

THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS

A STUDY OF REVELATION—PART 32

Revelation 19:11-21

Last week we noted the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Following this magnificent event, the church will return with our Lord as He fights the Battle of Armageddon.

I. THE PRELUDE TO THE BATTLE

- A. The armies of the world will come against Jerusalem. Revelation 19:19—
“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.”
- B. The demonic emissaries of Hell will drive them there. (*Revelation 16:13-15*)
 1. The leaders will be deceived.
 2. The leaders will be tricked.
 3. The leaders will be seduced.
- C. The nations hate the Jews and the city of Jerusalem.
- D. They are convinced by Hell itself that this will be the final campaign against the Jew.

II. THE SECOND EVENT OF JESUS CHRIST IS SEEN ***(REVELATION 19:11)***

- A. It is important that we place the events in their proper perspective:
 1. Jesus came the first time as our Redeemer. (*Luke 19:10*)
 2. Jesus will come the next time in the Rapture. (*I Thessalonians 4*)
 3. Jesus finally will come in the Revelation.
 - a. Revelation 1:7—*“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.”*
 - b. Revelation 19:11
- B. Another way to define His coming.
 1. In the Rapture, Jesus comes *for* His church.
 2. In the Revelation, Jesus comes *with* His church.
- C. Lastly:
 1. In the Rapture, Jesus comes in the air.
 2. In the Revelation, Jesus descends all the way to the earth. (*Zechariah 13-14*)

III. AN INVASION FROM OUTER SPACE IS SEEN

- A. This is the battle of all battles.
 1. The Old Testament prophets prophesied of this event.
 2. Jesus predicted this event.

3. The New Testament writers wrote about this event.
- B. In Chapter 4, a door was opened in Heaven and the Church went up.
- C. In Chapter 19, Heaven itself opens up and Jesus comes out!
- D. The Rider is on a white horse. (*v.11*)
 1. At His first event, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey.
 - a. He was given no throne.
 - b. He was given a cross.
 - c. He was given a crown of thorns.
 - d. He was given nails in His hands and feet.
 - e. He was given a spear in His precious side.
 2. At His next coming, He will be riding on a white stallion.
 - a. He will come as a warrior King.
 - b. He is coming to fight the battle of all battles.
 - c. At His first coming He wore thorns, but this time he wears a crown. (*v.12*)
 - d. Conquering kings returning from victorious battles rode white horses.
 - e. Jesus is coming with His banners of war unfurled.

IV. THE WHITE HORSE RIDER IS DESCRIBED

- A. He is Faithful and True. (*Revelation 19:11*)
 1. Names and titles in Scripture reveal character.
 2. Jesus is Faithful. (*v.11*)
 - a. He promised His return, now He comes.
 - b. Jesus keeps His promises.
 - c. The Antichrist is unfaithful while Christ remains faithful.
 3. Jesus is True. (*v.11*)
 - a. Truth is His Essence. (*John 14:6*)
 - b. The Devil speaks lies, but Jesus speaks Truth.
 4. His eyes were as a flame of fire. (*v. 12*)
 - a. We have seen this description before. (*Revelation 1:14*)
 - b. This reveals His penetrating scrutiny.
 - c. No one will escape His omniscient gaze.
 - d. It is the look of Divine wrath on sinful man.
 5. On His head were many crowns. (*v.12*)
 - a. The crowns speak of His royal authority.
 - b. In the ancient world, many crowns represented a collection of vanquished crowns from overthrown kings.
 - c. Jesus is coming as the only true King.
 6. A name written that no man knew but He himself. (*v.12—as God knew Him*)
 - a. Someone may say, “What is that name?”
 - b. He answered the question: no one knows but He Himself.

- c. His Name is indescribable.
 - d. His Name is higher than the heavens.
 - e. His name is unpronounceable.
 - f. His name is uncommunicable.
7. His vesture was dipped in blood. (v.13)
- a. Isaiah 63:1-3 describes this as the blood of His enemies.
 - b. Jesus will face untiring millions in battle.
 - c. Jesus treads the winepress of His enemies—*“And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”*
(Revelation 14:20)
8. His Name is called The Word of God. (19:13; as we know Him)
- a. Jesus Christ is the eternal Word. (John 1:1)
 - b. Jesus Christ is the creative Word. (John 1:3)
 - c. The Word was God. (John 1:1)
 - d. This is the Name by which we know Him.
 - e. For us, a word is a means of expression.
 - i. God expressed Himself to us through the Word.
 - ii. When the Word spake, God spake!
9. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. 19:16
- a. Jesus is King of all Kings and Lord of all Lords
 - b. This represents His Sovereign rule over all earthly kings.
 - c. When the Magi came from the east they said, “Where is he that is born king of the Jews”? (Matthew 2:2)
 - d. When Pilate crucified Him he acknowledged His Kingship over the cross: *“And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS”* (Matthew 27:37)
 - e. Therefore, whether:
 - i. In the manger
 - ii. Nailed to the cross
 - iii. Or coming in power and great glory, Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of lords!

V. THOSE COMING WITH HIM ARE DESCRIBED

(REVELATION 19:14)

- A. These are the soldier saints He took to Heaven in Revelation 4:1.
- B. These were identified and described in Revelation 19:8.
- C. The reader might want to circle the word “armies” and write your name in the margin, because you are in there. (v. 14)
- D. The soldier saints don’t have weapons because Jesus Christ will fight the battle alone.

- E. These are following King Jesus to participate in that which follows the Great Battle.

VI. THE BATTLE IS DESCRIBED

- A. The enemies at the battle of Armageddon are described:
1. Kings (*19:18*)
 2. Captains (*19:18*)
 3. Mighty Men (*19:18*)
 4. All men without Christ (*19:18*)
 5. Kings of the earth (*19:19*)
 6. Armies of the earth (*19:19*)
 7. Beast (*19:20*)
 8. False prophet (*19:20*)
 9. Devil (*20:2*)
- B. What the enemies choose to do:
1. They came together to fight Jesus Christ and His bride. (*19:19*)
 2. These demon hordes have one thing in mind: destroy King Jesus and His followers. (*19:19*)
- C. What King Jesus chooses to do:
1. He strikes the nations. (*19:15*)
 2. The Word is called a sword— “*And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*” (*Ephesians 6:17*)
 3. King Jesus speaks and His judgments are executed swiftly.
 4. The last battle of the ages will be won by the Word of God.
 5. Jesus will rule the world with a rod of iron. (*19:15*)
 - a. A chicken won’t peep.
 - b. A rooster won’t crow.
 - c. Man won’t move without His permission.
- D. Two suppers are introduced in Revelation 19.
1. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. (*19:9*)
 2. The Supper of the Great God. (*19:17*)
 - a. The fowls of the air will be summoned.
 - b. They will consume millions of men destroyed by Christ. (*19:18, 21*)
 - c. A terrifying spectacle of corpses will be seen within a 200-mile radius of Jerusalem.
 - d. The fowls gorge themselves with the flesh of the kill. (*19:21*)
- E. The Antichrist and his puppet are stomped. (*19:20*)
1. The Antichrist believed himself to be the:
 - a. Greatest intellectual
 - b. Greatest politician
 - c. Greatest statesman
 - d. Greatest economist
 2. His false prophet PR windbag from the pit is deflated.

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3. They both have the distinct honor of being the first to be cast into a lake burning with brimstone. *(19:20)*
- F. The outcome at Armageddon was never in doubt.
 1. No enemy is left standing. *(19:20)*
 2. It is a total wipeout.
 3. When the battle was ended and the smoke cleared, King Jesus was still standing as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
- G. Previously the question was asked, “*Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?*” *(Revelation 13:4)*
 1. They have now discovered the answer.
 2. Jesus is not only able to make war, but also able to absolutely conquer and to conquer absolutely!