

Revelation 19:11-21

"Clouds and Jesus"

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Introduction

*** This passage launches the close of human history**

*** This is Armageddon, *the final and climactic war upon earth***

This is the battle that destroys all the ungodly and evil upon this earth, the battle that ushers in the righteousness of God upon earth

*** Shockingly, Jesus Christ Himself will fight this battle.**

*** This is the scene of the present passage, a picture of Jesus Christ that is seldom imagined.**

*** It is the picture of Jesus Christ coming to earth as the Conqueror.**

Note

We are give a picture of what Christ will look like when He returns to earth as the Warrior and Conqueror of heaven

Review

The opening chapter of Revelation sets the tone for everything else that will happen in the book

Revelation 1:1 tells us that this book is *“The revelation of Jesus Christ”*

Note

When the rapture takes place, it will be so sudden and so swift that people will not even know what has taken place.

*** Like a thief in the night, Jesus will come and steal away His jewels from the earth and will take them to Heaven.**

*** The rapture will not be a visible event.**

However, when Jesus returns the second time in glory and power, everyone, everywhere will know about it:

Revelation 1:7-8

“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”

The entire book of Revelation has been leading us to this great moment

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Jesus Christ will be the conquering Christ Revelation 19:11

- * This is what the picture of the white horse symbolizes
- * In ancient times, when a Roman general entered a city as the conqueror, he rode a white stallion to celebrate his triumph
- * The day will come when Jesus Christ returns to this earth as the conqueror

And when He does, man can depend upon two things

1. Jesus Christ will be the faithful and true Conqueror

Faithful - means that He can be trusted and relied upon to judge every enemy when He comes.

- * He said that He would conquer and judge and condemn all the ungodly and evil of this world, and His Word can be trusted and relied upon.

True - means true as opposed to false

Jesus Christ will judge a person perfectly, in perfect justice. A person will reap exactly what he has sown. He will be judged and condemned for exactly what he has done

2. Jesus Christ will judge and make war upon the earth in righteousness

* His righteousness will be the criteria, the law by which all shall be judged

* Any person who does not measure up to the righteousness of Jesus Christ will be conquered, judged, and condemned exactly where he comes up short.

Matthew 16:27

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works"

Revelation 20:12

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works"

Revelation 22:12

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be"

Psalms 62:12

"Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work"

Jeremiah 17:10

"I the lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings"

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- * His eyes will be like fire
- * This symbolizes a piercing, penetrating power
- * He sees everywhere, even in the dark places and behind closed doors
- * His eyes search the innermost recesses of the heart
- * He knows all; He is omniscient and He is able to conquer all those who reject Him and do evil

So we see that Jesus has eyes “as a flame of fire”

- * Speaking of His omniscience
- * This speaks of His right to judge sinners
- * Jesus is coming as One Who sees all, knows all and controls all
- * He is returning not as a Savior, but as a Judge!

Jesus is Faithful and True

- * Modern politicians rarely speak the truth
- * They usually tell us what they think we want to hear
- * They lie to keep their jobs and to fulfill their agendas
- * Jesus is not like those men!
- * He always tells the truth and he will do everything He says He will do

I am glad that we can depend on the promises of the Lord!
Men will fail us, but He will always do what He has promised

2 Corinthians 1: 20:22

“ 20-22 Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus. In him, this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, God's Yes and our Yes together, gloriously evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us. By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.

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- * He will be wearing many crowns [*diadēma*]
- * A Jeweled crown or Headband worn as a symbol of kingship
- * Simply a royal headband
- * Jesus is coming to conquer all the kingdoms of the earth.

Philippians 2:9-11

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"

Revelation 19:12

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- * So with eyes as flames of fire and his head a diadem Jesus is on His way!

Revelation 19:13 (KJV)

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

- * His robe will be sprinkled in blood
- * This symbolizes the blood of His enemies, not His own redemptive blood

Jesus Christ is going to conquer and defeat all the ungodly and evil of this earth

He will do it:

- * By the Word of God - Jesus possesses the power of God's Word
- * In fact, this is His very name, the Word of God – [God is with us!]
- * All Jesus has to do is speak the Word and the very power and energy and force of His Word will slaughter the ungodly and evil of the world

“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

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”

- * The Living Word of God
- * The Living Jesus the Word of God is quick, is powerful, is sharper than any two-edged sword
- * The Living Word of God – is piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart!
- * Come on Folks! – **Revelation 19:13** ***“And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God”***
- * Well Glory!

Revelation 19:14 (KJV)

“And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean”

- * **The armies of heaven follow Him**
- * Every king has an army and the Lord Jesus is no exception
- * He has an army that large and of a special nature
- * **Who are they?**

Note: **They will be clothed in "fine linen, white and clean"**

- * Notice how His army is dressed
- * They are wearing *“fine linen, white and clean”*
- * There is no armor and no mention of them having weapons
- * Isn't this a strange way of sending soldiers into battle?

This is the army of Heaven and the King, Jesus Christ, does all the fighting Himself!

- * The armies will include all the redeemed
- * In addition, the armies will include the multitude of angels that Jesus Christ said He was going to bring with Him when He returned to earth
[Matthew 25:31](#)

The Armies Of Jesus

- * The Army is the Bride of Christ – Simply – the Church
- * You and Me will be riding with that army when the Lord returns
- * If you don't know how to ride a horse, don't worry, you'll know then!

You can sing:

**“Hey Satan – I got spurs that jingle, jingle, jangle;
as I ride oh so Merrily Along!
And with Jesus I am singing and I’m shoutin;
You’d better look out - its not going to be long!”**

[With fire in His eyes & a sword in His hand we will ride with him!]

Revelation 19:15 (KJV)

“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”

- * **First** - Jesus will have a weapon; a sharp sword will proceed out of His mouth. This symbolizes that His weapon will be the power of His Word - The Word of God is the sword of God.

Ephesians 6:17

"And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"

- * **Second** – Jesus will smite and rule the nations of the earth with a rod of iron.
- * Jesus will take His rightful place as the Sovereign Lord over the earth and all its peoples.

Isaiah 11:4

"But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked"

- * When Jesus 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!

His Word is a living!

- * It has the power to heal and give life, and it has the power to destroy and kill
- * Jesus spoke and the waves lay at His feet like gentle puppies
- * He spoke and a fig tree withered
- * He spoke and a dead man named Lazarus walked out of his tomb
- * He spoke and the scales fell from my eyes
- * In the depths of my sin and my deadness, I heard His voice when He called me to come to Him. His Word came and brought light and life.
- * There is Heavens power in His Word!

**The power of His Word is put on display in John 18:6
Jesus spoke and the soldiers were knocked off their feet!**

- * Oh, Hell really does not want the church to get hold of this!

Revelation 19:16 (KJV)

"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

Genesis 32 – Tells us that when Jacob wrestled with the angel of the Lord, the angel touched Jacob's thigh and his power to resist was broken

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- * 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!

Revelation 19:17-18 (KJV)

“ 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”

- * **Armageddon**: There will be the terrifying call to the supper of the great God
- * This supper differs entirely from the Marriage Supper of the Lamb which will be for believers
- * This supper, the Supper of the Great God will be for unbelievers and it will be the most terrifying moment in human history

The book of Revelation talks about the judgment and destruction of all three of our enemies.

- * Remember we have been seeing the world's religion and economies being destroyed
- * The flesh is taken care of here in Revelation 19
- * The Satan is removed and bound in Revelation 20

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The Great Battle of Armageddon

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- * A call / a gathering together for the Supper of God on this earth**
- * A mighty angel cries with a loud voice to all the birds of the air**

He cries for them to gather together for the Supper of the Great God

- * Why are the birds of the air called together?**
- * Because God is going to destroy the godless nations and armies of this world. God is going to slay all the armies of all the nations of the world**
- * God is ending once for all the slaughter of human life upon this earth**

The angel is calling together all the birds of the air to feast upon the ungodly of this world when they have been slain.

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Note who it is to be slain and who is to become a feast for the vultures of the air:

- The flesh of captains**
- The flesh of mighty men, that is, the powerful**
- The flesh of horses - the flesh of the riders on the horses**
- The flesh of all men, both the slaves and the free, both the small and the great**

The idea is that all the armies of the world will be destroyed

- * Every single army will be destroyed by Jesus Christ when He returns in glory
- * All the worlds forces will be mobilized in the valley of the battle Amegeddon

Ezekiel 39:4

"Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured"

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!

Revelation 19: 18

"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"

The word "flesh" is found in this verse 5 times

- * The devil and the world are terrible enemies, but there is a third enemy: the flesh
- * Satan may tempt us to do evil, but it is our stinking flesh that follows Satan into sin
- * The word is filled with allurements and attractions that the flesh longs to indulge in. If it weren't for the flesh, Satan and the world would have no power over man at all

The book of Revelation talks about the judgment and destruction of all three of our enemies

The word is destroyed / The devil is destroyed / The flesh is taken care of here

I praise the Lord that there is a day coming when my flesh will be changed and will cease to be a problem in my life. I praise the Lord that there is a day coming when the Lord of glory will destroy the power of the flesh forever!

Revelation 19:19-21 (KJV)

“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”

He Draws The Armies To Armageddon

- * 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!

Armageddon: There will be the simple and quick capture of the antichrist and the false prophet.

Thessalonians tells us exactly what will happen to the antichrist**2 Thessalonians 2:8**

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming"

The Lord Jesus shall slay the antichrist with:

The spirit of His mouth (Greek "breath")

- * What is the spirit of Jesus' mouth?
- * It is the spirit of truth, holiness, and unlimited power
- * When Jesus speaks, what He says is of God and unstoppable.
- * Christ will just speak the Word for the antichrist to be slain and the antichrist will be slain. It will be like the blowing of a little breath and the dust particle is removed never to return

Isaiah 11:4

"But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked"

The Lord of glory will destroy the antichrist with the brightness of His coming

The word "*brightness*" (*epiphaneia*) is a very special word

- * It is a word chosen by the New Testament to refer only to the coming (*parousia*) of the Lord
- * It is used only five times in all the New Testament and in every instance it refers to the Lord's coming into the world

When Christ first appears, there will apparently be the energizing of a laser beam of glory zeroed in on the antichrist, and he shall be immediately destroyed by the radiance of the Lord's glory and light—quicker than we could blink an eye

- * Simply by showing Himself, the Lord will destroy the antichrist
- * **Note:** the word "*destroy*" does not mean to annihilate, but to make inoperative; to make powerless; to end; to put a stop to the evil work of the antichrist.

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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"

- * **Lake of Fire: There is the horrifying judgment of the antichrist and the false prophet**
- * They will both be immediately cast into the lake of fire
- * The lake of fire is called either Gehenna or the Lake of Fire

This is the place where all those who have rebelled against God are to be cast at the end of the world—all unbelieving men, fallen angels, demons, and the devil

*** At the final judgment of unbelievers, the lake of fire is the final hell to which all the wicked shall be judged and condemned, and the judgment of Gehenna is said to be eternal – I said it is eternal.**

Matthew 13:41-42

"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth"

Matthew 18:8

"Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire"

Revelation 20:10

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever"

Revelation 21:8

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"

Armageddon: there is the weapon of the Lord that He uses to slay the armies

*** What will the weapon be?**

Revelation 19: 21

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 sword, the sword of His mouth

- * The only weapon He ever needs is the sword of His Word
- * All He ever has to do is speak the Word and whatever He says is done—immediately, instantaneously, completely, thoroughly, and finally

One blast of the power of His Word is so forceful that it consumes all that stands before Him

Therefore, in the horrifying battle of Armageddon there will not even be a battle fought

- * The Lord will simply speak the Word of death, and every soul of the godless nations and armies present will drop dead
- * A horrifying sight, but nevertheless it is the declaration of Scripture

This is why it is imperative to read the scriptures and to pray the Word

- * Simply Speaking forth the Word of God
- * Hell hates this and will always strive to hinder the Spoken Word of God

Hebrews 4:12

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Simply the Weapon of Victory: The Sword / The Power of The Word of God

Jesus Speaks and Hell is defeated!