

## **THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 6/27-28/2022 *Revelation Chapter 19:11-21***

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### **OPENING PRAYER**

***Revelation Chapter 19 – The Triumphal Return of Christ the King!***

***Heaven Exults over Babylon – (vs. 1-10);***

***Christ on a White Horse – (vs. 11-16);***

- **The portrayal of Christ's return in *Revelation 19:11-16* is the most dramatic passage in the entire Bible! In these six verses we are swept up into the triumphal entourage of the redeemed saints as they ride the heavenly procession with the King of kings and Lord of lords.**
- **In this one passage alone, all the hopes and dreams of every believer are finally and full realized.** This is not the Palm Sunday procession with the humble Messiah on the donkey colt. This is the ultimate in the end times drama! The rejected Savior returns in triumph as the rightful King of all the world. We will be with Him!
- We see the true destiny of the believer: 1) Rapture, 2) Return, 3) Reign!

## ***The Beast and His Armies Defeated – (vs. 17-21)***

- **Verses 17-21 summarize the final concluding events of the Battle of Armageddon.** The end of the chapter concludes all that has been happening since the first mention of Armageddon in 16:16.

### **Text: Rev. 19:11-21**

#### **The Rider on a White Horse**

**(Rev 19:11-16)** 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. [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. [13] He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. [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. [16] And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

#### **The Beast and His Armies Defeated**

**(Rev 19:17-21)** 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, [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." [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. [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 worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. [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.

## ***The Rider on a White Horse – The Coming King***

**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.

- **We remember when Jesus began His ministry, (Luk 4:16-21)** So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. [17] And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: [18] "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED; [19] TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD." [20] **Then He closed the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. [21] And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."**
- **Jesus was quoting (Isa 61:1-2a)** "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; [2] To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,
- **But He stopped at a comma!** But now we see the continuance! **(Isa 61:2b) and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,**
- **Now I saw (the) heaven (having been) opened.** The One who ascended to heaven. **(Act 1:9-11)** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. [10] And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, [11] who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**" He had been seated at the Father's right hand **(Heb 8:1; 10:12)** Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, [10:12] But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

- **He will return to take back the earth from the usurper, Satan, and establish His kingdom (Rev 5:7-10)** *Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. [8] Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. [9] And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, [10] And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.*
- **The nature of this event shows how it differs from the rapture.** At the rapture, Christ meets His own in the air—in this event He comes with them to earth. At the rapture, there is no judgment; in this event, it is all judgment. This event is preceded by blackness—the darkened sun, moon gone out, stars fallen, smoke—then lightning and blinding glory as Jesus comes!
- **Such details are not included in rapture passages. (Joh 14:3)** *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (1Th 4:16-17)* *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*
- **Behold, a white horse.** Jesus' first coming was in humiliation on a colt, (**Zec 9:9**) *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.* John's vision portrays Him as the conqueror on His war horse, coming to destroy the wicked, to overthrow the Antichrist, to defeat Satan, and to take control of the earth, (**2Co 2:14**) *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*
- **And He who sat on him was called** (being continually called) **Faithful and True.** True to His word, Jesus will return to earth. His Faithful and True title shows that He keeps His promises, including His promises of judgment.
- **In righteousness He judges and makes war.** His judgments are all true and righteous! He makes war! This startling statement, appearing only here and (**Rev 2:16** – to the church in Pergamos). *Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth,* vividly portray the holy wrath of God against sinners. God's patience will be exhausted with sinful, rebellious mankind.

**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.**

- **His eyes were like a flame of fire.** Nothing escapes His laser like, penetrating vision, so His judgments are always just and accurate. (**Rev 2:18**) *"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass. (Heb 4:13) And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*
- **On His head were many crowns** (*diadems* - designates rulership, not *stephanos*, achievements), which indicate that He will be the sole ruler of this earth! His rulership is going to be a dictatorship! But, unlike any men who have been world leaders, He will be true and just in all of His ways! Is that good news, or what? **He is the King of Kings, and He is the Lord of Lords.**
- **He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.** Jesus Christ is known by many names, including three in this passage alone. We have been told in (**Php 2:9**) *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.* That name represents the fullness of who He is and what He does. Although we shall learn more and more of our great Creator and Redeemer throughout eternity, we can never reach that fullness, for He is infinite. Thus, His ultimate name, above every name, can never be known other than by God Himself!
- (**Isa 9:6**) *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* "His name is **WONDERFUL**" (means incomprehensible)!

**Rev 19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called** (being

continually, called) ***The Word of God.***

- ***He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood.*** John said in Revelation, Chapter 5 when the angel asked who is worthy to take the scroll and loose the seals, and no man was found worthy in heaven and earth or under the sea and John began to sob. The elders said, do not weep John. Behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed to take the scroll and loose the seals. John said, I turned, and I saw Him as a Lamb that had been slain. Christ's blood-spattered garments symbolize the great battles He has already fought against sin, Satan, and death and been stained with the blood of His enemies.
- ***Isaiah prophesies of our Lord and the period of judgment in righteousness and judgment,*** He does make war, saying in (*Isa 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."* [2] *Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?* [3] *"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.*** [4] *For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.* [5] *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.* [6] *I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth."* (**Rev 19-11c**) *In righteousness He judges and makes war!*
- ***In Matthew, we are told of His coming to bring His judgment and the final judgment of the earth*** as He returns. (*Mat 25:31-34,42*) *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. [33] And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. [34] Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: [41] "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.*
- ***When He comes, the first order of business will be judgment.*** Are we told when that will be? ***1,290 days.*** In Daniel 12, in speaking they are talking about the coming again of our Lord to establish the kingdom, the question is asked, how long oh, Lord holy and true, before this will happen? The Lord tells him, (**Dan 12:11**) *"And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.* From the intrusion of the *abomination of desolation*, there follow 1,290 days, including 1,260 which make up the last three and one-half years of the final seven years.
- ***Then, thirty days more, possibly to allow for the judgment of the living subsequent to Christ's return.*** (*Mat 24:29-31*) *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. [30] 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. [31] 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, before millennial kingdom blessings begin.*
- ***1,335 days – 45 more days.*** (**Dan 12:12**) *Blessed is he who waits and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.* What does that mean? Forty-five more days, even beyond the 1,290 days, allows for transition between Israel's time of being shattered (dispersed), (**Dan 12:7**) *Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered (dispersed), all these things shall be finished, and God's setting up of His kingdom (**Dan 7:13-14**) "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. [14] Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed. (**Dan 7:27**) Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.*

- **For the first 45 days when Jesus comes back**, they will be days of judgment where these who have survived the Great Tribulation will be brought before Him, and it will be determined at that time which of them will at that time be cast into hell and which of them will be allowed to enter into the kingdom.
- **If you are still here after the 1,335th day, it means that you made it through!** (*Daniel 12:12-13*) *Blessed is he who waits and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. [13] But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.* You, if you were not raptured with the church, have made it through the period of judgment. You will be allowed to enter into the kingdom age of the Lord as He reigns upon the earth.

**Rev 19:13b and His name is called The Word of God.**

- **The Word. Only John uses this title for the Lord.** (*Joh 1:1-3*) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* The same one who created the universe and framed the eons will also triumph over all the hosts of darkness and wickedness.
- **As the Word of God, Jesus is the image of the invisible God.** (*Col 1:15*) *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*
- **He is the express image of His person.** (*Heb 1:3*) *who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*
- **He is the final, full revelation from God.** (*Heb 1:1-2*) *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, [2] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.*

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

- **The Bible tells us, (Jud 1:14-15a)** *Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, [15a] to execute judgment on all.*
- **Paul said in (Col 3:4)** *When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.* Coming back with Jesus as He comes back to establish God's kingdom on the earth, and we shall live and reign with Him for a thousand years, is our song, the church's, song in Revelation 5. Yes, He is coming with His saints! We will be there! He came for us in the Rapture, now He is coming with His saints!

**And the armies in heaven:**

- **Composed of the church.** (*Rev 19:8*) *And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*
- **Tribulation saints.** (*Rev 7:13*) *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"*
- **OT believers.** (*Dan 12:1*) *"At that time (season - Great Tribulation period) Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book. [2] And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.*
- **Even angels.** (*Mat 25:31*) *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*
- **They return not to help Jesus in the battle.** They are unarmed, merely clad in the righteousness of the saints! But they, we, are to reign with Him after He defeats His enemies! (*Rev 20:4*) *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (*2Ti 2:12*) *If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.**

**Rev 19:15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword (the Word of God), **that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron** (4 x in Revelation). **He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

- **Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword:** The idea isn't that Jesus holds a sword in His mouth like a pirate or spitting out swords. This is a dramatic way of referring to the power of His Word. We can say that Christ conquers His enemies by the power of His Word. Five times in the Book of Revelation, John emphasizes that Jesus' sword comes out of His mouth. He had called the hosts of heaven into being, (*Psa 33:6*) *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth*. He can surely destroy the hosts of darkness with that same omnipotent Word.
- **Sharp sword.** - Greek: *hromphala* - giant sword that requires both hands to use—for use in the final blow! The NATIONS will obey Him completely! - This symbolizes Christ's power to kill His enemies. (*Rev 1:16*) *He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength*.
- **We read in (*Heb 4:12*)** *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword (machairan), piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*. The sword coming out of His mouth indicates that He wins the battle with the power of His word! Though the saints, return with Christ to reign and rule, they are not the executioners. That is His task, and that of His angels. (*Mat 13:49-50*) *So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, [50] and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."*
- **And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.** He will rule them. To be understood in the context of shepherd, "rule" is actually "feed," in the sense of using His shepherd's rod to compel the "sheep" to travel the paths of righteousness (*Psa 23:4-5*) *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. [5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over*. On His rod of iron, (*Psa 2:9*) *You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel*. (*Rev 12:5*) *She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne*.
- **Swift, righteous judgment will mark Christ's rule in the kingdom.** We believers will share His authority, (*Rev 2:26*) *And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations*. (*1Co 6:2*) *Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?*

**Rev 19:15b** **He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

- **The winepress.** A vivid symbol of judgment! (*Rev 14:19*) *So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God*. (*Isa 63:3*) *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*. The conquering Messiah, approaching Jerusalem to reign after having avenged His people, is presented in imagery taken from the destruction of Edom, the representative of the last and most bitter foes of God and His people. He alone is "mighty to save."
- **He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.** The fierce wrath of God against sinners is compared to a winepress; and the wicked antichristian party are likened to clusters of grapes; who being ripe for destruction, are cast into it, and pressed, squeezed, and trodden down by the mighty power of Christ, the Word of God, whose vesture is therefore before said to be dipped in blood.

**Rev 19:16** **And He has on His robe and on His thigh** (very visible on horseback) **a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

- **He has on His robe and on His thigh.** Jesus will wear a banner across His robe and down His thigh with a title emblazoned on it that emphasizes His absolute sovereignty over all human rulers!
- **His glorious title shows Him as the ruler over all the universe, restoring the single will** of the Father, which was challenged by the rebel, Lucifer, making two wills. Then, by a fallen race in which the last son of Adam turned to his own sinful will (*Isa 53:6*). But now, all other wills are to be put

down. The one problem of the world, how to have only one will, God's will, is to be solved! The Lord of glory will bring that will into full play. All others will fall before it! (**Dan 2:44**) *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

- **A name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!** His name is the Word of God, there is a name that nobody knows but Him, and there is also the name on His robe KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Out of His mouth there goes the sword. We read that the word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword. We read that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, let there be light. He spoke light into existence. It is called the divine fiat. Jesus, the words that go forth from His mouth are like a sharp sword. In other words, there is really no battle. He comes to make war, but all He has to do **is speak the words** and the enemy is destroyed. Out of His mouth goes the sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations, and He begins to rule them with a rod of iron. The rule of Christ will be an ironclad rule.
- **The most efficient form of government is a monarchy, which is good, only if the monarch is good,** but it is hell, if the monarch is a tyrant. But Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, will, indeed, be a righteous rule and a righteous reign! It will be forced. Those who do not want to comply will be dealt with severely. It appears as we come back to reign with Christ over the earth, we will more or less be the enforcers of righteousness. We will be given authority over territories here on the earth.
- **We remember in the parable of the talents, (Mat 25:20-21)** *So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them. [21] His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*
- **So, we will be here to assist Christ in His reign.** It says the kings of the earth will come once a year to Jerusalem to sit at His feet and learn. We will see each other every year in Jerusalem because we will reign as kings and priests here on the earth with the Lord. We will have our annual meetings in Jerusalem, where we all go to meet with Jesus and just sit and learn. Because throughout the ages to come, He is going to be revealing unto us the exceeding richness of His love and mercy towards us in Christ Jesus. So rich, so great! We will never learn it in a lifetime! It is going to take all eternity to reveal the depth of God's love for you!

**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."*

- **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 choice, blue-ribbon flesh to eat—kings and the mighty men of the earth. How 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!
- **Then I saw the angel who was standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice.** Now, they are spirit beings. They can stand in the sun. We might think, oh, no, he would be burned up! Like, the Hebrew children, they stood in the burning, fiery furnace. They were not bothered.
- **Saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,** This is NOT the marriage supper of the Lamb, but a supper of carnage! Jesus is coming and the Antichrist is going to gather together the nations who try to thwart His kingdom. (**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.* Multitudes, millions, the armies of the world

will gather together under the Antichrist to thwart the return of Jesus Christ. The birds are invited. Come to a feast. He is going to wipe them all out! The birds will feast on their carcasses!

- **For the supper of the great God.** There may have been a similar, though smaller, bird carnage feast some seven or so years previously at the slaughter of the armies of Gog and Magog (*Eze 39:17-20*) *And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood. [18] You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, Drink the blood of the princes of the earth, Of rams and lambs, Of goats and bulls, All of them fatlings of Bashan. [19] You shall eat fat till you are full, And drink blood till you are drunk, At My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you. [20] You shall be filled at My table With horses and riders, With mighty men And with all the men of war," says the Lord GOD.* The latter, however, may also refer to this same feast at Armageddon. Now God, through an angel, would gather all the scavenger birds of the world together to cleanse the land of their carcasses.
- **Also called "the battle of that great day of God Almighty," it will begin** with an angel summoning birds to feed on the corpses of those who will be killed (*Mat 24:27-28*) *For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. [28] For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.* God will declare His victory before the battle even begins.
- **The OT frequently pictures the indignity of carrion birds feasting** on human dead. (*Deu 28:26*) *Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away.*
- (*Psa 79:2*) *The dead bodies of Your servants—They have given as food for the birds of the heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.*
- (*Isa 18:6*) *They will be left together for the mountain birds of prey And for the beasts of the earth; The birds of prey will summer on them, And all the beasts of the earth will winter on them.*

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

- **Can you imagine the kings of the earth wanting to make war against God?!!** (*Psa 2:1-5*) *Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? [2] The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, [3] "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." [4] He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. [5] Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:*
- **The armies of the world gather in the plain of Jezreel**, from Megiddo to Edom, the valley in northern Israel called the Valley of Megiddo—the place we know as Armageddon. Two hundred million men have come from the East. The antichrist is storming into Jerusalem to secure his power base. According to Daniel 11, the South, which would include the African nations and the Arab states banded together, also head toward Israel, to which the Northern armies come from Europe. They all converge to fight one another. But as the battle begins, everyone looks up and sees the One whose eyes are like fire, crowned with many crowns, riding a white horse, leading an innumerable army. Suddenly, all of the weapons of all earth's armies are turned upon this One—which was Satan's intention all along.
- **The armies are gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the throne.** It seems hard to understand how man could be so foolish to try and keep Jesus and this heavenly army off the earth in a pitched battle. They suggest that these armies initially gather to battle against each other, and then turn their fury on the returning Jesus. This may be the case, but we should never underestimate man's incurable, insanity of sin. His folly and hatred of God.
- **To make war against Him:** This is just the logical extension of man's constant war against God since the fall. It is no more unbelievable than the idea that God came to earth and men murdered Him.
- **We read nothing about this, really being a battle at all!** It is an entirely one-sided affair, more of an act of judgment than an actual war. We can almost hear the laughter of God with regard to the battle of Armageddon, which is the climax of man's arrogance. The carnal mind in enmity against

God. That carnal enmity crucified Christ. That carnal enmity will dare take up arms against the visible power of God. Yet the pride of man is so blind, when pushed by the Satanic powers, that he will dare to lift up his hand against God. The Lord shall indeed have them in derision!

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

- ***The lake of fire burning with brimstone.*** It is the description of a place known in the scriptures as Gehenna, a valley just south of Jerusalem. It was really the valley where in the times of apostasy of the nation of Israel in their worship of Baal and Molech, they would build bonfires, taking their little babies and throwing them into the fires for Molech and for Baal. That was called causing your children to pass through the fire. The Israelites were doing this. It was their method of getting rid of born children. They did not have the skills of abortion in those days and so they would wait until the child was born and then they would throw them into the bonfires in their worship of their god of pleasure. What horrible practices, which were and are an abomination to the Lord!
- ***But later and in the time of Christ, the valley of Hinnom became the garbage dump*** for the city of Jerusalem. They were constantly burning the garbage. You could always look towards the valley of Hinnom, and you could see the smoke rising day or night, the fires of Hinnom burning as they burned the garbage and the refuse that was thrown there into the valley. Thus, the name Gehenna, a place of constant burning. It is described as a lake of fire and brimstone.
- ***The first occupants of Gehenna will be the Antichrist and the false prophet.*** They will be there, isolated and alone for a thousand years. Satan, when Jesus returns, will be bound and he will be put in a place called the abusso, the shaft, the bottomless pit. And he will be released, we will get that in the next chapter, for a brief period from the bottomless pit at the end of the thousand-year reign of Christ. We will go into that next week when we get into chapter 20.
- ***But the beast and the false prophet are cast alive into this lake that is burning with fire. Later, Satan will be cast in a thousand years later, and it says where the beast and the false prophet are.*** Not where they were consumed, not where they were destroyed, but where they are. You know, some groups teach the annihilation of the wicked. You will not find that in the Scripture. You find the Scripture says **the smoke of your torment ascends forever and ever**— αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. — from ages to the ages.

***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.***

- ***(Zec 14:2-3) 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. [3] Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. So, the remnant were slain were the sword of him that sat on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all of the fowls were filled with their flesh. (Jer 7:33) The corpses of this people will be food for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth. And no one will frighten them away.***
- ***(Jer 16:4) "They shall die gruesome deaths; they shall not be lamented, nor shall they be buried, but they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth. They shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, and their corpses shall be meat for the birds of heaven and for the beasts of the earth."***
- ***The result of the judgment of Christ when He returns and puts down*** those opposing forces that have gathered to thwart the establishing of God's kingdom upon the earth. But He shall overcome them because He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!
- ***As this dramatic and climactic chapter ends, it set the stage for the Millennium*** and the eternal state that are to follow. The marriage of the Lamb began with the opening ceremonies in heaven. Now, the King and His Bride will rule for one thousand years on the earth! During this time all of God's promised blessings to Israel will be literally fulfilled as the devastated earth again blossoms like a rose! Oh, what a day that will be!

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN TOLD IN *CHAPTER 19:11-16*?

### REVELATION VS. RAPTURE:

- Not in the air, but to the earth!
- All eyes will see Him at Revelation; only believers will see or take part in the Rapture
- Not FOR the saints, but WITH the saints!
- Not to comfort, but to conquer!
- Not to protect us in heaven but to rule with us on earth!
- We see the true destiny of the believer: 1) Rapture, 2) Return, 3) Reign!

## WHAT DOES THIS PROPHECY MEAN TO US, NOW?

- He is the KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS!!!!
- Are you ready? How about your family and friends?

## CLOSING SONG:

### “THE LORD’S PRAYER”! (2:37)

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

## CLOSING PRAYER:

**Read and meditate over *Chapter 20!* Satan bound for a 1,000 years – (vs. 1-3); The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 years – (vs. 4-6); Satanic Rebellion Crushed – (vs. 7-10); The Great White Throne Judgment – (vs. 11-15)**

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