

Book of Revelation

27. The Second Coming



Revelation 19

Introduction

As we see the events taking place around the world there is a growing expectancy that Jesus is coming soon. His return is mentioned over 300 times in the New Testament alone. In this study we will learn more about this awe-inspiring event, an event that will end the Battle of Armageddon and usher in the reign of Jesus Christ on this earth.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 19:11 – 20:3



What are the characteristics of the rider on the white horse that clearly identify him as the Lord Jesus Christ? Give scriptural support for this.



Who do these 'armies of heaven' comprise of do you think? Revelation 19:14, 19
Compare with Revelation 19:8, 17:14; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Jude 14 and
Zechariah 14:5

There are scriptures that speak of Jesus returning with his angels, but in the verses we studied it says that He will return with His 'holy ones'. Who are they? The word for 'holy ones' is 'hagios', and elsewhere is translated as 'saints', or God's holy people who are set apart to Him. This is confirmed by John's description of them, as those wearing garments that are clean and white, and who are 'called, chosen and faithful followers.' Jesus returns to this earth with his people!



Although the language that is used in John's vision is symbolic, we know from the Word of God that Jesus' return will be physical. What further details can you learn about His coming from these scriptures?

Acts 1:11-12 compare with Zechariah 14:3-4; Mark 14:62; Revelation 1:7

(Jesus ascended into Heaven from the Mount of Olives and he will return to the same place that he departed from. He will come on the clouds of Heaven, and every person on earth will see him.)

As we read through the Book of Revelation we see Jesus as 'the Lamb', however in this passage we see him coming to 'make war'. v11. What will be the purpose of this war and what will be the outcome? Revelation 19:15, 19, 20, 20:3; Zechariah 14:9, 16

- (1. The purpose is to judge the nations.*
- (2. The beast and false prophet will be thrown into the fiery lake.*
- (3. Satan will be bound and thrown into the Abyss for 1000 years.*
- (4. Jesus will reign as King over the whole earth and those who remain on the earth will worship him.)*



Today God is speaking from His Word and through dreams and visions, to urge Christians that the second coming is very near.



Why is it that many Christians don't take this seriously? See 2 Peter 3:3-6. How can we live with a balance between continuing our daily lives, while preparing ourselves for Jesus' return on the other? Discuss.

Conclusion

Jesus said in Luke 12:35 and 37: "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes." Let us not get so busy with our studies or careers that we allow our lamps to grow dim!