

# REVELATION 19

## THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

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### HEAVEN REJOICES OVER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HARLOT (19:1-6)

#### *The Place of Rejoicing (19:1).*

After the destruction of Religious and Economic Babylon John hears the voices of many people in heaven praising God. They ascribe to Him salvation, glory, honor and power (see Frequently Used Words for Worship in the Book of Revelation).

#### *The Purpose for the Rejoicing (19:2-3).*

God keeps immaculate records and the religious and economic systems that have persecuted God's servants will finally face His righteous judgments. The smoke of their torment will rise up forever, this in an indication of the eternity of their judgment.

#### *The People of Rejoicing (19:4-6).*

Three entities in heaven offer a final benediction regarding God's judgment upon the harlot:

- The twenty-four elders and the living creatures fall down and worship the Lord and say, "Amen. Allelujah."
- A voice came out of the throne saying, "Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great."
- A thunderous voice is heard from a great multitude saying, "Allelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

## THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB (19:7-10)

### *The Bride at the Wedding (19:7-8).*

Heaven rejoices because the bride “hath made herself ready.” The bride at this wedding is the Church, the Body of Christ. This preparation was done at the Judgement Seat of Christ described in; Romans 14:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:11-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10. This is the wedding ceremony of the Lamb to His bride. Because the bride was cleansed at the Judgement Seat of Christ, she is given “fine linen, clean and white” which represents the “righteous acts of the saints.”

### *The Blessed at the Wedding (19:9-10)*

The ones who are invited to the marriage supper are called “Blessed.” There is much speculation as to who these guest are that are called to the marriage supper. Some believe the Church is both the Bride and the guests. Based on Matthew 25:1-13, the Parable of the Ten Virgins, some say they are Jews saved during the Tribulation. While others hold to the theory they are Gentiles saved during the Tribulation.

The place and time of the wedding is also a subject of much debate. Listed below are three views:

- It will take place in Heaven just before the Second Coming of Christ.
- It will begin in Heaven continue on earth after the Second Coming of Christ.
- It will take place at the beginning of the Millennium here on earth.
- The entire Millennial period will be the Marriage Feast.

## THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST/BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON (11-21)

### *His Character (19:11-13, 16)*

In verses 12-13 we have a description of Christ when He returns at His Second Coming. These descriptive phrases are not just put there to fill space but are there for a specific reason. They are symbolic descriptions of Christ in relationship to what He is about to do. He is about to wage war against evil and on the armies of the earth gathered against Him. The chart on the following chart shows Christ’s description for battle:

<b>SYMBOLIC</b>	<b>SYMBOLIC</b>	<b>MANIFESTATION</b>
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<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>IN THE BATTLE</b>
His eyes were like a flame of fire.	His flaming eyes symbolize the piercing and penetrating insight into the hearts of men. His eyes also communicate the indignation and displeasure with what He sees.	Christ has conducted a penetrating examination against His enemies and is displeased with what He sees (Rom. 2:16).
On His head were many crowns.	A crown is symbolic of rulership. Many crowns would indicate authority over many nations.	Kings and rulers will gather against Christ but he will conquer them and rule over the earth (Ps. 2:1-12).
He had a name written, that no man knew.	He had a name that no man had ever seen or heard of before.	The ones who are gathered against Him did not know Him or His name. But they are about to find out who He is (Phil. 2:9-11).
He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood.	There are two different views regarding the meaning of this phrase. Some say it represents the blood He shed on the cross which symbolizes redemption, while others say it represents the blood of His enemies which is symbolic of their blood about to be shed.	Represents the execution of judgment and blood shed during the battle (Rev. 14:14-20).
His name is called the Word of God.	Jesus is the Word ( <i>Logos</i> ) of God. Among the several definitions for the Greek term <i>logos</i> , one of them is the English word “words.” This refers to the words that are spoken from the mouth of a person as an expression of what is within him.	In this battle Christ will overcome evil. Since He is the <i>Logos</i> of God (expression of God) He will express God’s wrath against ungodliness (Rom. 1:18).
He hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, <b>KINGS OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS</b>	His identification as King symbolizes His rule over all and Lord symbolizes that He is Master over all.	He will triumph over every enemy in this battle and all will recognize His as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

*His Comrads (19:14).*

They rode upon white horses (14a). These armies are like the One they are following. They are riding on white horses which is an indication they are conquerors. Romans 8:37 says, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” They were clothed in fine linen, white and clean (14b). This means the soldiers in the army have been judged, purified and found worthy to ride in Christ’s cavalry. It should also be noted that they do not have any weapons. They need no weapons because they will not have to fight, Christ will do all of the fighting.

*His Campaign (19:15, 17-21).*

As Christ executes judgment during this Campaign, He will defeat His enemies with a sharp sword that proceeds from His mouth which will cause great bloodshed (15). An angel standing in the sun will call to the birds to come and consume the dead bodies of those who opposed Christ—kings, captains, mighty men, free men, slaves, the small, the great and even their horses (17-18, 21). Also the beast and the false prophet will be thrown into a lake of fire burning with brimstone (19-20). See Revelation 14:14-20 for a further description of this battle.

As we turn to other passages we see further devastation described resulting from this Campaign. *Insanity*, animals will experience terror and men will become insane. On this day the Lord will cause the horses to panic and every soldier to be struck with insanity (Zech. 12:4). *Atomic Meltdown*, the warriors against Christ will experience some type of atomic meltdown; their flesh will rot on their bones, eyes will decay in their sockets and teeth will decay in their mouth (Zech. 14:12). *Massive Bloodshed*, in Revelation 14:14-20 we read about the massive bloodshed that will result from this battle. In this passage we read about two angelic executors of this judgment:

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