

## **The Glorious Return of the King** (Message # 43)

Revelation 19: 11-21

We have spent many months moving through the details of Revelation. We have dealt with the messages to the churches, the glories of heaven, and the judgment of God. Much of Revelation deals with the Great Tribulation, the period prior to the Lord's return.

If you remember way back in [Chp.1](#) we discovered that this is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. We must keep in mind that Jesus is the focus of the book. It is easy to get side tracked and lose our focus dealing so much with the righteous judgments of God.

But, in [Chp.1:7-8](#) we find a promise that is about to be fulfilled. [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.](#) Here we find that Jesus is about to return and claim what is rightfully His. He is coming to reclaim all of creation.

We have read the account of literal future events. For generations the world has lived as if there is no God, refusing to believe that He would come again. The Bible is clear about His return and these verses give us great insight to that day. Let's take some time tonight to consider the truths concerning: [The Glorious Return of the King](#).

**I. The Virtue of the King** (11-16) – I remember the account of the Lord that John penned in [Chp.1](#). There on Patmos he beheld the King in all of His glory. These verses also reveal the glory and splendor of our coming King.

**A. His Wonder** – There's several things about His wonder we need to see.

**1. He is Faithful and True** (11a) – As Jesus appears on a white horse the world will see the One who is faithful and true. Satan has been the author of lies and deceit. Ever since the fall of man this world has lived under the influence of the father of lies, but a King is coming who is faithful and true in all of His ways. He is a Man of His word. Every promise that He ever made He will keep and fulfill. [Rom.3:4 – yea, let God be true, but every man a liar.](#) [2 Cor.1:20 – For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.](#)

**2. He is Full of Righteousness (11b)** – This world has suffered under the heavy hand of power hungry, inconsiderate men, whose only objective was to gain their heart's desires, power, prestige, and riches. Much of what we see and experience in our day is without justice. Much of the world suffers under the hand of evil dictators, those who have no compassion for those they rule over.

- Jesus will come to set the record straight. He will come as a righteous judge. Men will be judged by His holy standard. This will not be the battle of a power hungry dictator, but a war of a holy God who has come to declare His holiness and bring judgment upon those who have denied Him and earned their just reward. His judgments are righteous and true.

**3. He is a Flame of Fire (12a)** – John describes Him as having [eyes as a flame of fire](#). This reveals the omniscient, all seeing eye of Christ. Men have lived under the cover of the darkness of sin, indulging in the pleasures of the flesh, but Jesus has seen their deeds; He knows their acts of wickedness.

- He will return wearing [many crowns](#), revealing His power and authority. He was despised of men, belittled and rejected the first time He came. The Lord was given a crown of thorns and a borrowed tomb. When He comes again, it won't be as before; He will come wearing a crown of glory, not as a humble man, but as a ruling judge being seated on a throne of power!

**B. His Witness** – The Lord is described with many names throughout the Bible. To the hungry, He is the Bread of Life; the thirsty, He is that Living Water, the despaired, a Counsellor; the sheep, our Shepherd; the builder, the Cornerstone; the wayward, the Door; to all that belong to Him, our Lord, Master, Redeemer, and King. In these verses John declares a few more names for the matchless One. He is given:

**1. An Exclusive Name (12b)** – Jesus has a name that no man knows but Himself. I can't offer any suggestions to what that name might be. All I know is that it is a name reserved for our Lord.

- It may have to do with the end of the grace period of time. For thousands of years the wonderful name of Jesus has been preached. Even those left upon earth have heard His name, but they have chosen to reject and deny it. For many His name was used only in cursing and defying God. These have refused to know the name of Jesus and now He has a name that men cannot know.

**2. An Eternal Name (13b)** – His name is called the Word of God. [Jn.1:1-2 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the](#)

[beginning with God](#). This is an eternal name, revealing the eternal nature of Christ. There has never been a time when He wasn't and there will never be a time when He ceases to exist.

- Aren't you glad for the Word that became flesh and dwelt among men? He came to earth so that we might be saved. The eternal God humbled Himself to a robe of flesh for the redemption of mankind. He desires to illuminate the hearts of those who need a Savior! He came to fulfill the Word in human form, fulfilling the promises of God.

**3. An Exalted Name** (16) – There is no other name that can compare to the name of Jesus. He has the name [King of kings and Lord of lords](#). Never has a name so moved the masses of humanity. Never has a name brought such hope and joy as the name of Jesus. Never has a name changed the eternal destiny of men, only the name of Jesus has the power to do that. He is the sovereign God, Creator and ruler of the universe. He is the One to whom all others will bow. He has been given a name above every name. I rejoice tonight that I have submitted my life to the rule of the Savior. I haven't just heard that wonderful name; I have put my faith and trust in Him.

**C. His Warfare** (13a; 14) – As Jesus returns in power, He will wear a [vesture dipped in blood](#). He came the first time and was stripped of His blood stained garment; it was gambled for as if it were a prize. He won't be stripped and humiliated when He returns; He will come with the blood of His enemies upon His vesture. ([Is.63:1-3](#))

- [V.14](#) – Jesus will return, but He won't be alone. He will be followed by the armies of heaven riding white horses, clothed in fine linen. The redeemed of God will return with Christ when comes again! What a glorious thought to ride upon a white stallion as our Lord conquers His enemies and sets up His rule upon the earth. We won't come to fight, just rejoice in Christ!

**D. His Weaponry** (15) – This will be a battle like none before. There will be no conventional weapons of warfare. The Lord will simply speak and His mighty voice will go forth as a sharp sword to devour His enemies.

- There is power in the word of Christ. While here on earth His power was displayed time and again by simply speaking. His word calmed seas, brought peace to troubled waters, and even raised the dead.
- I remember the day that the voice of God spoke to me. It had the power to lift me out of my dead condition and bring new life. What power in His word! ([Heb.4:12](#)) The battle will end before men have time to react.

## **I. The Virtue of the King** (11-16)

**II. The Victory of the King** – These remaining verses deal with the glorious victory that our Lord will win over Satan and his evil power. In these moments of victory we find:

**A. The Final Preparation** (17-18) – Jesus is about to consume His adversaries and He calls for the fowls of the air to make themselves ready. God is about to prepare a great supper for the birds as they consume the flesh of men. It is the desires of the flesh that has kept them away from God. It is the flesh that continually wars against the spirit.

- Here the fowls of the air will consume the very thing that kept these from salvation. What a horrid picture we see as the Bible reveals the fate of those who have rejected Christ. Of all the things that we face in this life, our flesh is likely our biggest hindrance. We will one day have a new glorified body and the lust of the flesh will be a thing of the past!

**B. The Global Opposition** (19) – We have dealt with this already in Revelation, but now the time has come for the great battle of Armageddon. The kings and armies of the world will gather to do battle with the Lord. They have gathered in hopes of defeating the One whom they hate. Their lives and pleasures have gone against all that Jesus is. They have dominated the world during the Tribulation and feel as if this will be the last step in obtaining their sinful desires.

- What they have failed to realize is that God has worked all of this out. They are simply obeying the will of God without even knowing it. He has drawn the armies of the world together to destroy them. This world may feel as if they are in control and accountable to no one, but one day all will give account to God. For these, their day of reckoning will be at Armageddon.

**C. The Total Devastation** (20-21) – The effort that these put forth to defeat the Lord will be futile. He will soundly defeat them on that fateful day. There won't be a single one left standing when God is through. He will deal with them according to His plan. These verses reveal the destiny of two distinct groups. God will defeat:

**1. Satan's Ministers** (20) – Antichrist and the false prophet will be judged of the Lord. Those who deceived the hearts of men and worked great wickedness will be unable to escape the hand of God. There will be no miracles that they can perform to escape the hand of God. They will be cast into the lake of fire alive.

- Antichrist has enjoyed a season of prominence, but his time of power has come to a dreadful end. Can you imagine the blow to the armies moral as the Lord snatches these two from their midst and cast them into eternal damnation? After Christ deals with these, He will turn His vengeance upon:

**2. Sinful Men** (21) – Those who are left, the remnant of the earth dwellers must now face the final wrath of God. This is a dreadful picture. The Lord who gave Himself upon a cross for all who would believe now stands to judge those who denied Him.

- He was just in that He sent preachers and prophets proclaiming repentance and coming judgment. These refused His mercy and judgment is all that remains. By the word of His voice, multitudes die and slip of into an eternal hell as the fowl of the air devour their dead carcasses.
- God is a God of mercy, but one day His mercy will end. One day God will judge this world. Just as sure as the Word of God proclaims it, Jesus will return in power and glory!

I praise the Lord that I was offered His salvation. I praise Him for giving me the faith I needed to accept Him. I rejoice tonight that I have been saved and will return with my Lord.

Just remember, there is no middle ground with God. You are either saved or lost, redeemed and sanctified or separated and condemned. Do you know for sure that you have been saved? If not please come and seek Jesus. He wants you to miss all of this.