

Second Coming Essentials:

- The Second Coming is the most anticipated event of all of Christian prophecy.
- Jesus was very clear that this event would take place immediately after the most horrific time of tribulation the world has ever seen (Matt. 24:29-30).
- This event signals the sudden end of the world as it has been since the sin of Adam.
- At the Second Coming, the nations will be judged, Satan will be bound, the Kingdom established, and all things will be under the reign of Jesus Christ.
- The Second Coming will allow the purpose of God in the creation of man to be fulfilled: Man will finally have dominion over the earth.

The Second Coming Seen | Revelation 19:11-16

- Verse 11
 - Those who teach the book of Revelation symbolically almost never take this symbolically. Beware of inconsistency of interpretation.
 - It is notable that the two things mentioned of the returning Savior are His judgment and His warfare. The age of grace will have ended, and judgment will have come.
- Verse 12
 - If no one knows the name but **he himself**, it would be useless to speculate what that name is.
- Verse 13
 - A robe dipped in blood: Compare Isaiah 63:1-3
 - His name is called the **word of God**. A very clear reference to John 1:1.
 - It does not seem that this is the name referred to in v. 12, since Christ as the **word of God** was known in John's gospel.
- Verse 14
 - Who are these armies?
 - Many say that these are the saved people from the rapture, and it could be, but the answer is not given.
 - The closest Biblical interpretation would be to take the 200 million-strong army of the four angels at the Euphrates (Rev. 9:14-16) as this same army. This interpretation requires
 - A rejection of any kind of Chinese or Indian interpretation of Revelation 9:14-16
 - Seeing the angels of Revelation 9:14-16 as "good" angels rather than demonic

- Rejecting the interpretation of the raptured church as the army.
 - Why has the common interpretation been that this is the church?
 - We like to read ourselves into as many Scriptures as possible.
 - The robes of **fine linen, white and clean** are considered to be the church because of the reference to similar linens in the Bride of Christ and in the church at Sardis (Rev. 3:2).
 - Since both of these are often interpreted as describing the church, it is presumed that this passage must also be about the church.
 - An important principle of interpretation: don't make the Bible say more than it says. All we can conclude is that he is accompanied by an army.
 - Verse 15 - The word **rule** is from **ποιμην [poimen]** which is often translated "shepherd."
 - Verse 16 - This gives a definitive identity of the One on the horse. Revelation 17:14 identifies the King of kings and Lord of lords as **the Lamb**.

The Battle of Armageddon | Revelation 19:17-19

- These verses give the chronology of the Battle of Armageddon, described in Rev. 16.
- Note that while many take the army in v. 14 to be the raptured church, they don't apply this so vividly by v. 19, often rejecting a literal army.

The Outcome of the Battle | Revelation 19:20-21

- Verse 20
 - Grammatically, this is one group of people. Why were these people deceived? Because of the **strong delusion, that they should believe a lie** that God sends (2 Thes. 2:11).
 - This is the first time we see the lake of fire. The Antichrist (Beast) and the False Prophet are the first to enter the lake of fire, even before Satan, who does not enter until after the 1,000 years (Rev. 21:10).
- Verse 21
 - If this **remnant is them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image** (v. 20), then we can conclude that:
 - Nobody with the mark of the beast will enter heaven
 - The Kingdom of God (millennium) begins only with "overcomers" who endured the tribulation without succumbing to the delusion of the Beast.
 - Note that some teach that repentance is possible after receiving the mark of the beast. This assumes that the age of grace has continued beyond the rapture.

Preparing for the Second Coming

- *Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved!*