

-The Glorious & Terrifying Appearing of Christ-

OPENING

In this study we will look at that moment that every genuine believer and lover of God looks forward to... when Jesus Christ comes to this world as the King of Kings with the triumphal entourage of redeemed saints in the heavenly procession. He will come to make war on Satan, the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and the kings of the earth. The Bible calls this “the blessed hope”.... Read **Titus 2:12**.

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the Scriptures teach a literal, physical (bodily), and visible return of Christ to this earth and to establish His kingdom and rule for a thousand years. The greatest theme of all Bible prophecy is the second coming of Christ. There are 1,845 references to it in the Old Testament and 318 references to it in the New Testament. This means 1 out of every 30 verses in the Bible talks about Christ’s Second Coming!

Jesus first coming revealed the love and grace of God. But His second coming will reveal the holiness, justice, and judgement of God.

Read the earliest prophecy about Jesus’ return: **Jude 14-15**

Read the last message of the Bible: **Revelation 22:20**

Christ will return at the end of the Tribulation period: Read Matthew 24:29-31

DISCOVER – The Rider on the White Horse – READ REVELATION 19:11-16

A. THE APPEARANCE OF THE KING

** He is given three names to be identified. What are they?*

1. Faithful and True
2. The Word of God
3. King of Kings and Lord of Lords

** What does He look like?*

1. Eyes like fire
2. Crowned with many crowns
3. Robe dipped in blood
4. Riding a white horse... this is not the rider of the white horse from Revelation 6:2. That is the Antichrist.

B. THE ARMIES OF THE KING

When Jesus comes back, He’s going to have “armies” following Him. There are at least two kinds of armies that will be here....

1. Angels.....READ Matthew 25:31

2. Saints.....READ Jude 14

Throughout Revelation, the church is pictured in different symbols. First, we are as the 24 elders around the throne. Second, we are seen as the bride of Christ, the church. Third, we become part of the army of the Lord.... We’re coming back with Him!

C. THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING READ Revelation 19:15-16

What is coming out of His mouth? What does this mean?

Read **Hebrews 4:12**..... What does this tell us about the authority of Christ's words?

Read **John 18:4-6** for a preview of what Revelation 19 will be like.

READ REVELATION 19:17-19

D. THE ADVERSARIES OF THE KING

There's going to be a battle which will take place at a place called 'Har-Magiddo' – Armageddon, the mountain of Megiddo (Rev. 16:16). Who are the enemies that will come and gather themselves to fight against Israel and against God Himself?

1. The Beast (Antichrist)
2. The False Prophet
3. The kings of the earth

READ Psalms 2:1-6..... God laughs and says, "This is going to be a short battle!"

READ REVELATION 19:20-21

E. THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE KING

This is the world's shortest battle. Whack, Whack! What word Jesus will speak to end this battle we do not know.... Possibly "I AM!" What will then happen?

What happens to the Beast and the False Prophet?

The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be taken and immediately thrown alive into the 'Lake of fire' by the King of Kings. They will be the first inhabitants of that horrendous place of eternal judgement. This is final victory over the earthly manifestations of Satan's power.

What happens to the kings of the earth and their armies?

*All the remaining kings and their armies will be destroyed by the Word from the Rider on the white horse. They actually die in the valley of Armageddon by the Words of Christ. Look how much blood flows from this battle: READ **Revelation 14:19-20**.*

Revelation 19:18 depicts untold numbers that were lying dead in the valley of Meggido. It does not matter if you were a general or private, the birds will not know the difference. With God has never been a distinction...He is not impressed with your position in life...the birds will eat them all. This same fate awaits the God-hating rebels everywhere in the world.

CLOSING THOUGHT:

The Second Coming is both glorious and terrifying. In anticipation of the Second Coming, Christians should live soberly, righteously, and godly (Titus 2:12).

When you stand before God would you rather hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord"? or "Depart from me, I never knew you!"?