

FAITHFUL AND TRUE

REVELATION 19:11-21

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Introduction:

The opening chapter of Revelation sets the tone for everything else that will happen in the book. Rev. 1:1 tells us that this book is “The revelation of Jesus Christ.” Rev. 1:7-8 says, “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

This book is about Jesus and about His return to this earth to rule and reign.

Revelation chapter 5 takes us into Heaven. God is shown holding a book that is sealed with seven seals, 5:1. A search is made in heaven and in earth to find someone worthy to open the book, but no one is found, 5:2-3. John weeps at this news, because he desperately wants to know what is written in the book, 5:4. John is told not to weep because the Lamb of God is worthy to take the book, Rev. 5:5-7. When the Lord

takes the book from the hand of God, Heaven erupts into praise because the Lord Jesus has been found worthy to take the book and to open the seals, Rev. 5:8.

When we studied that chapter we discovered that the seven sealed book was the title deed of the planet earth.

This world is belongs to Jesus because of three great truths.

- It is His by right of Creation – He made it!
- It is His by right of Calvary – He redeemed it!
- It is His by right of Conquest – He will retake it!

The entire book of Revelation has been leading us to this great moment we will consider this evening.

The whole purpose of the Tribulation Period, chapters 6-18, is to prepare the world for the coming of the King. This passage speaks of that great moment in the future when Jesus will return to this earth in power and glory to claim what is rightfully His. The first time Jesus came to this world, He came as a Redeemer. The next time He comes, He is coming as a Ruler! The first time He faced a Cross; the next time, He will wear a Crown.

The first time He came there was a Tomb; the next time He comes there will be a Throne.

Notice:

1. THE KING IS COMING

This is the second time a door has been opened in Heaven in the book of Revelation. The first time the door in Heaven was opened, it was opened so that the church, the Bride of Christ, could join the Lord in Heaven, Rev. 4:1. When this door is opened it allows the Lord to ride out of Heaven to return to this earth. That first door speaks of the Rapture of the Church. This second open door in Heaven speaks of the Return of the Christ.

A. The Kings Appearance (vss. 11-13)

Revelation 19:11-13

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

1. His Nature

a. He is full of glory

When Jesus came to this earth the first time, He concealed His heavenly glory beneath the flesh of His body, Phil. 2:5-8.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Those who saw Him saw a common, ordinary Jew, Isa. 53:2.

Isaiah 53:2

² For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

Even though He was the Creator of the universe in human flesh, He didn't even have a place to lay His head, Matt. 8:20.

Matthew 8:20

²⁰ And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.

The next time He comes things will be different. He will come on a "white horse". John sees Jesus returning as a Conqueror. The last time the world saw Jesus, they saw Him dead on a cross. The world looked at Jesus as a victim. This time, they will see Him as a Victor! He is

not coming the second time to die, He is coming to reign!

b. He is faithful and true

Jesus always tells the truth and he will do everything He says He will do.

c. He fights in righteousness

Most of this world's wars have been fought over false pretenses and foolish objectives! But, our Lord's cause is just and holy! He fights for the honor of His Father's Name and glory! He fights against unrighteousness and evil. He wages war for the glory of God alone!

2. His Name

a. It's a name of mystery (vss.12)

Revelation 19:12

¹² His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

What is this mysterious name? No one knows but Him. You can study all the names of Jesus given in the Bible, but He will still be more than our mortal, finite minds can comprehend!

b. It's a name of ministry (vss. 13)

Revelation 19:13

¹³ And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

He is called "The Word of God". The first time Jesus came He came as God in human flesh, John 1:1, 14. He is the Word of God. He came to fulfill the promises and prophecies of the Word. He came to go to the cross and pay the cost for sin and sinners.

The next time He comes, He is coming to fulfill the rest of the Word of God. Jesus is the "author and finisher" of our faith, Heb. 12:2.

c. It's a name of majesty (vss. 16)

Revelation 19:16

¹⁶ And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

His Name is written on His thigh. The thigh symbolizes strength, stability and power. When Jacob wrestled with the angel, the angel touched Jacob's thigh and his power to resist was broken. – (Gen. 32)

When Jesus comes the next time, He is not coming as the lowly Nazarene. He will not be mocked, stripped, beaten, spit upon and crucified. He will come the next time as "the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!"

His name is also written on His vesture. His garment is a symbol of His position. When Jacob gave Joseph that coat of many colors, Jacob was telling everyone who his favorite son was. Joseph's brothers saw that coat and knew that Joseph was the apple of his daddy's eye! Jesus is the ultimate ruler! His very garments prove that He is worthy of faith and worship!

B. The King's Apparel

Revelation 19:13

¹³ And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

His garments are stained with the blood of His enemies, Ill. Isa. 63:1-6. What a day it will be when the eastern sky rips asunder and King Jesus in all of His glory and power rides forth in absolute victory.

C. The King's Army

This verse tells us that Jesus will be accompanied by the redeemed saints of God when He returns in glory. They are "clothed in fine linen, white and clean". This is the same wording used to describe the appearance of the Bride of Christ in verse 8.

D. The King's Armament

Revelation 19:15

¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of

iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

When He comes, Jesus will need no carnal weapons. He will open His mouth and unleash the power of His Word. There is power in His Word! He created this universe and everything contained within it with the Word of His mouth! His word has the power to bring light out of darkness and life out of death! He speaks and it happens!

2. THE COMMAND OF THE KING

Revelation 19:17-18

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; ¹⁸ That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great.

A. He Commands the Fowl (vss. 17)

God is about to prepare a feast for the fowls of the air. They will feast on the flesh of His enemies!

B. He Commands the Flesh to be Consumed (vss. 18)

In life these men had been separated by rank, title and power. In death they are all made equal! Death is the great leveler! You may be somebody in this life, but

when death comes calling, you will find that you re nobody without Jesus!

3. THE CONQUEST OF THE KING

Revelation 19:19-21

¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. ²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹ And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

A. He Draws the Armies to Armageddon (vss. 19)

We have looked at the battle of Armageddon several times already. That great and terrible day has finally arrived. All the armies of the world, many of whom are enemies today, will join forces to try and defeat the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Their mission will be to put an end to God, the saints of God and even the mention of the Name of God. Their plans will all fail!

B. He Destroys the Armies at Armageddon (vss. 20-12)

Not only does the Lord have the power to draw the armies of the world to Armageddon, He also has the power to defeat them once they are there!

1. The Devil's men are destroyed (vss. 20)

The Antichrist and the False Prophet are thrown alive into the Lake of Fire!

2. The deceived are destroyed (vss. 21)

The assembled armies of the world are defeated in a single moment by the power of the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ. They will die at His Word and their blood will flow to the horse's bridles - Rev. 14:20. Their souls drop off into Hell to await judgment at the Great White Throne and their flesh is consumed by the fowls of the air.

Here is what God says about that terrible day, Psa. 2:1-5.

Psalms 2:1-5

¹Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*, ³Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. ⁴He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. ⁵Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Close:

Jesus is coming! That is a fact! Many do not believe it, but it is true nonetheless. The Second Coming of Jesus is one of the major themes of the Word of God. There are 1,845 references to it in the Old Testament, and a total of seventeen Old Testament books give it prominence. Of the 260 chapters in the entire New Testament, there are 318 references to the Second Coming, or 1 out of every 30 verses. 23 of the 27 New Testament books refer to this great event. For every prophecy on the First Coming of Christ, there are 8 on Christ's Second Coming.

Jesus is coming! There is an old legend about a man who made a covenant with Death. The contract stated that Death would not come to him unannounced and without warning. The years went by, and at last, Death appeared before the man. The old man said, "Death, you have not been true to your promise. You have not kept your covenant. You promised you would not come unannounced. You never gave me any warning." Death replied, "Not so! Every gray hair in your head is a warning. Every one of your lost teeth is a warning. Your eyes growing dim and your natural power and vigor abated is a warning. Oh yes, I have warned you and warned you continually." With those words Death swept the man into eternity.

Jesus is coming! You have been warned! Are you ready to meet Him? Are you saved by His grace? Is everything as it should be between your soul and the Lord? If there are needs, you come to Him and get them met today!