

THE BEAST AND THE ARMIES DEFEATED -- 19:17-21

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Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email – ptwente@gmail.com For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, David Hocking, Warren Wiersbe and others.

THE SPECTACULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST - 19:11-16

– His NATURE powerfully describes Him!
His Attribute of Righteousness – v 11; His Awareness of Everything – v. 12; His Authority- v.12; His Armies – v. 14; His Anger – v. 13

Rev 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were like a flame of fire,

and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

Rev 19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood,

and His name is called The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

His NATURE describes Him powerfully!

His Attribute of Righteousness – v 11

His Awareness of Everything – v. 12

His Authority- v.12

His Anger – v. 13

His Armies – v. 14

v. 11 “in righteousness He judges and makes war.” - The Attribute of righteousness, even when He makes war! - Rev. 15:3; 19:2 - cf. Psa. 7:8; 9:8; 35:24; 50:6; 67:4; 72:2; 96:10-13; 98:9; Isa. 11:4-5;

v. 12 “His eyes were like a flame of fire” - His Awareness of all things - cf. Rev. 1:14; 2:18, 23 (“...I am He who searches the minds and the hearts.”) - Cf. Jer. 17:9-10; Hebrews 4:13. Somewhat different than our Lord who walked the Galilee!

v. 12 “and on His head were many crowns.” - His Authority (Greek: diademata, - not stephanos!) He is in charge! – “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS”! - We prove it by prayer and being in His word!

v. 13 “He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood,” - His Anger - cf. Rev. 1:13 “clothed with a garment to the foot” and Isaiah 63:1-6

v. 14 “And the armies in heaven (we’ve been with Him in heaven, while the Tribulation has been going on!), clothed in fine linen, white and clean (the righteousness of the saints, redeemed by His blood- including OT saints?), followed Him on white horses. - His Armies - cf. Rev. 7:14; 19:8 with Daniel 12:1-3; Matthew 24:29; 25:31

Review from last study: - His NAMES clearly identify Him.

The Reliability of His name- “faithful and true” v. 11

The Recognition of His name - “no man knew” v. 12

The Revelation of His name- “the Word of God” v. 13

The Royalty of His Name- “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS”- v. 16

This study - His NATURE powerfully describes Him!

Psa 7:8 The LORD shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me.

Psa 9:8 He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

Psa 35:24 Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.

Psa 50:6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge.

Psa 67:4 Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.

Psa 72:2 He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

“Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.”

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Rev 19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword,

that with it He should strike the nations.

And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.

He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION THAT WILL COME – vs. 17-21

Rev 19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun;

and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

Rev 19:18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

v. 15 ("a sharp sword" - Greek: hromphala- giant sword that requires both hands to use—for use in the final blow!) cf. Heb. 4:12 - (Greek: machairan) - The NATIONS will obey Him completely! -

v. 15 "He should strike the nations. He Strikes the nations! - Cf. Psalm 2:9; Isaiah 11:4; Revelation 2:27

v. 15 "He Himself will rule them with a rod (the rod is used as a switch or whip to discipline; judgment; the staff is the one with a hook on the end of it- to help, to save!) of iron." - He shepherds the nations! - Cf. 2:9-12; Rev. 2:27; 12:5 - Cf. Psalm 23:4; 1 Corinthians 4:21

v. 15 "He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" - He rules the nations! - Cf. Joel 3:13; Rev 14:14-20

v. 16 "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS". - The Royalty of His Name

v. 17 "standing in the sun" - The Position of the angel - Cf. Joel 2:31 - "the sun shall be turned into darkness"

v. 17 "he cried with a loud voice" – usually associated with judgment. God. - cf. 6:10; 7:2, 10; 10:3; 14:15; 18:2 - The COMING of all birds to the supper of the great - The Proclamation to the birds

v. 18 "that you may eat the flesh of" - The PURPOSE of this gathering of birds - cf. Ezek. 39:17-22 - cf. Matthew 24:27-28
Views: 1. Two or more events where the birds are invited; lunch then dinner? Describing the slaughter of thousands/millions killed during the tribulation?
2. The first invasion is wiped out; then all the other nations get in line against Israel.

Jesus will not be involved in hand to hand combat!
With one blow the enemy will be destroyed!

He will rule with a rod of iron – smiting and crushing – talking about judgment!

Vs. 17-18 - THE WAR OF ARMAGEDDON
Now we come to the end of the War of Armageddon, and this concludes the final battle:
If there is one passage of Scripture which is revolting to read, this is it. You will notice that God included it at the end of His Word to remind us how revolting and nauseating to Him are the deeds of the flesh. Men who live in the flesh will have their flesh destroyed. This is an invitation at the end of the Battle of Armageddon to the carrion-eating fowl to a banquet on earth where they will have A-1, blue-ribbon flesh to eat—kings and the mighty men of the earth. My friend, it is frightful to rebel against God because He is going to judge you someday. This scene reveals the heart of man and how dreadful that heart really is. (McGee)

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Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Rev 19:20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence,

by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who

worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

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v. 19 "gathered together to make war against Him - The final CONFLICT of the tribulation - Cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 - cf. Rev. 16:14-16 (this is not Ez. 39, but the final battle of Armageddon); 17:14 - the final cleanup when all nations come against Israel.

v. 20 "Then the beast was captured"- The CAPTURE of the beast and false prophet

v. 20 "by which he deceived those - The Reason for the capture is implied - for their deception - Rev. 20:10

v. 20 "These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. - The Result is a dramatic reminder to all unbelievers of their final destiny. The two leaders were thrown into the lake of fire!!!

v. 21 "the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh." - The CONSEQUENCE which the nations will face. The Lamb will emerge victoriously and put His feet down on the Mount of Olives!

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Vs. 19-21 - HELL OPENED

Now for the very first time hell is completely opened up:

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse and against his army. And the beast (Antichrist) was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshiped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burns with brimstone; and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, even the sword which came forth out of his mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

What a frightful picture this is. The Beast and the False Prophet defy God right up to the very last. They dare to make war with the Son of God! Surely "He that sits in the heavens shall laugh" at the utter futility of their efforts. It is preposterous that there is such a rebellion of man against God. The outcome is inevitable. The two arch-rebels and tyrants, the Antichrist and the False Prophet, have the questionable distinction of being the first two who are cast into hell. Even the Devil hasn't been put there yet. (McGee)

**HE IS THE KING OF
KINGS AND THE LORD OF
LORDS!!!!**

ARE YOU READY?

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. v. 12 “<i>KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS</i>”! How do we show or prove that ourselves?2. v. 13 “<i>dipped in blood</i>” - Whose blood is referred to here?3. v.14 Who do you think the “<i>armies in heaven</i>” represent? Do you think OT saints are included?4. v. 14 What does Rev. 19:8 tell us about “<i>fine linen</i>”?5. Rev. 7:14 – how were the robes “<i>made white</i>”?6. How does v. 14 support the Pre Tribulation Rapture position?7. Do you like to ride horses? Does today’s study tell us that we all shall be riding white horses on that Day?8. Is the word “<i>sword</i>” in v. 15 the same word as the “<i>sword</i>” in <u>Heb. 4:12</u>?
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