

THE COMING OF CHRIST AS CONQUEROR

REVELATION 19:11—16

Introduction

This passage launches the close of human history. This is Armageddon, the final and climactic war upon earth. This is the battle that destroys all the ungodly and evil upon this earth, the battle that ushers in the righteousness of God upon earth. Shockingly, Jesus Christ Himself will fight this battle. This is the scene of the present passage, a picture of Jesus Christ that is seldom imagined. It is the picture of Jesus Christ coming to earth as the Conqueror. Note: there is no action in these six verses; they only give us a picture of what Christ will look like when He returns to earth as the Warrior and Conqueror of heaven.

- I. The conquering Christ (v. 11).
- II. The consuming Prince (v. 12).
- III. The slaughtering Word of God: clothed in blood (v. 13).
- IV. The heavenly, warring Leader: heavenly armies follow (v. 14).
- V. The fierce Conqueror (v. 15).
- VI. The King of kings and Lord of lords: a revealed name (v. 16).

I. *Revelation 19:11 Jesus Christ, the Conquering Christ*

Jesus Christ will be the *conquering Christ* (v. 11). This is what the picture of the white horse symbolizes. In ancient times, when a Roman general entered a city as the conqueror, he rode a white stallion to celebrate his triumph. The day will come when Jesus Christ returns to this earth as the conqueror. And when He does, man can depend upon two things.

1. Jesus Christ will be the faithful and true Conqueror.
 - => Faithful means that He can be trusted and relied upon to judge every enemy when He comes. He said that He would conquer and judge and condemn all the ungodly and evil of this world, and His Word can be trusted and relied upon.
 - => True means true as opposed to false. The conquest and judgment of Jesus Christ will be true. Jesus Christ will mete out exactly what a person deserves, no more and no less. No ungodly and evil person need ever fear that Jesus Christ will be unjust or unfair with him. Every ungodly and evil person can count on Jesus Christ being true. Jesus Christ will judge a person perfectly, in perfect justice. A person will reap exactly what he has sown. He will be judged and condemned for exactly what he has done.
 2. Jesus Christ will judge and make war upon the earth with justice. His righteousness will be the criteria, the law by which all shall be judged. Any person who does not measure up to the righteousness of Jesus Christ will be conquered, judged and condemned exactly where he comes up short.
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Mat 16:27 “For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.”

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Rev 22:12 “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.”

Psa 62:12 And that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.

Jer 17:10 “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.”

II. **Revelation 19:12** *Jesus Christ, the Consuming Prince*

Jesus Christ will be the *consuming Prince* (v. 12).

1. His eyes will be like blazing fire. This symbolizes a piercing, penetrating power. He sees everywhere, even in the dark places and behind closed doors. His eyes search the innermost recesses of the heart. He knows all; He is omniscient and He is able to conquer all those who reject Him and do evil.

Dan 10:6 His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

Heb 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Jer 17:10 “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.”

Jer 23:24 Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.

2. He will be wearing many crowns (diadema), that is, the royal crowns of rule and authority over many kingdoms. He is coming to conquer all the kingdoms of the earth.
3. He will have a name written somewhere on His clothing, but He alone knows what the name will be. It is futile to guess what it will be. We will see it on that day.

Phil 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Rev 19:12 *His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.*

III. Revelation 19:13 Jesus Christ, the Slaughtering Word

Jesus Christ will be the *slaughtering Word of God* (v. 13). Note that His robe will be dipped in blood. This symbolizes the blood of His enemies, not His own redemptive blood. Jesus Christ is going to conquer and defeat all the ungodly and evil of this earth. Now note a most significant fact: how He is going to do it. By the Word of God. He possesses the power of God's Word. In fact, this is His very name, the Word of God. Therefore, all He has to do is speak the Word and the very power and energy and force of His Word will slaughter the ungodly and evil of the world.

Isa 63:3 *"I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing.*

Isa 11:4 *But with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.*

Heb 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

IV. Revelation 19:14 Jesus Christ, the Heavenly Leader

Jesus Christ will be the *heavenly, warring Leader* (v. 14). Note that the armies of heaven follow Him. Who are they? Note: they will be dressed in "fine linen, white and clean." This is the very same clothing worn by the believers at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb (cp. Rev. 19:8). Therefore, the armies will include the believers who have followed Christ the Messiah down through the centuries, both the believers of the Old and New Testament. The armies will include all the redeemed. In addition, the armies will include the multitude of angels that Jesus Christ said He was going to bring with Him when He returned to earth (Mt. 25:31).

Mat 25:31 *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory."*

2 Th 1:7-9 *And give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.*

Jude 1:14-15 *Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”*

V. Revelation 19:15 Jesus Christ, the Fierce Conqueror

Jesus Christ will be the *fierce Conqueror*. This is seen in three things.

1. First, He will have a weapon; a sharp sword will proceed out of His mouth. This symbolizes that His weapon will be the power of His Word. The Word of God is the sword of God.

Eph 6:17 *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

Heb 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

Isa 11:4 *But with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.*

2. Second, He will strike and rule the nations of the earth with an iron sceptre. He will conquer and subject them all and take His rightful place as the Sovereign Lord over the earth and all its peoples.

Psa 2:9 *“You will rule them with an iron sceptre; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”*

Isa 11:4 *But with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.*

3. Third, He will execute the fury of the wrath of God Almighty (see pt. 2, Rev. 14:18-19; also see Rev. 14:10-11).

VI. Revelation 19:16 Jesus Christ, King of kings

Jesus Christ will be the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is the *sovereign King and Sovereign Lord* of the universe. No one exists except by His will and no one shall be allowed to be a citizen of His kingdom unless they have His approval. When He comes as conqueror, He is going to banish all those who have not acknowledged and subjected themselves to His sovereignty, who have *not worshipped and served* Him as the greatest of all Kings and Lords.

1 Tim 6:15 Which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

Rev 17:14 “They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings – and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. ■