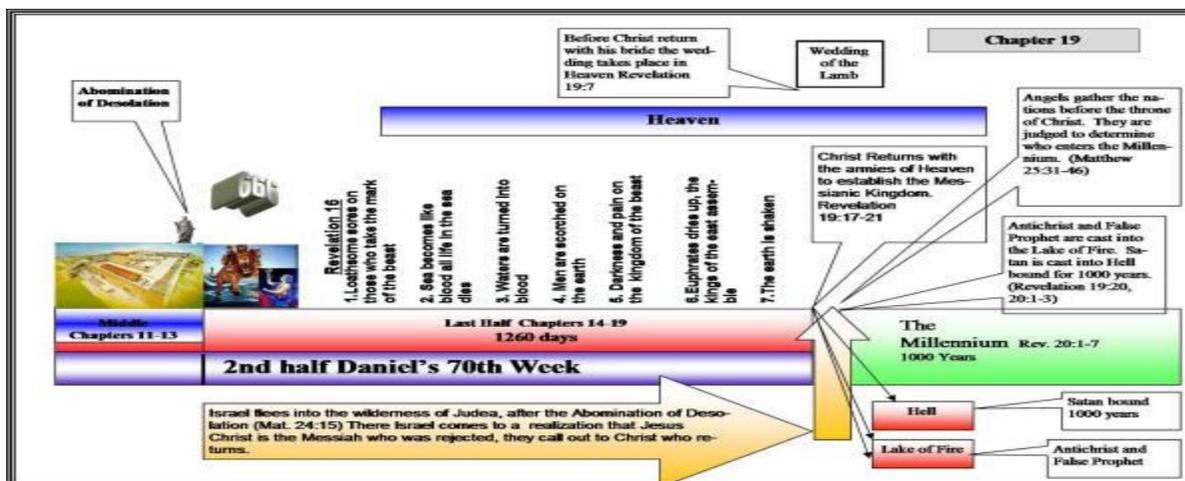


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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION
SESSION 26 – CHAPTER 19 PART 1

Chapter 19 of Revelation concludes the 7-year tribulation period with the return of Christ and his Bride to rule and reign on the earth. The kings of the Earth and their armies along with Satan, the Antichrist and False Prophet gather in Israel. Their arrival is a prelude to war with the Lamb. New Babylon, the capital city of the Earth, has just been obliterated from existence (Chapter 18). Satan and his demonic forces inspire the mass of remaining humanity convincing them that somehow, they will be able to defeat the Lamb. So, they gather together for the final conflict. Meanwhile in Heaven the “Bride of the Lamb”, the Church, is ready for marriage to the Lamb.



The “Bema Seat” of Christ has purified the Church; righteous deeds of saints have been rewarded. With the Bride ready, the time of the “Wedding of the Lamb” has finally come. The Church is married to Christ, joined in eternal union. Following the “Wedding of the Lamb” is the “Wedding Supper of the Lamb” where those who are invited to attend are called “Blessed”. With the Wedding and Wedding Supper of the Lamb complete, Christ and his church along with the Angels are preparing for their entry into the Earth. The second half of the 19th chapter, Christ is seen riding a White horse, along with the saints riding white horses on their descent into the earth to take possession of the Earth from Satan and his demonic and human armies gathered around Israel. After John is shown an expanded explanation of the judgment of Babylon, he is now about to see the coronation and marriage of the Lamb of God in heaven.

Revelation 19:1-3: *1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.*

After these.... Following the destruction of “Babylon the Great”, the capital city of the Satanic kingdom, John hears a loud voice. (*megas phōnēō*) in heaven. John was just witnessing the destruction and burning of the great city, now John is in Heaven.

God has judged the great whore named “Babylon the Great”. She is called a whore because the earth was corrupted by her relationship with Satan in place of God. The judgments of God on Babylon avenged the blood of those who were killed by her in all past times as well as during this end time tribulation. The smoke of her burning rises on the earth literally until the new heaven and earth over a thousand years later. It might seem hard to believe that this land in Iraq would smolder for over a thousand years but this scripture and the one in Isaiah indicate that it will and that only creatures of the night will ever occupy this land.

Apparently, the atomic wars in the area of Iraq or the falling meteorites ignite the huge oil tar pits in that land that provide the fuel for the burning. We know of coal mines that continue to burn underground for scores of years so this is not out of the realm of natural possibilities. The smoke of the great whore continues to rise eternally even after the thousand years, when all that are identified with her are judged at the great white throne judgment and cast into the Lake of Fire (**Rev 20:10 – Rev 20:15**).

A great multitude... The voice John hears is coming from a “Great Multitude”. Who is this great multitude? The “Great Multitude” (*polus ochlos*) is used 3 times in Revelation. (**7:9, 19:1,6**). In **Revelation 7:9** the “Great Multitude” are those who are killed during the “Great Tribulation”. The Great tribulation is in the last half of the 7-year tribulation.

Revelation 7:14 *“¹⁴And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So, he said to me, “These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.”*

The great multitude shouting would include the saints killed in the first half of the tribulation. These saints are seen when the 5th seal is opened in Revelation 6:9-11. They receive white robes and are told to rest until: **Revelation 6:11b**. *“until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed”*

The completion of their death takes place during the 2nd half of the tribulation period. These tribulation saints of the first Half (Rev 6:9) and the tribulation saints of the second half (Revelation 15:2) are the justification given for the annihilation of Babylon. (Revelation 18:20). In the first verse of Chapter 19, we see in this “Great Multitude” the collection of “Tribulation” saints praising God for the destruction of Babylon.

Alleluia.... (Gr. alleloulouia...From the Hebrew words haòlal (Praise) and yaòhh (Shortened form of Yahweh, Jehovah). The saints in heaven are singing praise to the Creator, of the universe. This is the first time this word is used in the New Testament and it’s used 4 times in the 19th chapter. (Rev 19:1, 3-4,6).

His Judgments....The “Great Multitude” in praising God cheers the destruction of Babylon as righteous and true. There comes a time when God will judge sin.

The great harlot....The great harlot is the false religious system that existed from the time of the first Babylon under Nimrod. In the end this system would make it possible for the worship of the Beast.

Corrupted the earth... Satan, who would be worshipped as god by the inhabitants of the Earth in the 2nd half destroys the “Great harlot”. Satan incarnated, becomes the focus of all worship. With a world-wide economic system in place in the 2nd half of the tribulation, the Antichrist will become the focus corrupting the Earth through religious, economic and military might. Any who wish to survive must submit to the kingdom of the Beast operating out of future Babylon.

Avenged on her... The great harlot was the one behind the killing of the saints. From the earliest times she deceived the inhabitants through her religious system.



Her smoke....The eternal judgment on those who dwelt in this city will continue forever. This is not referring to the city itself but to the inhabitants of the city. The inhabitants of Babylon upon its incineration were taken to Hades to await the “Great White Throne” Judgment where the smoke of their torment will be eternal.

Revelation 14:11: *“11And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”*

Rev 19:4-6: ***4And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" 5Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great! 6And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.***

Once again, we see the twenty-four elders and the four beasts that surround the throne of God worshipping Him, saying "Amen; Alleluia". (If the word amen is used prior to any discourse - in this case the word alleluia - the word amen means "truly" or "surely". If the word were used after any discourse, the word amen would mean "so be it" or "even so". The word alleluia means "praise the Lord". Therefore, the words "Amen; Alleluia" in the context of verse 4 indicate that the twenty-four elders say, ***"truly, we praise you Lord"***.)

Twenty four elders... (Gr. presbuteros... *elder*; as noun, a *senior*; specifically an Israelite *Sanhedrist*) The 24 are first seen in **Revelation 4:4**, they represent the church or more probably the Church and Israel since the word for elder means senior. This term was used in the context of the Sanhedrin. Twelve of the twenty-four elders are the apostles sitting on their thrones based on **Matthew 19:28** with the other 12 representing Israel. This can also be seen in the description of the "New Jerusalem" which has 12 gates inscribed with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel. New Jerusalem has 12 walls which are inscribed with the names of the 12 apostles. These 24 elders represent the body of believers prior to the tribulation period. They represent Israel and the church, in Heaven, along with the "Tribulation" saints, giving praise the creator. Some think that everyone will be equal in heaven, but scripture is clear that this is not the case. Verse 5 indicates that there will be small and great in heaven and so do other passages. God definitely has always had a hierarchy in heaven and always will. Jesus even had an inner circle when he was incarnated on earth. The multitude of billions will roar like Niagara Falls saying "praise ye the Lord for the Lord God Almighty reigns." This verse marks the coronation ceremony of Jesus Christ. Next, we will see that the Lamb takes a wife. **Voice came from the throne...** The voice came from the throne can be none other than Jesus Christ who leads Heaven in praise. This fulfills the 22nd Psalm which pictures Jesus as Suffering Messiah whose hands and feet were pierced, and garments divided is leading the redeemed in praise of the Lord.

Psalm 22:16b-18,22-23 ***"16b They pierced My hands and My feet; 17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. 18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. 22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. 23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!"*** The Lamb is seated on the Throne with the Father. (**Revelation 3:21;5:13;7:15,17;22:3**)

heard... John hears the response to the call of praise from the Throne of God.

Voice of a great multitude... The “Great multitude” are the servants of God and those who fear Him, both small and great who were called to praise in verse 5. The voice of the multitude is all of Heaven in praise of God.



Let us be glad... This is a time of celebration because the marriage of the Lamb is about to take place. And all of Heaven watches and participates either through observing or being a part of the bride.

The marriage of the Lamb... (Gr. arnion ...lambkin,) The Lamb is the suffering Messiah who died as a sacrifice for our sins. The word for lamb is used 30 times in the New Testament, 29 times in Revelation.

His wife... The question is who is the wife of the Lamb? The Bride of the Lamb is a point of varied discussion amongst theologians. With two prevalent opinions: the first is that the “Bride of the Lamb” is the Church from the time of Pentecost till the rapture; the second is the Bride are all the redeemed believers from Adam till the end return of Christ and eventually those who come to Christ in the Millennium.

	THE CHURCH ALONE	THE CHURCH AND ISRAEL
WIFE	The Church is called the Wife of Christ (Eph 5:22-32) (2 Cor. 11.1,2)	Israel is called the Wife of Jehovah to be restored after a period of separation. (Isaiah 54:5-10) (Hosea 2:16)
DIVORCE	Israel was divorced as an unfaithful wife of Jehovah. (Jeremiah 3:8)(Hosea 2;2) Jerusalem is called an “Adulterous wife” (Ezekiel 16:30) The church is called a virgin (2 Corn 11:2)	Judah was not part of the divorce. Israel is promised restoration (Hosea 3:4)(Jeremiah 3:8,9) (Isaiah 50:1)
NEW COVENANT	John the Baptist declared he is a friend of the Bridegroom. Distinguishing his period from the church period.(John 3:29)	The promises of the New Covenant are made to Israel(Jeremiah 31:31)

	THE CHURCH ALONE	THE CHURCH AND ISRAEL
POSITION OF THE CHURCH	The Church has replaced Israel in the covenant blessing after she rejected Christ (Luke 14:15-24) (Matthew 22:1-14)	The Church is grafted into the covenant blessings of Israel (Romans 11:17-24)
NEW JERUSALEM		The New Jerusalem made up of all believers is called the "Bride of Christ" (Revelation 21:2)
CLOTHING OF THE BRIDE	Fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (Rev 19:8)	Old Testament Saints are described as wearing White after being purified (Dan 11:35,12:10) Old Testament saints are promised to shine like the stars for leading many to righteousness (Daniel 12:3) Tribulation saints are described as wearing white (Revelation 6;11; 7:9,13,14)
RULING ON EARTH	Bride is to return with Christ to the earth. (Revelation 19:14)	Tribulation saints are to rule with Christ for 1000 years (Revelation 20:4) Old Testament saints are to reign on the earth (Daniel 12:13, Jeremiah 30:9) Apostles rule over 12 tribes of Israel (Matthew 19:28)

Depending on how you distinguish Israel and the Church and how you read the scriptures you may conclude the "Bride of Christ" to include or exclude members outside of the church from Pentecost till the rapture. My personal opinion tends to include all the redeemed from Adam till the return of Christ as part of the "Bride of the Lamb." Saints such as Job, David and Daniel foretold, and looked forward to the coming of Messiah. When the Messiah came their redemption was complete as our redemption is complete when we accept Christ.

The promises made to the church are also made to Old Testament and Tribulation saints. This would not be the case if the Church was distinct as being called the "Bride of the Lamb".

Made herself ready... How the church will make itself ready for the wedding supper of the Lamb is through the judgment seat of Christ.

I Corinthians 3:9-15 *⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

This verse tells us the marriage of the Lamb has come about. The bride of Christ is now a wife and she is ready to go with Jesus to earth. The wife is ready because she was adorned with gifts at the judgment of rewards that took place in heaven just prior to this time. It was a time when rewards were given to believers for how they allowed the Holy Spirit to work in their physical bodies after they were born from above. *The gifts are leadership positions in the millennial reign* - most likely they will also be leadership positions for all eternity - they are spoken of in Luke. This passage in Luke also talks about Jesus' rejection, His second coming, His judgment of rewards or taking away of rewards and His judgment on his enemies.

Luke 19:13 *¹³ And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. ¹⁶ Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Well done, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. ¹⁹ And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. ²⁰ And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: ²¹ For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. ²² And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: ²³ Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? ²⁴ And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. ²⁵ (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) ²⁶ For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. ²⁷ But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.*

All were told to occupy until He comes. Notice the wicked servant lost his reward to a faithful servant but those slain were not His wicked servants. *Those slain were His enemies who would not have Him rule over them. These are the sons of Satan.*



2 Corinthians 5:10 *10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

The word for “Judgment Seat” is Bema which was an elevated platform which the speaker stood on in the city of Corinth. The bema was also a portable judgment seat in which the tribunal would judge. In this case the “Bema” judgment of Christ will not be for salvation, but for rewards, to the faithful. The rewards will purify the works of the Church and prepare the body of believers to take possession of the kingdom. Crowns, positions of authority, as well as rewards will be handed out to the body. Also works from false motives will be burned but salvation will not be lost. Saints will also be rewarded for persecution and instruction.

(Mt. 5:11, 12). *“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven...”* **(1 Pet. 5:2-4).** *“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away”*

Rev 19:8 *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

Scholars differ on the meaning of the fine linen. It could mean the “righteousness of the saints” (that comes through the blood of Jesus) or the “righteous acts of the saints” (that comes through the Holy Spirit working in believers). Both views are correct; *there was an inner and an outer garment.* The white inner garment that is worn was given by Christ when a person was saved but the white outer garment is the righteous deeds that were done through the work of the Holy Spirit. This outer garment in Roman times could be woven with gold and silver thread and studded with precious stones.

Everyone that is part of the bride will have fine linen undergarments given freely by Jesus but not everyone will have the gold silver and precious stones to display in their outer garment.

These adornments will be awarded at the judgment of rewards and will be based on how each individual built upon the house of God. The judgment will be about positions of authority and leadership.

1 Co 3: 12 *¹²Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; ¹³Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. ¹⁴If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."*

There are 5 crowns mentioned in the scriptures... The Bible mentions at least five possible crown rewards. The rewards include:

- a. **The incorruptible crown**—given to those who master the old nature (**1 Cor. 9:25-27**).
- b. **The crown of rejoicing**—given to soul-winners (**Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:3; 1 Thess. 2:19, 20**).
- c. **The crown of life**—given to those who successfully endure temptation (**Jas. 1:2, 12; Rev. 2:10**).
- d. **The crown of righteousness**—given to those who especially love the doctrine of the 2nd coming (**2 Tim. 4:8**).
- e. **The crown of glory**—given to faithful preachers and teachers (**Acts 20:26-28; 2 Tim. 4:1, 2; 1 Pet. 5:2-4**).

Rev 19:9 *"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."*

Blessed are those (Gr. makarios ... supremely *blest*; by extension *fortunate, well off*:—blessed, happy (X-ier). Those who are called to the marriage supper are the same ones called to be participants in the marriage. This is demonstrated by the Greek word for called, which is the same word (Gr. kaleoô) used in **Matthew 22:9** to invite those from the highways to the wedding of the King's son. The distinction is made by many interpreters between those invited to the marriage supper as opposed to those who are part of the "Bride of Christ". If the "Bride" is the church alone then the "Blessed" are seen as Old Testament and Tribulation saints but if the Bride is viewed to be inclusive, then the Blessed guests invited are those who are part of the Bride called or invited out from the world into eternal union with the Lamb.

Marriage supper of the Lamb... Weddings play a prominent role in picturing the kingdom of heaven. Two parables **Matthew 22:1-14** and **Luke 14:16-24** picture the kingdom of heaven like a banquet. Matthew 22 is seen as a wedding and Luke 14 as a great banquet with many invited guests. In both Matthew and Luke, the attending guests are results of an original group's refusal to attend the banquet. The attending guests are pictured as those who accepted the invitation of salvation as a result of Israel's rejection of Messiah. The dinner is for the saved church not for the non-church. This dinner takes place in Heaven and not on earth. The dinner will include the Old Testament saints as well as the New Testament saints but will exclude those who rejected the Messiah.

Matthew 8:11-12 ***¹¹And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹²But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."***

Following the "Wedding of the Lamb" and the "Wedding Supper" the host of Heaven including the saints and angels will prepare for their entry into the Earth. This begins in the 11th verse as the Wedding Guests prepare to depart on white horses with their wedding clothes.

Revelation 19:10 ***"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."***

John was so awed by the angel that showed him these things that he fell down to worship him. In contrast to Satan who demands worship, the angels of God will not allow anyone to worship them. All worship is to be directed to God. The angel told John that Jesus is the fulfillment of all God given prophecy; worship Him alone.

REV 19:11-13

11And 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. 12His 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. 13And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God

Now I saw.... Following John's witness to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, John now witnesses another amazing event, the sky opening and Jesus returning with the armies of heaven.

Heaven opened.... (Gr...mesouraneôma....*mid-sky*:—midst of heaven.) The word used literally means mid-heaven or the physical sky. John sees the physical sky opened as the spiritual realm of heaven descends to the physical.

A white Horse.... John sees a literal white horse and a rider. Animals in heaven, especially horses in the spiritual realm can be seen when Elijah was taken up into heaven with horses of fire. (2 Kings 2:11) We also see horses and chariots of heaven surrounding the army of Syria that comes to take Elisha captive. (2 Kings 6:17) Again we see the faces of animals portrayed in the faces of the “Four living creatures” with three having an animal like appearance of an eagle, lion and ox. (Revelation 4:7-8, Ezekiel 1:10). Before Jesus was crucified, he came to Jerusalem riding on a donkey this time he will ride on a heavenly white horse.

Was called... The rider was called faithful, meaning that his word can be trusted. The first time Jesus came he was rejected by Israel. Jesus promised his return would not come until Israel accepts him as Messiah. At the time Israel recognizes Jesus, the armies will come. This happens at the conclusion of the 7-year tribulation period.

Matthew 23:39 *“³⁹for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’”*

The return of Christ is according to his word his word is faithful. The rider is also called true which means real, corresponding to what is actual. The idea of the “Second Coming” is seen as fiction by a skeptical, secular world. But in answer to this the rider is called True.

2 Peter 2:3 *“³knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”*

In righteousness... The return of Christ and all his actions are done according to equity, what’s deserved. The armies have gathered in rebellion and they will be judged by their own actions. The war against the Lamb will justify the Lamb’s war against them.

His eyes.... John description of the rider’s eyes like a “flame of fire” is repeated two other times in Revelation. (1:14;2:18). Fire in the scriptures has a dual connotation: holiness and judgment. The angel of the Lord appears in a “Flame of Fire” to Moses who is told to take off his shoes for he is standing on Holy ground. At night during the exodus journey God appeared in a pillar of fire. We also see the sacrifices in the temple burned by fire at the altar. Fire will test our works. (1 Corin. 3:13) And fire will be the eternal abode of the wicked in the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:10-15)

His head.... The rider is also described as having many crowns. The word for crown used here is diadem meaning rule. Jesus is returning to rule the earth. He will rule over the nations which is the reason crown is plural. The first time Jesus came was to die for the sins of mankind, this time he is coming to rule over mankind.

The picture of the Suffering and King Messiah is seen throughout the Messianic prophecies. In **Zechariah 9:9-10** and **Isaiah 9:6-7** are two well-known verses:

Zechariah 9:9-10: ***“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.’”***

Isaiah 9:6-7 ***“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this”***

Here we see the two natures of Messiah, one suffering and lowly, the other king and exalted. In the 19th chapter we see the Son of Man returning as exalted King. **Daniel 7:13** gives us this picture of Messiah as Son of Man and King over the Earth.

Daniel 7:13-14 ***“¹³ I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.”***

In the 19th chapter we witness the transition of Earth’s rule, from the kings of the Earth to the King of the Universe.

A name written.... An unknowable name speaks to infinities of The Lord. Even with the Wedding and the Supper of the Lamb complete. Jesus is still beyond our grasp and understanding. A name that only he Himself knows reminds us the deity of the rider.

Was clothed..... Before Jesus was crucified, he wore a scarlet robe splattered with his blood. The blood came on the robe as they placed a crown of thorns on his head. This time Jesus will

return with a robe, dipped in blood, making it red from judging the nations. He will have many crowns not a thorn of crowns.

Matthew 27:28: *“²⁸And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”*”

The book of Isaiah pictured the coming of Messiah in Judgment of the nations for the redemption of his people. The blood of the nations will stain his glorious apparel. This portion of Isaiah tells the Lord will descend from the area of Edom, east of Jerusalem.

Isaiah 63:1-6: *“¹Who 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. ⁴ For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come. ⁵ I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me. ⁶ I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth.”*”

His name.... Jesus was described as the Word in **John 1:1**. The word of God is when God has chosen to make himself known to his creation through his prophets. God has entered the realm of God man in the flesh when Jesus came the first time. Christ will return to his creation to dwell with them and be in their presence. A picture of Messiah on the Earth in the Millennium Temple can be seen in Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 43:6-7: *“⁶Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. ⁷And He said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.”*”

Revelation 19:14: *“¹⁴And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.”*”

Armies in heaven...The armies of heaven will be made up of saints and angels. Before the marriage of the Lamb, the saints were rewarded for their works done in the body with works of flesh being burned. Now the saints are prepared to serve in their capacity.

Jude vs. 14 ¹⁴Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, *“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.*

Psalm 149:7-9 ⁷To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; ⁸ To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; ⁹ To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Zechariah 14:5b *Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.*

Along with the saints all the angels will descend from Heaven.



Matthew 25:31-32 ³¹When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.”

Clothed... The clothing of the saints is the same mentioned in verse 8.

White horses... Like Jesus the saints will have white horses to accompany them on their descent from heaven.

Wrath of Almighty God



Revelation 19:15-16 ¹⁵Now 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. ¹⁶And He has on His vesture and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Out of his mouth.... The judgment of the nations will not involve any physical strength between the forces of God and Satan. The word out of the mouth of Christ alone will be sufficient to destroy the assembled armies. This was prophesied in Isaiah 700 years before the birth of Jesus.

Jesus swore under oath to the high priest of Israel that He would come in this manner but the priest accused Him of blasphemy.

Mat 26:63-65 *“But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.”*

Jesus will smite the nations by the words that come out of His mouth. This is the same being who spoke and the universe came into existence. When He comes with His saints, He will come in wrath against all those who are against Him, for He is the KINGS OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Jesus is coming to earth to conquer His enemies and to set up His kingdom on earth. He is coming to fulfill how he told us to pray *“thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”* (Mat 6:10).

He is not coming, as some teach, to take His believers to some nebulous heaven where all will be one. He is coming to earth to conquer His enemies and to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. He will rule during the seventh millennium with a rod of iron. The world in that dispensation will live under the rule of the Messiah. God’s everlasting law will be followed by their own free will because the law will be written in their hearts. Jesus came to fulfill the requirements of the law for all who broke it but He did not come to do away with the law. The law is eternal, and it will be a delight to the soul when Jesus comes to rule. One of the reasons the Antichrist and the people of the world fight against God is that they love lawlessness.

Psa 2:1-12 *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”*

Isaiah 11:4 *“He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.”*

Zechariah gives a vivid account of how the armies of the earth will be destroyed who are gathered in Israel. The armies of the earth will be gathered along the 181 (1600 furlongs) miles of Israel from the north to the south. They will concentrate around Jerusalem and Megiddo to the north. Then as Christ, the saints and angels appear in the eastern sky an amazing thing happens. Their flesh will literally dissolve, and their blood will begin to flow down the hills and into streams flowing the height of a horse’s bridle.

Rev 14:20 *“²⁰And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.”*

Zechariah 14:12-13 *¹²And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.¹³It shall come to pass in that day That a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand against his neighbor’s hand;*

He shall rule... The government established on the earth after the return of Christ and the saints will not be a democracy but a benevolent theocracy. Jesus will be King Messiah who will bring peace to the Earth for the next 1000 years. (Millennium) The administration of nations and populations from those who survive the 7-year tribulation, and the purging of sin will be done by the saints.

Zechariah 14:16 *¹⁶And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.”*

The saints will rule over cities and the nations during this 1000 reign of Messiah. This will be part of the reward for a faithful life in the body.

Luke 19:16-19 *¹⁶Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ ¹⁷And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’ ¹⁸And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ ¹⁹Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’*

Daniel 7:27 ²⁷ *Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him."*

Treads the winepress.... A winepress was a machine used to make wine. Grapes would be gathered and trampled underfoot, as the skin broke the crushed grapes the juice would flow into channels and collect in pools. Here the nations are gathered toward Jerusalem in the winepress of God's wrath for sin. Joel 2600 years ago foretold of this future event and the gathering of the nations. Its called the valley of decision because it's the result of making the wrong choice.

Joel 3:12-16 ¹² *Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ¹³ Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow for their wickedness is great. ¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵ The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. ¹⁶ The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.*

As the armies of the Earth are gathering the remnant in the wilderness and Jerusalem seek the Lord with all their heart. Israel finally understands that Jesus, the rejected Messiah, was really their King Messiah. Here Joel pictures this transformation of the nation who to this very day despises Jesus.

Joel 2:15-18: ¹⁵ *Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶ Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. ¹⁷ Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' ¹⁸ Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, And pity His people."*

As Israel cries out to Jesus, the Messiah, an amazing thing begins to happen. The weak and frail are given the strength of King David. Others receive supernatural power like angels which allow them to fight off the advances from the nations. Then out of the Eastern sky, they will see the "Glorious appearing" of the Son of Man. In addition, Israel will begin to weep as they realize the one who they so despised was indeed their Lord and Redeemer.

Zechariah 12:6-11 *“6In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place— Jerusalem. 7“The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah. 8In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. 9It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”*

He hath on... The nation emerges from the wilderness and Jerusalem and gathers around the Mount of Olives not far from where Jesus was crucified. On the cross was affixed the name to Jesus which read “King of the Jews”, which the leaders resented. This same Jesus will appear with a name

Zechariah 14:4 *“And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west.”*

Nations defeated

REV 19:17-19 *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*

This is the classic battle of Armageddon. It occurs after the destruction of “Babylon the Great” that took place at the outpouring of the seventh vial. This really is not a battle at all. It is a slaughter of all of the enemies of God on earth.

All the armies of the world are gathered against Jesus and His saints by Satan and by his lying spirits. The armies gathered by Satan will all end up being food for the vultures. Lying spirits come out of the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet to deceive the whole world and the armies that destroy Babylon. These lying spirits somehow convince the kings of the earth to move all their armies against Jerusalem. The real question is why would the world dare to fight against the God of heaven? The answer might be that the lying spirits somehow manage to convince the kings of the earth that the God of Heaven is not almighty and can also

be stopped from setting up His kingdom on earth by enough military force (like the counterfeit kingdom of god at Babylon was at least partly overthrown by worldly military force). When these armies fight against the Kingdom of the real God of creation they will all come to their destruction.

This leads me to believe that when Satan is cast out of heaven, he really intends to destroy the entire human race so Jesus will have no one alive for His Kingdom. Revelation 12:12 says he “comes down in great wrath knowing his time is short”. Why then does Satan even bother to play God and to set up the kingdom of the Beast? Obviously if he knows his time is short, he also knows he will be defeated.

The counterfeit kingdom of god called “Babylon the Great” apparently is only a façade used by Satan to bring about the destruction of the human race. Even after the destruction of the counterfeit kingdom that Satan set up and knew that God would destroy, Satan deceives all the armies of the world to move against Jerusalem where he also knows that they certainly will be destroyed.

The Antichrist Beast and his False Prophet, who worked miracles by the power of Satan and deceived all who took the mark of the Beast and those that worshipped his image, are taken captive. Just as Satan deceived and took a third of the angels in his rebellion against God, Satan in the Beast and False Prophet will deceive and take a large number of humans in this rebellion against God. Those that follow him do not want the Son of God to rule over them. Notice, there is no real resistance against the real God of creation. The armies are gathered for slaughter because all the forces of Satan and man are no match against the God of creation. I am sure Satan knows this but he hates humanity and God so much that he intends to bring humanity to total destruction.

An angel standing... The angel is probably blocking the sun and shining brighter than the sun.

He cried... The bodies and blood of nations which were destroyed at the return of Christ will begin to putrefy the land. So birds from all over the earth are called to devour their remains.

A similar event happened in Israel 7 years before this event in the battle of Gog and Magog. Birds were called to eat the remains of the attacking armies who were destroyed in Israel. **Ezekiel 39:17-20.**

Supper of the great God... The identity and recognition of the dead will be meaningless, as both small and great took part in the attack on the Lamb.

Judgment of Beast, False Prophet and armies of earth.

Revelation 19:19-21 *“¹⁹and 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 worshiped 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.”*

I saw the beast...The beast is actually two persons in one body. One is the individual who was in charge of his life during the first ½ of the tribulation. And the other is Satan who was cast out of heaven and incarnated the body of the beast. Satan used the beast and his kingdom as his natural extensions. Satan gathered the nations, kings and armies of the earth around Jerusalem for this final battle.

The beast was taken...The man and Satan who both dwelt inside the body of the beast was literally picked up from his location.

The false prophet... The third part of the Satanic trinity, the false prophet was also captured. Both the Beast and the false prophet were embedded with the armies who were surrounding Israel. Both were plucked up in the sight of their armies right before the return of Christ.

Lake of Fire...These two individuals became the first occupants of the lake of fire the eventual location where all who do not know Christ will one day go. Satan is sent to the abyss bound and weakened for the next 1000 years. (**Isaiah 14:12, Revelation 20:1**)

The remnant were slain...The armies of the earth became food for the birds as noted earlier. But the souls of those killed went to Hell to await the “Great White Throne” judgment at the end of the millennium. (**Revelation 20:11**)



The Beast and False Prophet are judged by Jesus and they are cast alive into the Lake of Fire. In the next chapter we will find out that they are still alive in the Lake of Fire over a thousand years later. *There is no non-existence of souls taught in the Bible. Either one goes into the new creation for eternity or the Lake of Fire for eternity.*

This truth should become apparent when we read the next chapter (which takes place after the thousand-year reign of Christ). After the judgment there we will see that the Beast and False Prophet are still “alive” in the Lake of Fire when Satan, Satan's angels and all those that are not written in the Lamb’s book of life are also cast into the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire is where all will go that reject the God who created them.

All the armies that followed the Beast and False prophet will be killed and their flesh will feed the birds. Birds of prey today are protected in Israel and they are even provided food to help increase their numbers. Great numbers of these birds can be seen flying in the mountains of Israel. They have become a tourist attraction and of course that is the main reason why they are protected and fed but God has a great supper planned for these birds in the near future. They will fulfill the end time prophecy of verse 17.

At that time the following Old Testament prophecy of Isaiah will be fulfilled:

Isa 13: 1 *The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see. 2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. 3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness. 4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. 5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. 6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: 8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. 9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. 10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. 11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. 14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. 15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. 16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. 17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. 18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. 19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. 21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.*

22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

This passage in Isaiah is a summary of the events that will happen in the day of the Lord. It will happen as He prophesied and it may not be that far away!