



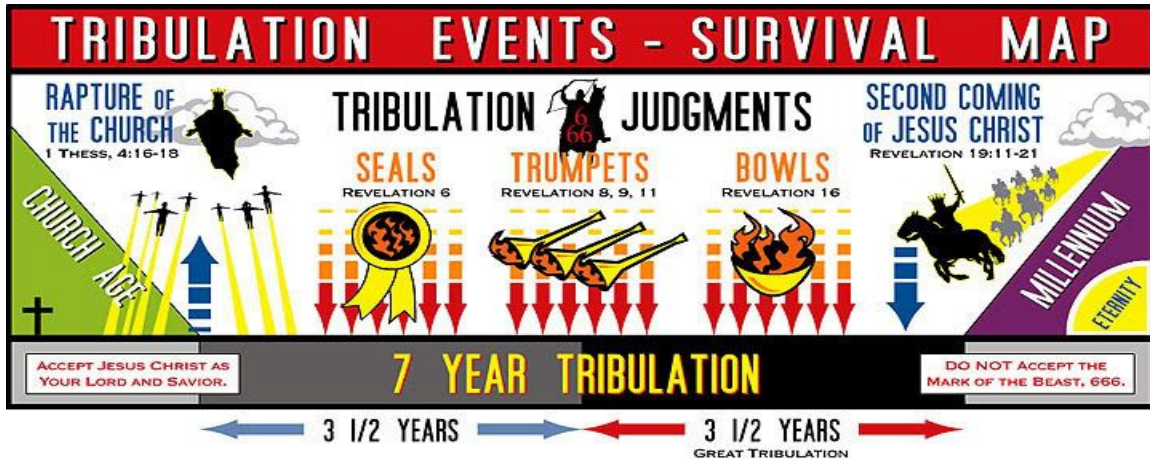
Go for God!

The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 19

“The Second Coming of Christ!”

Review:



Intro: Zechariah spoke of the second coming of Christ 520 years before the birth of Christ, listen to Zechariah 14:1-4 - *Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.*

- > (v1-6) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- > (v7-10) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb!
- > (v11-21) The Return of Christ!

> (v1-6) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- Four Alleluias are found in these six verses, *alleluia* is the Greek form of the Hebrew *Hallelujah*, being translated is “Praise the LORD!”

(v1-2) 1st Alleluia - For “Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!” And praise Him for “True and righteous are His judgments!”

(v2-3) 2nd Alleluia - Babylon is finished! Satan’s evil empire is destroyed!

(v4) 3rd Alleluia - Twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God saying, "Amen!" Which is to say, "*So be it!*" or "*It is finished!*" A cry of victory followed by "Praise the LORD!"

(v5-6) 4th Alleluia - Praise from all believers found in heaven! God is omnipotent (all powerful, the Almighty) and He reigns!

> (v7-10) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb!

(v7) Who is the Lamb? JESUS!

LAMB OF GOD - A phrase used by John the Baptist to describe Jesus (John 1:29,36). John publicly identified Jesus as "*the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" Elsewhere in the New Testament Jesus is called a lamb (Acts 8:32; 1 Peter 1:19; Rev 5:6). The Book of Revelation speaks of Jesus as a lamb 28 times. John's reference to Jesus as the Lamb of God calls to mind the Old Testament sacrificial system. In the sacrifice God accepted the blood of animals as the means of atonement for sin. It is likely that John had many themes from the Old Testament in mind when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. These themes probably included

the sin offering (Lev 4), the trespass offering (Lev 5), the sacrifice on the Day of Atonement (Lev 16), and the Passover sacrifice (Ex 12). But the strongest image from the Old Testament is the suffering servant who "*was led as a lamb to the slaughter*" (Isa 53:7) and who "*bore the sins of many*" (Isa 53:12). Thus, this vivid description of Jesus was a pointed announcement of the ATONEMENT He would bring about on man's behalf. (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

(v7-8) Warren Wiersbe writes about this glorious marriage of the lamb, "The bride, of course, is the church (2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:22-33); and Jesus Christ, the Lamb, is the Bridegroom (John 3:29). At a wedding, it is customary to focus attention on the bride; but in this case, it is the Bridegroom who receives the honor! "*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him.*"

"What did the bride wear?" is the usual question asked after a wedding. The Lamb's bride is dressed "in the righteous acts of the saints" (literal translation). When the bride arrived in heaven at the judgment Seat of Christ, she was not at all beautiful (in fact, she was covered with spots, wrinkles, and blemishes according to Paul in Ephesians 5:25-28 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.); but now she is radiant in her glory. She has "made herself ready" for the public ceremony."

(v9) John writes, “Blessed are those who called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!” is

- How are we blessed? By being invited and united with Christ at the marriage supper of the lamb. Jesus gives “The Parable of the Wedding Feast” in Matthew 22:1-14, let’s read.

~ The Bride of Christ, summary: “The marriage of the Lamb” (lit. “the marriage supper of the Lamb”) is the consummation of the marriage of Christ and the Church as His bride.

- The figure is according to the oriental pattern of marriage, covering three stages: 1st - The betrothal or engagement, legally binding when the individual members of the body of Christ are saved.

2nd - The coming of the Bridegroom for His bride at the rapture of the Church!

3rd - The marriage supper of the Lamb, occurring in connection with the second coming of Christ to establish His millennial kingdom. This feast could last as long as a week.

- The Lamb’s wife is to be contrasted with the harlot of 17:1; and she is also to be distinguished from Israel, the unfaithful wife of the LORD (Jehovah) in historic times, who is to be restored in the millennium (Isa. 54:1-10; Hos. 2:1-17). – C.I. Scofield

(v10) Do we worship angels? No, we worship God and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Jesus is the Son of God, who is “Immanuel” being translated “God with us!” (Mt. 1:23)

We are told in John 20:26-29 - *And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Blessed are you!!!*

(v10) What is the testimony of Jesus? The spirit of prophecy. Jesus fulfilled up to 456 prophecies in His First Coming, and will fulfill up to a 1000 prophecies at His Second Coming!

Mathematician Peter Stoner counted the probability of one person fulfilling even a small number of them. And he concluded, the chance of a single man fulfilling “just” 48 of the prophecies found in the Tanakh (Old Testament) would be one in (10 followed by 157 zeros)!

Peter Stoner writes, “Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing just eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote in their own wisdom... This means that the fulfillment of just eight prophecies alone proves that God inspired the writing of those [eight] prophecies to a definiteness which lacks only one chance in 10^{17} (100,000,000,000,000,000) of being absolute.” (Stoner, Peter W. *Science Speaks*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1963, pp 100-107)

- The apostle Peter declares in 2 Peter 1:16-21 - *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory:” This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

> (v11-21) The Return of Christ!

(v11) Are their horses in heaven? Yes! These are flying horses! Yeehaaa!

(v11) What is Jesus called? Faithful & True

Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:11-13 - This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, ”I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

(v12) In righteousness He judges & makes war!

RIGHTEOUSNESS - Since the FALL in the Garden of Eden, man is inherently unrighteous. As the prophet Isaiah said, ”We are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Isa 64:6).

Man cannot be righteous in the sight of God on his own merits. Therefore, man must have God's righteousness imputed, or transferred, to him. The cross of Jesus is a public demonstration of God's righteousness. God accounts or transfers the righteousness of Christ to those who trust in Him (Rom 4:3-22; Gal 3:6; Phil 3:9). We do not become righteous because of our inherent goodness; God sees us as righteous because of our identification by faith with His Son. (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

(v13) **What is Jesus name as he returns to earth? The *Word of God!***
In the gospel of John we read in John 1:1 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Then in John 1:14 - *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

(v13) His robe is dipped in blood, this is not the blood of Jesus, but rather it is the blood of His enemies. Isaiah the Jewish prophet declared 700 years before Christ birth of this bloody battle according to Isaiah 63:1-6 - *Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength? — "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come. I looked, but there was no one to help, and I wondered that there was no one to uphold; therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; and My own fury, it sustained Me. I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, made them drunk in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth."*

(v14) **Who else gets to ride white horses?**

- **The armies in heaven, who are they?**

Angels and saints are this army according 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 - *We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God,*

for which you also suffer; since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude describes the same scene in Jude 14-15 - *Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

(v15) Who is Jesus going to strike when He returns? The nations!
(Psalm 2)

(v15) Jesus is the KING of kings & LORD of lords!

(v17) The birds of the air are invited to the supper of the great God!
This is the last supper for non-believers, but they are not eating they are eaten! It's a fallacy to think that Jesus had a last supper with His disciples before going to the cross, why you ask, because we are invited to the "marriage supper of the lamb!"
Jesus said in Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

(v18-19) Who is gathered to make war against Jesus? The Beast, kings & their armies.

(v20) The beast and the false prophet are cast alive into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone which is what is commonly called HELL. Notice they were cast alive, not annihilated!

- Let us understand HELL – Hell is the place of eternal punishment for the unrighteous. The NKJV and KJV use this word to translate Sheol

and Hades, the Old and New Testament words, respectively, for the abode of the dead.

Hell as a place of punishment translates Gehenna, the Greek form of the Hebrew word that means "the vale of Hinnom" - a valley just south of Jerusalem. In this valley the Canaanites worshiped Baal and the fire-god Molech by sacrificing their children in a fire that burned continuously. Even Ahaz and Manasseh, kings of Judah, were guilty of this terrible, idolatrous practice (2 Chron 28:3; 33:6).

The prophet Jeremiah predicted that God would visit such destruction upon Jerusalem that this valley would be known as the "Valley of Slaughter" (Jer 7:31-34; 19:2,6). In his religious reforms, King Josiah put an end to this worship. He defiled the valley in order to make it unfit even for pagan worship (2 Kings 23:10).

In the time of Jesus the Valley of Hinnom was used as the garbage dump of Jerusalem. Into it were thrown all the filth and garbage of the city, including the dead bodies of animals and executed criminals. To consume all this, fires burned constantly. Maggots worked in the filth. When the wind blew from that direction over the city, its awfulness was quite evident. At night wild dogs howled and gnashed their teeth as they fought over the garbage.

Jesus used this awful scene as a symbol of hell. In effect he said, "Do you want to know what hell is like? Look at the valley of Gehenna." So hell may be described as God's "cosmic garbage dump." All that is unfit for heaven will be thrown into hell.

The word Gehenna occurs 12 times in the New Testament. Each time it is translated as "hell." With the exception of James 3:6, it is used only by Jesus (Matt 5:22,29-30; 10:28; 23:15,33; Mark 9:43,45,47; Luke 12:5). In Matt 5:22; 18:9; and Mark 9:47, it is used with "fire" as "hell fire." So the word hell (Gehenna) as a place of punishment is used in the New Testament by Him who is the essence of infinite love.

In Mark 9:46 and 48, hell is described as a place where "their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched." Repeatedly Jesus spoke of outer darkness and a furnace of fire, where there will be wailing, weeping, and gnashing of teeth (Matt 8:12; 13:42,50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28). Obviously this picture is drawn from the valley of Gehenna

The Book of Revelation describes hell as "a lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Rev 19:20; 20:10,14-15; 21:8). Into hell will be thrown the

beast and the false prophet (Rev 19:20). At the end of the age the devil himself will be thrown into it, along with death and hades and all whose names are not in the Book of Life. "And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Rev 20:10 b).

Because of the symbolic nature of the language, some people question whether hell consists of actual fire. Such reasoning should bring no comfort to the lost. The reality is greater than the symbol. The Bible exhausts human language in describing heaven and hell. The former is more glorious, and the latter more terrible, than language can express. (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

(v21) What happens to the armies that are fighting against Jesus? The sword of His mouth destroys them!

- Jesus spoke of His return in Matthew 24:26-31 - "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.
"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- Peter said in 2 Peter 3:1-9 – *The LORD is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*