

# REVELATION

The Second Coming  
of Christ

(Revelation 19:11-21)

*Isaiah 64:1-2: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!*

Isaiah's prayer is fully and finally answered in the Second Coming of Christ.

*Revelation 19:11-16: Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.*

*From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

Christ came once to provide salvation, and  
He comes again as a conquering King.

We should submit to Christ as our King in  
our lives today.



# 1. At the conclusion of the Tribulation, Christ returns in His Second Coming.

- ❖ At the end of Revelation 16, the nations of the earth gathered at Armageddon, the natural path to attack Jerusalem.
- ❖ Old Testament passages such as Zechariah 12-14 speak of the nations attacking Jerusalem, but the Lord coming to conquer the nations and delivering Jerusalem.

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❖ John 5:22: For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son.

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*Isaiah 63:1-5: Who is this who comes from **Edom**, in crimsoned garments from **Bozrah**, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save." Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. **I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me."***



# 1. At the conclusion of the Tribulation, Christ returns in His Second Coming.

B. Christ is also revealed as the conquering King.

1. Christ will defeat the Antichrist.

❖ Revelation 13:4: And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

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B. Christ is also revealed as the conquering King.

❖ Revelation 19:19-20: And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

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- ❖ Daniel 7:21-22: As I looked, this horn {the Antichrist} made war with the saints and prevailed over them, until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.
- ❖ The hope of Christ's coming is often for His deliverance and justice.

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2. Christ will also defeat the nations.

❖ Revelation 19:15: **From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron.** He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.



- ❖ Revelation 19:21: And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.
- ❖ Isaiah 11:3-5: And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; **and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.** Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

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3. Christ will also rule with a rod of iron.

❖ Psalm 2:8-9: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

❖ Many Old Testament passages look ahead to Christ ruling in His kingdom.

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C. At His coming, Christ is revealed as good.

❖ Vs. 11-Faithful and True

❖ Vs. 11-judges/makes war *in righteousness*

❖ Vs 13-Word of God

❖ Vs. 16-King of kings and Lord of lords

❖ In all these things, Christ shows Himself to be *good*.

❖ As Christ reveals Himself to be good, we can trust in this good King.

## 2. The armies of heaven follow Christ at His return.

❖ Revelation 19:14: And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

### A. Who are the armies of heaven?

❖ Who have we just seen wearing pure fine linen?

❖ 1 Thessalonians 3:13: So that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus **with all his saints.**



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A. Who are the armies of heaven?

- ❖ Revelation 17:14: They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.
- ❖ While other passages speak of angels also returning with Christ, Revelation emphasizes believers being with Christ at His return.

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B. The armies of heaven apparently carry no weapons.

- ❖ Their white clothing and white horses are described, but nothing is said about armor or weapons.
- ❖ Christ returns with the sword of His mouth and the rod of iron.
- ❖ Christ alone brings the victory. He needs no army to help Him.

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C. The armies of heaven's description gives us an idea about the timing of the Rapture.

❖ 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18: For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to **meet the Lord in the air**, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

# Four ideas for when the Rapture takes place

1. Pre-tribulation Rapture: believes the Rapture takes place before the Tribulation begins.
2. Mid-tribulation Rapture: believes the first half of the Rapture is not too bad and the Rapture takes place before the “Great Tribulation.”
3. Pre-wrath Rapture: believes the Rapture takes place before the seven bowl judgments, seeing them as the only wrath of God.
4. Post-tribulation Rapture: believes the Rapture is part of the Second Coming.



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- ❖ Revelation 19 shows believers in heaven wearing fine linen *before* the Second Coming of Christ.
- ❖ If believers meet the Lord in the air and then return to earth, how could they already be in heaven earlier in the chapter?

# **Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?**

- Revelation contains a lot of difficult ideas and things that are hard to explain. How could we summarize Revelation in two words?
- God wins.

# Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?

- Philippians 2:9-11: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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.
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NEXT TIME:  
REVELATION 20:1-6

- The Kingdom  
of Christ