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REVELATION

Chapter 19:11-21 THE KING OF KINGS

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Last week we saw the saints in pure white robes as the Lord readies them for the “marriage supper of the Lamb”!
1. That complete and final restoration of God’s people to Himself
 - a) But another “supper” must be held on the earth because the earth is still in bondage to the “kings of the earth”!
 - (1) Which are in turn: in bondage to the beast, the dragon, and the false prophet!
 - (2) A multitude of armies are gathered in a place called Armageddon, under the power of their commander and chief (satan) - readied for the final war with the Lord!
 2. According to **Zechariah 14:3–4**, when Jesus returns He will come first to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.¹
 - a) **Zechariah 14:3** Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. **4** And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east.²
 - b) The plea of **Isaiah 64:1–2** is now fulfilled: **Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence; as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil; to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!**³
 3. That is where we pick up our study! Jesus’ return to earth! And it is not pretty.
 - a) *“All of these passages point to the sad conclusion that in the day of judgment it is too late for men to expect the mercy of God. There is nothing more inflexible than divine judgment where grace has been spurned. The scene of awful judgment which comes from this background is in flat contradiction of the modern point of view that God is dominated entirely by His attribute of love.” (Walvoord)*⁴

II. **REVELATION 19:11-16** **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. **12** HIS EYES WERE LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE, AND ON HIS HEAD WERE MANY CROWNS. HE HAD A NAME WRITTEN THAT

¹ Guzik, D. (2013) [Revelation](#). Santa Barbara, CA: David Guzik (David Guzik’s Commentaries on the Bible), p. Re 19:11–16.

² [The New King James Version](#) (1982). Nashville: Thomas Nelson, p. Zec 14:3–4.

³ Guzik, D. (2013) [Revelation](#). Santa Barbara, CA: David Guzik (David Guzik’s Commentaries on the Bible), p. Re 19:11–16.

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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. (NKJV)

- A. John had seen this white horse and its rider before in **Revelation 6:2** **2** And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. (NKJV)
1. In this earlier verse, (or vision as it was for John), the rider's identity was not given, but here he is identified as **Faithful and True**.
 - a) Now, we know there is only one who is Faithful and True, and that is JESUS CHRIST!
 2. Notice in **verse 11** that He returns as Judge and Warrior.
 - a) As judge, he must - and has - pronounced a sentence against all who have opposed His Truth.
 - b) And as Warrior, **He** will carry out the *sentence* of judgment!
 - (1) **12 His eyes were like a flame of fire:** Just as fire is a great purifier, sometimes leveling entire cities in its path, so are the eyes of the Lord.
 - (a) Nothing that needs to be judged and purged will escape His "FAITHFUL" eyes.
 - (b) **Proverbs 15:3** **3** The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good. (NKJV)
 3. **On His head were many crowns**, but these are not the same "crowns" mentioned in **chapter 4:10** the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, . . . (NKJV)
 - a) They are also - not the crown mentioned in **Revelation 6:2** **2** And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. (NKJV)
 - b) You see, in the two verses I have just mentioned, the Greek word **stephanos** is used and it means the crown given to the winners in the Olympic games, usually a woven wreath given to the winner.
 - c) But here in **chapter 19** the word **diadema** is used which has a much different meaning:
 - (1) A diadem, was a blue band marked with white - which Persian kings used to bind on the turban or tiara - their kingly *crown*!
 - (2) You see He is not only returning victorious, but also as **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS! vrs 16**
 - (a) He is the King of all creation, but satan has been known as the god of this earth for a long time.
 - (i) **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** **3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of

Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (KJV)

- (b) **Now** - the Lord comes to regain what is rightfully His!
- (3) Evidently John sees on this “diadem” (crown) a name written that no one could understand but the Lord Himself.
- 4. He is wearing a **“robe dipped in blood.”**
 - a) This time – the blood is symbolic of the slaughter that will take place in this final battle.
 - (1) **Isaiah 63:1-3 1 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. (NKJV)**
- 5. This mighty conqueror is none other than the **“Word of God!**
 - a) It is the same “Word” that John speaks of in **John 1:14 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. (NKJV)**
 - b) It is Jesus, the LOGOS or expression of God!
- 6. He is not alone!
 - a) A clean, spotless, spiritual **“Cavalry”** is under His command.
 - (1) Picture the sight. The Lord leading the way crowned in majesty, riding upon a white stallion with a robe dipped in blood!
 - (2) Following right behind are millions of saints all dressed in white, and also riding upon white stallions, ready for battle.
- 7. In the Lord’s mouth is a long **“saber”** or sword.
 - a) Could it be that His primary offensive weapon is His testimony **Hebrews 4:12-13 12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 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. (NKJV)**
 - b) He has no need for a sword on His hip as did the warrior of John’s day, since His weapon is in His mouth!
 - (1) Another indication that this is an unconventional battle! **2Corinthians 10:3-5 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, . . . (NKJV)**
 - (2) Even in our own walk, it is God’s word that is our greatest “weapon”
 - c) And John notices His name written on the robe as well as His thigh, **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!**
 - (1) The rightful heir of all things!!

III. **REVELATION 19:17-18** 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, 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." (NKJV)

A. There has already been issued - an invitation to the "marriage supper of the Lamb".

1. By-the-way - did you know that there are 4 suppers mention on the Bible:

- The supper of salvation, alluded to in Jesus' parable (**Luke 14:16–24**)
- The Lord's supper, a commemoration of Jesus' sacrifice
- The marriage supper of the Lamb
- The supper of the great God⁵

2. Now an invitation to quite a different supper is given!

a) THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD

3. NOTE: The special guests to [the marriage supper of the Lamb](#) - are the redeemed saints.

4. To this "supper" - are invited the flesh-eating birds of prey from all over the world!

a) Their main course will be the victims of Armageddon (men and beast).

b) **Matthew 24:28** tells us that ". . . wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. (NKJV)

c) **Ezekiel 39:17-20** 17 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. (NKJV)

(1) Some commentators feel that this is the aftermath of two different battles since the one in Ezekiel is "on the mountains of Israel" while the carnage at Armageddon is in the "valley of Jehosaphat".

(2) That may be, but in context with our teaching, the illustration is the same!

(a) The Lord is going to supply a great feast for the birds of prey!

IV. **REVELATION 19:19-21** 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

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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. (NKJV)

- A. For the last 3 1/2 years the beast has been the “king of the world” so to speak.
 - 1. In one mighty act of God, the beast and the false prophet are captured and forever confined to the “lake of fire”!
 - a) They are its first occupants. It is only later that the devil *and* everyone who has rejected Jesus as Lord will join them! (**Rev 20:10, 15**)
 - 2. All the “kings of the earth” somehow had hope that they would defeat the Lord and His redeemed army until now!
 - a) Now it has become evident that they were lied to by satan, but it is too late.

- B. It is interesting to note that this is the first place in scripture that the lake of fire is mentioned (by this name)!
 - 1. It is not the same place as Hades, or Sheol which are often translated as “HELL”.
 - a) You see it is from Hell or Hades that the unsaved dead are resurrected and judged, then cast into the “lake of fire” according to **Rev 20:13-15!**
 - b) This place was never intended for humans but it will be the home of millions forever!
 - (1) **Matthew 25:41 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: (NKJV)**
 - (2) It may not have been intended for man, but all those in **verse 21** will be there!
 - (3) I pray that none here this morning will be!

In the cartoon ZIGGY - ZIGGY is sitting in his lawn chair looking at the lawn mower and says: "Never put off until tomorrow what you can avoid entirely."

But deciding who Jesus is and what He means to you – cannot be avoided.