

26 - THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (REVELATION 19:1-21)

I. The Song of Hallelujah in Heaven (Revelation 19:1-10)

A. The Hallelujah of the Multitudes in Heaven (Revelation 19:1-3)

1. The Basis for the Praise (Revelation 19:1a)

- The basis for the praise is the destruction of Babylon.
- This marks a shift in the focus of Revelation.
- Chapters 4 through 18 focused on the events of the Tribulation.

2. The Praise (Revelation 19:1b-3)

- The multitude praise God for His righteous judgment and retribution.

B. The Hallelujah of the 24 Elders (Revelation 19:4-5)

- The 24 elders praise God as a general call to praise is given.

C. The Prophetic Proclamation of the Wedding of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-9)

- The announcement of the marriage of the Lamb and His Bride is given.
- A blessing is given to those who will be part of the marriage feast of the Lamb.

D. The Command to Worship God (Revelation 19:10)

- The saint tells John to worship God only.

II. The Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 19:11-21)

A. The Revelation of the Rider on the White Horse (Revelation 19:11-13)

1. The Heavens Open (Revelation 19:11a)

- John sees the heavens open and a Rider on a white horse.

2. The Rider on the White Horse (Revelation 19:11b-13)

a. His Name (Revelation 19:11b)

- The Rider is called Faithful and True.

b. His Authority (Revelation 19:11c-12a)

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- The Rider has authority as he judges and rules.
- c. His Unknown Name (Revelation 19:12b)
 - The Rider has a name that no one knows.
 - The point that is being made is that Christ is indescribable.
- d. His Apparel (Revelation 19:13a)
 - He is clothed in a robe permanently stained with blood.

Scripture Isaiah 63:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? “It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.” ² Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? ³ “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. ⁴ For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. ⁵ I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. ⁶ I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

- The blood points to His judgment on humanity.
- e. His Name (Revelation 19:13b)
 - The name “the Word of God” points to His significance and supremacy.

B. The Coming of the King and His Armies of Heaven (Revelation 19:14-16)

1. The Armies of Heaven (Revelation 19:14)
 - John sees a heavenly army following the Rider.
2. The Coming King (Revelation 19:15-16)
 - He will strike down and rule the nations.
 - His victory will be complete.
 - He is supreme over the entire world.

C. The Destruction of the Wicked (Revelation 19:17-21)

1. The Call to the Birds (Revelation 19:17-18)

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- An angel calls the birds to come and feast on the dead bodies of the wicked.
2. The Beast and His Armies Attack the Rider (Revelation 19:19)
 - The Beast and his armies make war against Christ and His army.
 3. The Capture and Judgment of the Two Beasts (Revelation 19:20)
 - The Antichrist and the False Prophet are captured.
 - They are immediately thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Biblical Note: The Lake of Fire

The Lake of Fire is only mentioned in the Book of Revelation. It is the place of eternal punishment for all unrepentant rebels, both angelic and human (Matthew 25:41). It is described as a place of burning sulfur, and those in it experience eternal, unspeakable agony of an unrelenting nature (Luke 16:24; Mark 9:45-46). Those who have rejected Christ and are in the temporary abode of the dead in hades/hell/sheol have the lake of fire as their final destination.

See: Revelation 19:20; 20:10,14-15

4. The Destruction of the Beast's Armies (Revelation 19:21)
 - Christ destroys the armies of the Beast.