. For thousands of years, God has held His wrath – since Enoch – from its release.
3. It has built in intensity until finally being released in one grand stroke – cp. *Isaiah 34:1-3*.

B. *It Will Obliterate All Antagonists*

1. His Kingdom will be absolute – King over every king, and Lord over every lord – *“And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.”*
2. Absolutely no rival will endure – everyone will be subject to Him – cp. *Revelation 17:14; Deuteronomy 10:17; 1 Timothy 6:15*.
3. The wicked must be completely destroyed from the face of the earth in order that all living beings will be the remnant populating the Millennial Kingdom.
4. Hence, the only ones who will survive Christ's Advent are those who are believers in Him – cp. *Matthew 25:31-34*.