**the coming of the warrior-King**

(Revelation 19:11-21)

**Intro:**

**V. 11---**Now **I saw** heaven opened, and…He who…was called Faithful and True…

**V. 17---**Then **I saw** an angel standing in the sun…

**V. 19---**And **I saw** the beast…and…armies…gathered…to make war against [Christ]…

**I. The Coming of the Warrior-King** (19:11-13)

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| **Rapture** (Phase 1 of Christ’s Second Coming) | **Return to Earth** (Phase 2 of Christ’s Second Coming) |
| **Imminent**(Could happen at any moment) | **Not Imminent**(Will occur 7 years after the Rapture) |
| **Christ comes *for* His bride in the sky** (“our gathering together to Him” ---2 Thess 2:1).(“to meet the Lord in the air” ---1 Thess 4:17). | **Christ comes *with* His bride to the earth**(“the armies of heaven…followed Him” ---Rev 19:14).(“His feet shall stand on the Mount of  Olives”---Zech 14:4). |
| **Invisible (?)**(“in a moment, in the twinkling  of an eye”---1 Cor 15:51). | **Visible** (“every eye shall see Him”---Rev 1:7).(“they will see the Son of Man coming  on the clouds of heaven with power  and great glory”----Matt 24:30). |
| **Unexpected**(“like a thief in the night” ---1 Thess 5:2; cf. Rev 16:15). | **Expected**(“and he was given authority to  continue for forty-two months” --- Rev 13:5). |
| **Saved delivered from God’s wrath**(“even Jesus, who delivers us  from the wrath to come” ---1 Thess 1:10; 5:9). | **Unsaved experience God’s wrath**(“He Himself treads the winepress of  the fierceness and wrath of Almighty  God”---Rev 19:15; Zech 14:12) |
| **Saved transformed** (get glorified body)(“we shall all be changed” ---1 Cor 15:52; cf. 1 John 3:2). | **Unsaved decimated** (“killed with the sword from [His]  mouth”---Rev 19:21; cf. Zech 14:12). |
| **Saved with Christ forever**(“Then we who are alive and remain  shall be caught up together with them  in the clouds to meet the Lord in the  air. And thus we shall always be with  the Lord"---1 Thess 4:17). | **Unsaved separated from Christ forever**(“…when the Lord Jesus is revealed  from heaven with His mighty angels,  in flaming fire taking vengeance on  those who do not know God …  These shall be punished with  everlasting destruction from the  presence of the Lord…” ---2 Thess 1:7–9). |

1. **The Character of the Warrior-King**

At Christ’s first coming to earth 2000 years ago, He came as the humble suffering servant. At His Second Coming to earth, He will come as the avenging Warrior-King.

1. **Victorious**

 11 Now I sawheaven opened, and behold, a white horse.

1. **Trustworthy**

And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True,

1. **Just**

and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

1. **Punishing**

12 His eyes *were* like a flame of fire,

1. **Conquering**

and on His head *were* many crowns.

1. **Unfathomable**

He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

1. **Avenging**

13 He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood,

1. **Divine**

And His name is called The Word of God.

**B. The Comrades of the Warrior-King**

We know that Christ’s return to earth will include the angels, but it will also include the saints that served Him faithfully on earth.

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, (= the righteous acts of the saints) followed Him on white horses.

**Revelation 17:14**-----…He is Lord of lords and King of kings; **and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.**

It will be an amazing honor to ride with Christ into battle! He is returning as the King of kings and Lord of lords and He will want His fellow kings and queens with Him!

Another reminder from God to serve Him faithfully to the end!

**C. The Cause of the Warrior-King (19:15-16)**

The purpose of Christ’s return to earth is the punishing defeat of His enemies, the permanent dissolution of corrupt government, and the long-awaited inauguration of His rule over mankind.

**JUDGMENT:** 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword,

 that with it He should strike the nations. (see v. 21)

**RULERSHIP:** And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.

**JUDGMENT:** He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and
 wrath of Almighty God.

**RULERSHIP:** 16 And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

 KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

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1. The Coming of the Warrior King

**II. The Call of the Vultures (19:17-18)**

Birds of prey (like vultures) are called to come and eat the flesh of the armies of those opposed to Christ:

17 Then I saw

 an angel standing in the sun;

 and he cried with a loud voice,

 saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven,

“Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

18 that you may eat

the flesh of kings,

the flesh of captains,

the flesh of mighty men,

the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and

the flesh of all *people,* free and slave, both small and great.”

The fact that birds of prey are called to come and eat the flesh of the armies of those opposed to Christ ***before*** the battle has begun indicates that Christ’s victory is certain.

(Comments---do not live in fear!)

1. The Coming of the Warrior King
2. The Call of the Vultures (19:17-18)

**III. The Conquest of the Beast**

After the three-and-a-half-year reign of the Beast over the entire earth (cf. 13:5), the King of kings and Lord of lords will bring His reign to an end (cf. 2 Thess 2:8).

19 And I saw

the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies,

gathered together to make war

against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured,

and with him the false prophet

who worked signs in his presence,

by which he deceived those who received

 the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword

which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse.

And all the birds were filled [better, *gorged themselves*] with their flesh.

(Comments)

**Application**

* Who is on the throne of your life? Persons…Places…Things? Or Christ?
* When He was on earth, Jesus defeated Satan with His Word, and in the future, Jesus will defeat His enemies the same way.

Is your connection with His Word strong enough to defeat the enemy?

* Whose team are you on? The winners or the losers? Those who are saved or those who are lost?