

The Return of the King

Revelation 19:11-21

I. **Introduction:**

A. **The First Advent**

1. When Jesus came the 1st time He came as suffering servant, laying aside His glory in heaven, He took the form of a man. Jesus walked this earth as God & as man.
2. Jesus became a man so He could die for us on the cross. (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)
3. Jesus took on our sin so we might have His righteousness & His eternal life.
4. Resurrection: They put Jesus in a tomb & He arose again on the 3rd day.
5. Jesus conquered sin & the grave thus promising same for all who put their faith in Him
6. After His resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples & once to a crowd of over 500.
7. Ascension: 40 days after Jesus resurrected from the grave, He ascended back to heaven.
8. Angels testified He will one day return. There'll be a 2nd advent of Christ (**Acts 1:9-11**)

II. **The Return of the King. (Revelation 19:11-13)**

- *Next time Jesus comes it will not be as the suffering servant, but as the conquering King.*

A. **Description**

1. – On a white horse

- a. Here is the first contrast between humble servant and conquering King.
- b. Jesus first rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, an animal of burden.
- c. Here Jesus is seen as riding forth on a white horse as a triumphant King.
- d. The white horse is symbolic of Jesus' victory over evil.
- e. Application: Jesus has already won the victory over evil on the cross of Calvary.

2. – Jesus described as faithful and true.

- a. There is no better term to describe Jesus than faithful and true.
- b. Application: Jesus said He came to seek & save the lost. To all those who surrender their heart to Jesus, by faith asking for his forgiveness, He has promised to:
 - Forgive their sin forever - Give them eternal life - Adopt them into God's family
 - Give them a dwelling place with Him in heaven forever
 - Grant to them the right to rule with Him in His eternal kingdom

3. – In righteousness He judges and makes war.

- a. When Jesus returns, He will be the judge and executioner.
- b. His eyes are like a flame of fire meaning He sees all things, every sin of everyone.
- c. Jesus will wage war against the wicked at His return.
- d. Application: It's not matter of if you'll meet Jesus, but it's under what circumstance.

4. – Crowns, His name, and His robe

(1) Crowns

- a. The crowns are *diadema* which represent a ruler's crown.
- b. The many crowns indicates Jesus' victory over all the kings of the earth.

(2) Name

- a. Jesus has a name only He knows. Maybe we'll know it as He tells it at His coming

(3) Robe dipped in blood

- a. His robes are dipped in blood which is the blood of His enemies.
- b. The slaughter will cause the blood to spatter His garments.

III. **The King's army (Revelation 19:14-16)**

A. **World war**

1. When Jesus returns, He'll do so in midst of a great world war at end of the tribulation.
2. Nations will've been gathered in the middle east & they will be fighting one another for weeks before Jesus returns. **Zech. 14:2** indicates there'll be house to house fighting.
3. When it seems all hope is lost for Israel, Jesus will return and deliver His people.

B. **Jesus' army**

- *There will be an army, made up of various groups, accompanying Jesus from heaven.*
 1. – The church
 - a. The glorified saints, church raptured before tribulation began, will return w/Jesus.
 - b. We'll be glorified in our new resurrection bodies. We'll be part of the army of Christ
 2. – Tribulation Saints
 - a. Those martyred for their faith during tribulation will be part of the army of heaven.
 3. – Old Testament Saints
 - a. The O. T. saints will be resurrected at the end of the tribulation & receive their glorified bodies (**See Daniel 12:1-2**). O. T. saints will be part of the army of heaven.
 4. – Angelic host
 - a. There'll be innumerable angelic beings. They'll attend return of our Lord & King.

C. **No combat!**

1. We will be part of the only army in human history that will not take part in combat.
2. Jesus will do all the fighting. (**Revelation 19:15**)
3. The sword out of His mouth is His word, His commands. His word is all powerful.
4. With the same divine power that spoke matter into existence, He will rain down death and judgment on the wicked. The Judgment of Jesus will be swift and definitive.
5. Millennial Kingdom: Jesus will rule this world with a rod of iron for 1,000 years.

IV. **The scale of judgment (Revelation 19:17-21)**

A. **Birds called to feast.**

1. An angel calls the flesh-eating birds to gather for this battle.
2. The battle of Armageddon will take place over a 200-mile distance.
3. Slaughter of these armies will leave millions of dead bodies over 200-mile distance.
4. The birds will gorge themselves on the flesh of kings, and soldiers alike.
5. **Ezekiel 39:12** says it will take Israel 7 months to bury the dead & cleanse the land.

B. **Antichrist and False Prophet**

1. These 2 men will be responsible for leading the world into rebellion against Jesus.
2. The antichrist will be the world leader who will demand to be worshipped as god.
3. The false prophet will be the leader who persuades the world to worship the antichrist.
4. They are particularly noteworthy for their wickedness. See what happens to them:
 - a. – They are captured.
 - b. – Cast into the lake of fire.
5. The lake of fire, however, is the final eternal form of punishment for the lost.
6. The lake of fire is described: (**Isaiah 66:24**), (**Matthew 13:41-42**)

C. **Lessons for us**

1. – Hell is real.
2. – God's judgment is real.
 - (1) Great White Throne
 - (2) Judgment Seat of Christ
3. – The offer of grace and mercy.