

Eschatology

The Second Coming of Christ

The Revelation of the King of Kings

HEAVEN REJOICES

In anticipation of the physical return of Jesus to the earth (Rev. 19:1-10) we first see that heaven itself rejoices over the event that is about to take place is.

1. **Full salvation has come** (19:1)

The word “salvation” celebrates the final aspect of salvation history, the glorification of the saints in Christ’s kingdom. The coming of Christ prompts this praise as the angels anticipate the glory of His kingdom.

2. **Justice is provided** (19:2)

The wicked Babylon “the great harlot” (Rev. 17:1, 15-16) is destroyed because of her godlessness and her mistreatment of God’s people (18:24). As a result, God has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her (Deut. 32:42-43).

3. **Rebellion is ended** (19:3)

The destruction of the last and most powerful empire in human history marks the end of human rule. The rebellion that began in the Garden of Eden is finally ended (Rev. 18 & 19). There will be no more false religion or injustice.

4. **God is in control** (19:4-6)

The fitting finale to the heavenly chorus of praise is a fourth “Hallelujah!” followed by the motive for it – “For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.” The evil world system has been destroyed. God’s kingdom has come in its fullness.

5. **The marriage of the Lamb is complete** (19:7-10)

Refer back to pages 18 & 19 of your notes.

CHRIST'S GLORIOUS RETURN

Jesus promised that His second coming would be obvious to all: "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will be the coming of the son of Man be" (Matt. 24:27). One of the factors ensuring that no one misses Christ's return is the cosmic nature of the final signs:

Isaiah 13:9-15; Joel 2:30-31; Matt. 24:29-31; Luke 21:25-26; Rev. 19:11-13

Many passages in both the OT and the NT describe the second coming of Jesus, however John gives us the most vivid description in Rev. 19:11-21.

1. The return of the Conqueror (19:11-13)

Instead of riding on the back of a donkey in humiliation, Jesus rides the traditional white horse ridden by victorious Roman generals in their triumphal processions through the streets of Rome. The symbolic language represents various aspects of the reality of the physical return of Jesus Christ.

The blood on his robe does not represent the blood of the cross. It is a picture of judgment. The blood is the blood of His slaughtered enemies (Isaiah 63:1-6; Rev. 14:14-20).

2. The regiments of the Conqueror (19:14)

There will be four groups that make up the troops of Jesus' army:

- The bride of the Lamb, i.e. the church (Rev. 19:7-8)
- The tribulation believers (Rev. 7:9)
- The resurrected OT saints (Dan. 12:1-2)
- The holy angels from heaven (Matt. 25:31)

3. The rule of the Conqueror (19:15-16)

His words of judgment will bring death to those at Armageddon and also to those unbelievers still alive at His return at the sheep and goat judgment (Matt. 25:31-46) following Christ's return. During His 1000-year reign, He will rule the nations with a rod of iron (Ps. 2:8-9; Rev. 12:5).

His name "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Expresses His sovereign, absolute rule in His soon-to-be-established kingdom.

4. The victory of the Conqueror (19:17-21)

Here we see the victory of Jesus at the fourth and final battle of the campaign of Armageddon (refer to last weeks notes). The angel commands the birds to “assemble for the great supper of God.”

That is the result of the battle will be a massive slaughter.

It is at this time that the beast (Antichrist) and his False Prophet will be seized and cast (alive) into the lake of fire.

An angel will come from heaven and literally chain Satan in hell for the duration of the Millennial Kingdom reign of Christ.

For further studies of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, I would encourage you to make the following verses part of your daily devotions this week:

Daniel 2:44-45

Mark 13:14-27

1 Peter 4:12-13

Daniel 7:9-14

Mark 14:62

2 Peter 3:1-14

Daniel 12:1-3

Luke 21:25-28

Jude 1:14-15

Zechariah 12:10

Acts 1:9-11

Revelation 1:7

Zechariah 14:1-15

Acts 3:19-21

Revelation 19:11-20:6

Matthew 13:41

1 Thess. 3:13

Revelation 22:7,12,20

Matthew 24:15-31

2 Thess. 1:6-10

Matthew 26:64

2 Thess. 2:8

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight.
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend!
Even so, “it is well with my soul.”

Is it well with your soul?

Matt. 24:36-42