

The King Is Coming – 6

The Man on the White Horse - Part II

Introduction - We are looking at the second part of lesson 6. In the first part of this lesson, we dealt with Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet. During this time, Satan will appear to be successful for a time. But his time of reigning will be limited to seven years. In the latter half of those seven years, terrible things will take place on this earth. It will be a time of darkness and a time of judgment by God. For the Christian, we are looking for the Lord's return.



The Bible says in **Titus 2:13** that we should live in light of Christ's imminent return, "13 *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*"

In the **first stage** of the Lord's return, He will catch away His church. During the time of the tribulation, while we are in heaven, two events will take place. They are:

1. The Judgment Seat of Christ for the Christian. **John 5:22, Romans 14:10-12, I Corinthians 3:10-15, II Corinthians 5:10**
2. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. **Matthew 25:1-13, Ephesians 5, Revelation 19:7-9**

⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 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. 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.

"Following this happy scene in heaven, we come to the study of the Man on the white horse...He comes from heaven, and He rides upon a white horse, which symbolizes victory, peace, and purity." - Dr. Lee Robertson

At the end of the tribulation period, **the Lord Jesus Christ will return**. The Bible speaks about this return in several passages. Here are just a few:

Matthew 24:27 describes it, “27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Luke 17:24 repeats this truth for us, “24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.”

Matthew 24:29–30 “29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”



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Revelation 1:7 “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.”

Revelation 19:11 “11 And 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.”

Isaiah 64:1–2 “1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, That the mountains might flow down at thy presence, 2 As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, To make thy name known to thine adversaries, That the nations may tremble at thy presence!”

What does the Bible tell us about the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ?

One of the main passages that deal with this subject is found in **Revelation 19**, beginning in **verse 11**.

Revelation 19:11 “11 And 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.”

His _____

We noticed in the last lesson the description of Satan as a dragon and the Antichrist and the False Prophet as beasts. This is contrasted with the awesome picture of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Two similar passages in the book of Revelation give us an awesome description of the Lord Jesus Christ. One passage is found here in Revelation 19. The other is found in **Revelation 1**. In **Revelation chapter 1**, we have a stirring picture of the Lord.

Revelation 1:12–18 *“12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 **His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;** 15 And **his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.** 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and **out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword:** and **his countenance was as the sun** shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”*

His Eyes - No one can escape the eyes of Christ. These flaming eyes speak to His piercing view of all things. They speak to His judgment.

His feet - His feet are described as fine brass. The brass is described as brilliant brass. It has a brilliant luster to it. This brass speaks to **judgment and purification, strength and stability**.

His Head/Hair - This white hair speaks to His eternity. There is an allusion to **Daniel 7:9**, where we see the description of the Ancient of Days.

His Voice - Is said to be like the sound of many waters.

His Word and Mouth - He but speaks, and it is done. His Word is powerful. There are just too many references to God’s Almighty power displayed by nothing but His speech.

His Countenance - Is exceedingly bright—as the Sun shining to its utmost degree. It is blinding. We think immediately of Saul on the road to Damascus.

His Garments - Are pictured here as that of high rank and authority to judge.

The description gets even more awesome. Turn back to **Revelation 19**.

Revelation 19:12 *“12 His 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.”*

On the head of our Savior are the crowns of rulership. The term that is used here is the word ‘diadem’ (διάδημα - diadēma). These crowns explicitly show that our Savior is the rightful and powerful ruler of all. In addition, we are given four descriptive names in this passage.

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Attached to His name is the fact that in righteousness, He doth judge and make war. Not only is His name Faithful, but His name is True. Secondly, we discover that **He has an unknown name**. This is found in **verse 12**.

The _____ Name

Revelation 19:12 *“12 His 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.”*

Dr. Robertson stated in his book, “There is nothing more to say about this.” The third name given to us is found in **verse 13**.

Revelation 19:13 *“13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God**.”*

The _____

“The word of God finds its full expression in His person, and appropriately, He bears the name “The Word of God” (Johnson).

_____ **OF KINGS AND** _____ **OF LORDS**

He is the King of kings. No earthly ruler, principality, power, or authority can touch Him. He is Majesty of all majesties. He is Almighty God, the Sovereign over all creation!

His Vesture

The Bible tells us His vesture is dipped in blood. There are two prevailing opinions regarding His vesture worn by the Lord, of which both may be true.

One view is “that the blood in which His garment is dipped in His own blood shed at Calvary because elsewhere in Revelation the blood mentioned in connection with Him is His own lifeblood (1:5; 5:9; 7:14; 12:11).” A second view, that strongly correlates with His second coming, is that this represents the shedding of the blood of His enemies. (**Revelation 14:14-20**)



Revelation 14:20 “20 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.”

Isaiah 63:1–3 “1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, Travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, And thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; And of the people there was none with me: **For I will tread them in mine anger, And trample them in my fury; And their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, And I will stain all my raiment.**”

His _____

The Lord will return with His army. There is a host with Him. We are told of **two groups** accompanying the Lord in His return. One group is mentioned in **II Thessalonians 1** and in the parable of the tares in **Matthew 13**. The other is in **Revelation 19**.

2 Thessalonians 1:7–8 describes **the mighty angels** who will come with the Lord.

*“7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed **from heaven with his mighty angels**, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

The second group is **the church, the saints before us, and those slain during the tribulation**.

Revelation 19:14 states, “14 And the armies which were in heaven **followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**”

Revelation 17:14 says, “14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and **they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**”

What is remarkable about this scene is that we follow the Lord with no weapons, no armor, and no sword. We are clothed in white, declaring righteousness and riding white

horses as victors following the victorious One.

His _____

Notice two verses in **Revelation 19**.

Revelation 19:11 *“11 And 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.”*

Revelation 19:15 *“15 And 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.”*

1. Christ is and will be victorious.

The description of the Antichrist, the False Prophet, the demonic hordes, and Satan Himself in the form of the Red Dragon are all dreadful. The events of the tribulation are incredible and undeniably a day of darkness and wrath. But when Christ comes— He will defeat these wicked persons single-handedly. He will set up His kingdom and rule as the Righteous One.

2. We will share in His victories, but we will not fight.

His victory is our victory. We are His and will forever be with Him.

3. We ought to live now in light of our appearance with Him.

“We will follow Him upon white horses, and we will be dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Our lives need to be clean and pure now. We must at this present moment live in a dirty, sinful world, but our hearts and lives can be clean by the cleansing blood.” - **Dr. Lee Robertson**