
The Book of Revelation: Session 25

Revelation 19:11-21

YouTube: “Verse by Verse Teaching | Revelation 19:11-16 | Gary Hamrick”
(taught on January 20, 2021 | 30:51 minutes)

Notes:

“I saw...

...the second coming of Jesus with the saints (v. 11).”

...the destruction of the armies gathered for war at Armageddon (v. 17).”

...the punishment of the Beast (Antichrist) and False Prophet in the lake of fire (v. 19).”

THE CONTRAST OF JESUS' FIRST AND SECOND COMING	
FIRST COMING	SECOND COMING
❖ Gentle, riding on a donkey (Matt 21:7)	❖ Making war, riding on a white horse (Rev 19:11)
❖ Eyes with tears (Luke 19:41-44)	❖ Eyes ablaze with fire (Rev 19:12a)
❖ Wearing a crown of thorns (Matt 27:29)	❖ Wearing many crowns (Rev 19:12b)
❖ Jesus' blood on His enemies (Matt 27:25)	❖ His enemies' blood on Jesus (Rev 19:13-15)

“Logos” (v. 13, NIV “Word”): divine revelation

Questions:

1. Read Revelation 19:11-16. Chuck Swindoll writes, “John first saw heaven opened in Revelation 4. There he saw a door open in heaven. A voice called him to come up and see what would happen in the future (Rev 4:1). ... [Here], John again [writes], “I saw heaven opened” (v. 11). This time, though, it was not so John could be carried up to heaven, but so Jesus could come down to earth.” How is Jesus described in verses 11-16? What, in particular, do you resonate with in this description, and why?

2. Read Revelation 19:17-21. J. B. Phillips writes: “Then, suddenly, it will all be over. In fact, there will be no war at all, in the sense that we think of war. There will be just a word spoken from Him who sits astride the great white horse. Once He spoke a word to a fig tree and it withered away. Once He spoke a word to howling winds and heaving waves, and the storm clouds vanished and the waves fell still. Once He spoke to a legion of demons bursting at the seams of a poor man’s soul, and instantly they fled. Now, He speaks a word, and the war is over.” John MacArthur adds, “Unlike the Lord Jesus Christ, the heavenly army accompanying Jesus is unarmed; He alone will destroy His enemies. The saints will not come to fight with Jesus, but to reign with Him.” How does it impact you to realize that all it takes is a word from the Word (Jesus) to defeat this vast army, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet?

“There is only one solution for the world’s problems: the return of its true King, the Lord Jesus Christ, to establish absolute monarchy and unilateral authority in His earthly Kingdom.”

- John MacArthur

3. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Swindoll proclaims: “Believers too quickly forget that the same powerful Word that will one day defeat Satan is the same Word given to us to battle the spiritual forces of wickedness in our own lives. ... As an offensive weapon against these demonic forces, God has given us “the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” Through God’s Word – the Holy Scriptures – we have access to divine knowledge, wisdom, and power for destroying speculations, ignorance, stray thoughts, and disobedience.” How do we best work with God to “keep our swords sharp,” and to help us to wield them well “against the powers of this dark world”?

Want to dig deeper? Engage with these sermons by John MacArthur, taught in 1994:

- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-70/the-glorious-return-of-jesus-christ-part-1>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-71/the-glorious-return-of-jesus-christ-part-2>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-72/the-glorious-return-of-jesus-christ-part-3>