

# THE REVELATION OF CHRIST AND THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

[BIBLE TEXT](#): Matthew 24:29-35; Jude 14, 15; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-21

LESSON 166 Junior and Senior Course

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a lire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him" (Psalm 50:3).

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**Matthew 24:29-35**

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**Jude 1:14-15**

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"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Revelation 1:7).

The Lord Jesus is coming back from the Marriage Supper of the Lamb with His overcoming saints **to** avenge the blood of His servants. His coming will be in such glory and power that the very brightness of it will destroy the wicked who will have been gathered to oppose the inauguration of His righteous Kingdom (Revelation 19:11-21 **2 Thessalonians 2:8** <sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **Revelation 16:12-14** <sup>12</sup> And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. <sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup> For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty).

He will come back with ten thousands of His saints in flaming fires of judgment. "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives" (Zechariah 14:4-9). The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ (Revelation 19:16 **Revelation 11:15** <sup>15</sup> And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.). And the kings of the earth, the great men, and the rich men, shall hide themselves and say to the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Revelation 6:16). They will cast their idols of silver and of gold to the moles and bats (**Isaiah 2:19-20** <sup>19</sup> And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. <sup>20</sup> In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; **Luke 23:27-31** <sup>27</sup> And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. <sup>30</sup> Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? **James 5:1-6** <sup>1</sup> Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon *you*. <sup>2</sup> Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. <sup>4</sup> Behold, the hire of the labourers who have

seventh from Adam,  
prophesied of these,  
saying, Behold, the Lord  
cometh with ten  
thousands of his saints,<sup>15</sup>  
To execute judgment upon  
all, and to convince all that  
are ungodly among them  
of all their ungodly deeds  
which they have ungodly  
committed, and of all their  
hard *speeches* which  
ungodly sinners have  
spoken against him.

### Revelation 1:7

<sup>7</sup> Behold, he cometh with  
clouds; and every eye  
shall see him, and they  
*also* which pierced him:  
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### Revelation 19:11-21

<sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven  
opened, and behold a  
white horse; and he that  
sat upon him *was* called  
Faithful and True, and in  
righteousness he doth  
judge and make war.<sup>12</sup>  
His eyes *were* as a flame  
of fire, and on his head  
*were* many crowns; and  
he had a name written,  
that no man knew, but he  
himself.<sup>13</sup> And he *was*  
clothed with a vesture  
dipped in blood: and his  
name is called The Word  
of God.<sup>14</sup> And the armies  
*which were* in heaven  
followed him upon white  
horses, clothed in fine  
linen, white and clean.<sup>15</sup>  
And out of his mouth  
goeth a sharp sword, that  
with it he should smite the  
nations: and he shall rule  
them with a rod of iron:

reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.<sup>5</sup> Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.<sup>6</sup> Ye have condemned *and* killed the just; *and* he doth not resist you).

According to the word of prophecy, Christ must come in this generation. He declared "that this generation [the generation that should see the signs fulfilled] shall not pass, till all these things be done" (Mark 13:30). The fig tree has begun to put forth leaves; in fact, it is almost in the full leaf of summertime (**Mark 13:28-29**<sup>28</sup> Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:<sup>29</sup> So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, *even* at the doors). The signs that Jesus said should come have taken place and all is in readiness, so far as we can see, for this grand event, with the possible exception that the Bride is not yet fully ready (**Matthew 24:3-14**<sup>3</sup> And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.<sup>5</sup> For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.<sup>6</sup> And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.<sup>7</sup> For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.<sup>8</sup> All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.<sup>9</sup> Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.<sup>10</sup> And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.<sup>11</sup> And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.<sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.<sup>13</sup> But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. **1 Thessalonians 3:13**<sup>13</sup> To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. **Revelation 20:6**<sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years).

The generation that heard the preaching of Noah saw the Flood come (**Genesis 6:9**<sup>9</sup> These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God. **Genesis 6:14-22**<sup>14</sup> Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.<sup>15</sup> And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.<sup>16</sup> A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.<sup>17</sup> And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.<sup>18</sup> But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.<sup>19</sup> And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.<sup>20</sup> Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.<sup>21</sup> And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.<sup>22</sup> Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. **2 Peter 2:5**<sup>5</sup> And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;). The Jews that heard the prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem saw it happen 40 years after (**Matthew 24:1-2**<sup>1</sup> And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.<sup>2</sup> And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down). Therefore, we have reason to feel that this generation which has seen these prophesied signs fulfilled will also see the coming of the Son of God.

#### The Two Appearances of Christ

There will be two appearances of Christ under the one coming. He will come, first in mid-air, as a thief in the night, when the fully-overcoming saints, living as well as dead, will be caught up to meet Him (**Matthew 24:14**<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. **Matthew 24:36**<sup>36</sup> But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. **Matthew 24:42**<sup>42</sup> Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. **Matthew 24:44**<sup>44</sup> Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. **John 14:3**<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**<sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,<sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. <sup>17</sup> And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; <sup>18</sup> That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great. <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. <sup>21</sup> And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

<sup>13</sup> But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. <sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: <sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words). The world of sinners will not see Him at that time, but only those will see Him whose spiritual eyes are open to the fact of His coming and who are ready for that return. The second appearance is the subject of this lesson, the Revelation of Christ (**Matthew 24:30-31** <sup>30</sup> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. **Acts 1:11** <sup>11</sup> Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** <sup>7</sup> And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>9</sup> Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; <sup>10</sup> When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day). At that time He will come with ten thousands of His saints and "every eye shall see him" (Revelation 1:7).

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At the Rapture He comes as the Bridegroom to take unto Himself a pure and holy Bride (**Matthew 25:1-10** <sup>1</sup> Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. <sup>3</sup> They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: <sup>4</sup> But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup> And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. **Ephesians 5:27** <sup>27</sup> That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.). At the Revelation He comes back with His Bride to rule the nations and to set up His Millennial Kingdom at which time the resurrected and glorified fully-overcoming saints will rule with Him here on earth (**Revelation 2:26-27** <sup>26</sup> And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: <sup>27</sup> And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. **Revelation 5:10** <sup>10</sup> And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. **Revelation 12:5** <sup>5</sup> And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. **Revelation 19:14** <sup>14</sup> And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean). At the Rapture He comes to meet the saints in the clouds (**1 Thessalonians 4:17** <sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord). At the Revelation He comes to the earth in His majesty. His feet shall stand, at the Revelation, on the Mount of Olives, at the same place from which His ascension took place two thousand years ago (**Zechariah 14:4-5** <sup>4</sup> And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. <sup>5</sup> And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee. **Acts 1:11** <sup>11</sup> Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into

heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.). The Rapture may occur at any moment, according to the promise (**Matthew 24:26-42** <sup>26</sup> Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. <sup>28</sup> For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. <sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: <sup>30</sup> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. <sup>32</sup> Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh: <sup>33</sup> So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. <sup>34</sup> Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. <sup>36</sup> But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. <sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, <sup>39</sup> And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. <sup>40</sup> Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. <sup>42</sup> Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come). But the Revelation cannot occur until the Antichrist has been revealed and the Great Tribulation transpires on the earth ( Revelation, chapters 8, 9, and 16 **Daniel 12:1** <sup>1</sup> And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** <sup>7</sup> And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>9</sup> Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; <sup>10</sup> When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day).

### The Kingdom of Heaven

The Revelation of Christ will usher in the personal reign of Jesus Christ on earth. The Church age, which was begun when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the 120 in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost, will end at the Rapture. At the close of the Great Tribulation, when Christ brings these resurrected and glorified full overcomers back to earth, and raises from their graves the ones who have been martyred during the Tribulation, the Kingdom of Heaven will enter an important phase, or stage.

The first stage, or phase, of the Kingdom of Heaven is the setting up of the Kingdom in the individual heart. The entrance into the Kingdom is by repentance (**Matthew 3:2** <sup>2</sup> And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Matthew 4:17** <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Matthew 6:10** <sup>10</sup> Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. **Matthew 10:7** <sup>7</sup> And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Matthew 11:11** <sup>11</sup> Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. **Luke 17:20-21** <sup>20</sup> And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: <sup>21</sup> Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you). The King comes into the heart of the sincere penitent and that person thereby becomes a member of the Kingdom, for where the King is, there is the Kingdom.

There is another phase of the Kingdom found in the world. It is the body of true believers who assemble together to worship God, to spread the Gospel, and to prepare themselves — to make themselves ready — for the Rapture of the Church, the coming of the King. And also in the midst of these who assemble in the name of the Lord there is the invisible Church, which in the Bible is called the Bride of Christ. This, in itself, is still a higher development of the Kingdom plan (**Revelation 19:7-8** <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. <sup>8</sup> And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. **Revelation 21:2** <sup>2</sup> And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her

husband. **Revelation 21:9** <sup>9</sup> And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife).

At the Rapture the Bride is caught away to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and there will see the King in His regal and majestically infinite beauty, and also as the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world (**Revelation 1:12-18** <sup>12</sup> And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; <sup>13</sup> And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. <sup>14</sup> His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength. <sup>17</sup> And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: <sup>18</sup> I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. **Revelation 5:6-14** <sup>6</sup> And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; <sup>10</sup> And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. <sup>11</sup> And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; <sup>12</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. <sup>14</sup> And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. **Revelation 13:8** <sup>8</sup> And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world). When the times are full and the events in both Heaven and earth have come to their conclusion, these saints, as the armies of Heaven, come back with Christ — their King — to set up thrones on this earth and rule with Him for a thousand years. The martyred Tribulation saints will be resurrected and will also reign with Christ at this time. This is the Millennial Reign of Christ, a still higher stage, or phase, of the glorious Kingdom of God (**Isaiah 35:1-10** <sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. <sup>2</sup> It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not *err therein*. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. **Isaiah 65:18-25** <sup>18</sup> But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. <sup>19</sup> And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. <sup>20</sup> There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup> And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect

shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. <sup>24</sup> And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD. **Micah 4:1-4** <sup>1</sup> But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. <sup>2</sup> And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>4</sup> But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*. **Zechariah 14:4-21** <sup>4</sup> And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. <sup>5</sup> And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee. <sup>6</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark: <sup>7</sup> But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light. <sup>8</sup> And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. <sup>10</sup> All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. <sup>11</sup> And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. <sup>12</sup> And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. <sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. <sup>14</sup> And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. <sup>15</sup> And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague. <sup>16</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. <sup>17</sup> And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. <sup>18</sup> And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. <sup>19</sup> This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. <sup>20</sup> In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. <sup>21</sup> Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts).

At the end of the Millennium, Satan is loosed from his prison for a brief interval, and the nations of the earth — those who have been ruled by Christ and the saints of God — are given an opportunity to choose the kingdom they prefer. And still fresh in their minds will be the memory of the righteous rule of Christ; but in spite of all this, an innumerable army of people will ally themselves with Satan, the archenemy of God, and will go against the beloved city where Christ is enthroned. They will fight against Christ and the saints of God and will attempt to overthrow the city and dethrone Christ, its King, that they might usurp the Kingdom for themselves. But fire will come forth out of Heaven and destroy all these evil people who, even after a thousand years of peace, justice, equity, and righteousness, show by their conduct that they prefer the ways of evil, unrighteousness, and destruction (**Revelation 20:7-10** <sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, <sup>8</sup> And shall go out to deceive the nations

which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. <sup>10</sup> And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever). "The heart [of unregenerated man] is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17:9, 10).

When this last battle is fought, God will call all those who have not yet been judged to the Great White Throne Judgment, that they may give an account for their deeds done in life. The lake of fire will then receive its occupants for the never-ending eternity, and God will destroy both Heaven and earth that He might make all things new. There will be nothing left that will remind the redeemed ones of sin, of sorrow, of sickness, or of disappointments. God will wipe all tears from their eyes and they will spend eternity with Him in that never-ending land of day. (**Revelation 14:13** <sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. **Revelation 21:1-27** <sup>1</sup> And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. <sup>4</sup> And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. <sup>5</sup> And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. <sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. <sup>7</sup> He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. <sup>8</sup> But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. <sup>9</sup> And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; <sup>12</sup> And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: <sup>13</sup> On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. <sup>16</sup> And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. <sup>17</sup> And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred *and* forty *and* four cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. <sup>18</sup> And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass. <sup>19</sup> And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; <sup>20</sup> The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. <sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass. <sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. <sup>23</sup> And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof. <sup>24</sup> And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. <sup>25</sup> And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. <sup>26</sup> And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup> And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. **Revelation 22:1-21** <sup>1</sup> And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was* there the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner* of fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing

of the nations. <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: <sup>4</sup> And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. <sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. <sup>7</sup> Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. <sup>8</sup> And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. <sup>9</sup> Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. <sup>10</sup> And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. <sup>11</sup> He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. <sup>12</sup> And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. <sup>13</sup> I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. <sup>14</sup> Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup> For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. <sup>16</sup> I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star. <sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. <sup>18</sup> For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: <sup>19</sup> And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book. <sup>20</sup> He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen) This is the last, and perfect, stage of the Kingdom of God. Christ will, at this time, give the Kingdom back to God, having completed His voluntarily assigned task, the Redemption of mankind and the complete subjugation of sin and Satan (**1 Corinthians 15:22-28**)

<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. <sup>24</sup> Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. <sup>27</sup> For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. <sup>28</sup> And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all).

### The Hope of the Resurrection

Christ is now the "certain nobleman [who] went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom" (Luke 19:11-19). He will return to take that Kingdom in its earthly completeness, at His Revelation. Then shall every knee bow, and every tongue confess, for He has been given a name that is greater than any other name, because He was willing to taste death for every man, that we who love and serve Him might have everlasting life (**Romans 14:11**) <sup>11</sup> For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. **Philippians 2:5-11** <sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father).

The whole earth is groaning for its day of redemption, when Jesus shall come back to earth again to rule and reign. Everything that lives longs to burst into that new life. The vegetation is now dwarfed, and nothing grows as luxuriantly as it will when Jesus reigns on earth (Isaiah 35:1-10) <sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. <sup>2</sup> It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to them *that are* of a fearful



heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. **Isaiah 55:12-13** <sup>12</sup> For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off). And how much more do we, as Christians, "groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23). Through God's Plan of Salvation we may know that we are truly justified, entirely sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, and that we are ready to meet Jesus, if He should come at this very moment. But there is also a longing in our hearts and a crying out from our inmost being for the redemption of our bodies, that we might be with Christ forever: "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Romans 8:21; **1 John 3:1-3** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure). However, we have this confidence that if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in us, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken our mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in us (**Romans 8:11** <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you).

#### Some Great Events at the Revelation of Christ

At the time of the Revelation, or immediately subsequent to it, many great and important events will transpire. The return of Christ will be the great epochal event of the whole era. Upon it all the others will hinge and depend.

The Jews will look upon Him whom they have pierced. They will have been mourning for Him and praying that He might come and relieve them from their suffering and trouble in the Great Tribulation. They will accept Christ as their Messiah at His Revelation (**Isaiah 25:9** <sup>9</sup> And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. **Isaiah 66:8-13** <sup>8</sup> Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *or* shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. <sup>9</sup> Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy God. <sup>10</sup> Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: <sup>11</sup> That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. <sup>12</sup> For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees. <sup>13</sup> As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. **Ezekiel 20:40-42** <sup>40</sup> For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. <sup>41</sup> I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen. <sup>42</sup> And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers. **Ezekiel 36:24** <sup>24</sup> For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. **Amos 9:15** <sup>15</sup> And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God. **Zechariah 12:10** <sup>10</sup> And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and

they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn. **Zechariah 13:6** <sup>6</sup> And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends. **Revelation 1:7** <sup>7</sup> Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.)

The saints of God will have received their rewards and commendation for faithfulness at the time of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb; and they will, at the Revelation of Christ, be given authority over cities according to their several abilities and faithfulness in the past (**Luke 19:11-27** <sup>11</sup> And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. <sup>12</sup> He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. <sup>13</sup> And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. <sup>14</sup> But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this *man* to reign over us. <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. <sup>16</sup> Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. <sup>17</sup> And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. <sup>18</sup> And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. <sup>19</sup> And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. <sup>20</sup> And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is* thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: <sup>21</sup> For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. <sup>22</sup> And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, *thou* wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: <sup>23</sup> Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? <sup>24</sup> And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give *it* to him that hath ten pounds. <sup>25</sup> (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) <sup>26</sup> For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. <sup>27</sup> But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay *them* before me) .

Christ's coming will be judgment for all the living nations. He will set up His judgment bar and Throne that He might remove all who offend and them which do iniquity (**Matthew 13:40-43** <sup>40</sup> As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. <sup>41</sup> The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; <sup>42</sup> And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. **Matthew 25:31-46** <sup>31</sup> When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: <sup>32</sup> And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: <sup>33</sup> And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: <sup>35</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: <sup>36</sup> Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. <sup>37</sup> Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? <sup>38</sup> When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? <sup>39</sup> Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? <sup>40</sup> And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. <sup>41</sup> Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. <sup>44</sup> Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? <sup>45</sup> Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. <sup>46</sup> And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal). In fact, the whole Millennium will be one continuous day of judgment when Christ and the saints will Sit as judges over the nations of the world, since the nations are subject to the righteous administration of Christ and His saints.

## Battle of Armageddon

But the great event, occurring at the Revelation of Christ, before His Millennial Reign, is the Battle of Armageddon. John the Beloved saw Christ coming to earth on a white horse, stating that in righteousness He doth judge and make war (**Revelation 19:11-16** <sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. <sup>13</sup> And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.) There will be a great and terrible slaughter on that day (**Revelation 14:20** <sup>20</sup> And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs. **Revelation 17:14** <sup>14</sup> These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful. **Revelation 19:11-21** <sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. <sup>13</sup> And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. <sup>17</sup> And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; <sup>18</sup> That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great. <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. <sup>21</sup> And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh). The sinners that oppose Him will be destroyed by His mighty power (**Isaiah 13:1-22** The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see. <sup>2</sup> Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. <sup>3</sup> I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness. <sup>4</sup> The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. <sup>5</sup> They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. <sup>6</sup> Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. <sup>7</sup> Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: <sup>8</sup> And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. <sup>10</sup> For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. <sup>11</sup> And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. <sup>12</sup> I will make a man more precious than fine gold; *even* a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. <sup>13</sup> Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. <sup>14</sup> And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. <sup>15</sup> Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined *unto them* shall fall by the sword. <sup>16</sup> Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. <sup>17</sup> Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it. <sup>18</sup> *Their* bows also shall dash the young

men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. <sup>19</sup> And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. <sup>20</sup> It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. <sup>21</sup> But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. <sup>22</sup> And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged). These sinners, or armies of the Antichrist, will be those who have been mustered from the nations of the earth through the efforts of the evil spirits sent out over the earth by Satan, the Antichrist, and the false prophet (**Revelation 16:13** <sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet) during the Tribulation, in anticipation of the battle that Satan knows is to come (**Revelation 16:12-14** <sup>12</sup> And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. <sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup> For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty). This will be one of Satan's great attempts to usurp the Kingdom from Christ.

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**"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**

**"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,**

**"And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.**

**"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (Revelation 20: 1-4).**