

# ✿ Midweek Bible Study

## Exposition of Revelation The Returning Warrior-King Rev. 19:11-21

### I. The Description of the King (19:11-16)

- A. I saw heaven opened (11a)
- B. The white horse and its rider (11b)
- C. In Righteousness he judges and wages war (11c)
- D. Eyes are a flame of fire and on his heads many diadems (12a)
- E. He has a name written which no one knows except himself (12b)
- F. Clothed in a robe dipped in blood (13a)
- G. His name is called the Word of God (13b)
- H. Description of his armies (14)
- I. From his mouth a sharp sword (15)  
Cf. Isa. 49:2
  
- J. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written (16)  
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS
  - 1. A superlative title
  - 2. Denotes his absolute supremacy over all earthly powers, heavenly powers!

*The mystery is of One who hung defenseless on the cross, taking the punishment for our sins and calling us to serve Him in weakness, yet who one day will ride forth to execute vengeance, with us alongside Him. A true understanding of Christ can only come as we consider all these elements of who He is.<sup>1</sup>*

### II. The Great Supper of God (19:17-18)

- A. An angel standing in the sun (17a)
  
- B. His invitation (17b-18)
  - 1. come, assemble for the great supper of God  
A parody of the marriage supper of the Lamb  
A celebration of the defeat of Christ's enemies
  
  - 2. So you may eat ....

“It depicts God’s curse on rebels. The curse includes not only death for the wicked, but the dishonoring of their bodies after death. Instead of receiving honorable burials, their bodies are devoured by births (Cf. Gen. 40:19; Deut. 28:26; 1 Sam. 17:44; 2 Sam. 21:10; 1 Kings 14:11). Poythress, 175.

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<sup>1</sup> G. K. Beale and David H. Campbell, 415.



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## III. The Final Victory (19:19-21)

- A. The enemies assembled (19)
  - 1. And I saw
  - 2. the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies (Cf. 16:14)
  - 3. Assembled to make war against him

*In what form this prediction will fulfil itself cannot be conjectured. But it seems to point to a last struggle between Society and the Church, or rather between Christ and Antichrist. Those who take note of the tendencies of modern civilization will not find it impossible to conceive that a time may come when throughout Christendom the spirit of Antichrist will, with the support of the State, make a final stand against a Christianity which is loyal to the Person and teaching of Christ.<sup>2</sup>*

- B. The enemies destroyed (20-21)

## Conclusion

- 1. No human survivors except the followers of the Lamb
- 2. The Lamb triumphs and so do we
- 3. His appearing is for judgment (and deliverance of his own, 2 Thess. 1:5-8)

## Application

- 1. We ought to love his appearing and long for his presence (2 Tim. 4:8)  
2 Thess. 1:10

Listen to songs and read books and love those texts!

Behold the Lamb, Bev Turner (Rejoice Africa!)  
We Shall Behold Him, Sandy Patty  
See, He Comes (Sovereign Grace)  
Glorious Day (Casting Crowns)  
When We See Your Face (Sovereign Grace)  
Come, Lord Jesus John Piper  
The Momentous Event (W.J. Grier)  
Christ and the Future Cornelis Venema  
The Promise of the Future  
The Bible and the Future Anthony Hoekema

- 2. We ought to pray for it and be ready for it (1 Pet. 4:7-8; Rev. 22:20; Matt. 25:1-13; 1 Thess. 5:2-6).

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<sup>2</sup> Henry Barclay Swete, ed., *The Apocalypse of St. John*, 2d. ed., Classic Commentaries on the Greek New Testament (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1906), 253.

