

OUR LORD'S GLORIOUS APPEARING!

Revelation 19:11-21

INTRODUCTION: In looking at God's Novel of the days of mankind we often are led to believe that Satan has the upper hand. However, when we go to the end of the Book we regain our passion for being on God's side and for the life we are called to live until He comes. Revelation 19:11-13; John 1:1-3.

I. CHRIST'S APPEARANCE!

In Revelation 4:1 we see the apostle John is allowed to enter heaven. Now here in Revelation 19, heaven's door is open but not to let someone in but for Jesus to come out! These are two openings of heaven are pivotal points of the book of Revelation. Revelations 4:1 is a picture of the Rapture of the Church. Revelation 19:11 is known as the Second Coming of Christ. In the Rapture Jesus comes for His Church. But in the Second Coming Jesus comes with His Church. In the Rapture Jesus comes to the clouds: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. At that time everyone who does not believe in Jesus Christ is left behind for the seven-year Tribulation Time. In the Rapture, Jesus comes as a thief in the night but at the Second Coming every eye will see Him. Revelation 1:7-8. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey: Matthew 21:1-9. But when Jesus returns to this earth He is coming as a Conqueror: Revelation 19:11. Jesus is coming to confirm all His promises. His Word is faithful. When Jesus returns there will be no war on this earth for 1,000 years. Our Lord Jesus sees beyond the outside of man right into the heart: Revelation 19:12-12; Hebrews 4:13. Jesus has many crowns on His head because the Father is giving Him all the kingdoms of the world.

II. CHRIST ARMIES!

The armies of God are described in Revelation 19:14. There are angelic hosts in these armies: 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7. The saints of God will also be a part of that army: Jude 1:14-15: You and I will be in that army. How will we be outfitted for this battle? Revelation 19:14; Revelation 19:6-8. This army has been washed in the blood of the Lamb! Revelation 19:15.

III. CHRIST'S AUTHORITY!

Jesus Christ will come with the authority of God: Revelation 19:15-16. Jesus Christ's weapon is the same thing He used to create the worlds: It is His Word! Genesis 1:1-8. God made everything we see and even those things we cannot see by His Word! Jesus is going to set up a kingdom and His Word will be law! Revelation 19:15.

IV. CHRIST'S AVENGING!

Now we come to the end of our message with the avenging of Christ: Revelation 19:17-21. The beast here is the one world ruler who will rule during the tribulation time on this earth. The Lake of Fire is not a place of annihilation. They are still in the Lake of Fire when 1,000 years later Satan is thrown into the Lake of fire: Revelation 20:1-3; Revelation 20:7-10. The good news for us is if we choose Christ now we will be on the winning side! As we read the end of the Book we know Who really wins. Jesus has given us an invitation: Revelation 3:20. Knowing how God's story ends should move us toward godly passion for living for God's glory now!