

## The Agents of the Apocalypse

The Victor

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**Scripture: Revelation 19:11-21**

### Introduction

- Tonight we are going to look at the Victor as we read **Revelation 19:11-21**.
- **Who is the Victor?**
- I am sure that we are all well aware that Christ will return to earth victoriously in the end times.
- The Bible speaks of this Second coming quite often, about 1,845 times depending on who is counting.
- It is mentioned in the NT 321 in 23 of the 27 NT books. It is mentioned in 17 of the OT books.
- Jesus referred to it 21 times.
- The second coming was predicted throughout the Bible: Enoch (**Jude 14-15**), Daniel (**Daniel 7:13-14**), Zechariah (**Zechariah 14:3-4**), Jesus (**Matthew 24:27, 29-31**), the Angels (**Acts 1:10-11**), Paul (**2 Thessalonians 1:7-10**), John (**Revelation 1:7**)
- Now let's read in **Revelation 19:11-21** how this foretold event will play out.

### Revelation 19:11-21

<sup>11</sup>I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup>He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup>Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

<sup>17</sup>And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

<sup>19</sup>Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. <sup>20</sup>But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

<sup>21</sup>The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

- The events described in these verses will be a direct fulfillment of the prophecy in **Isaiah 63:1-6**:

<sup>1</sup>"Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save."

<sup>2</sup>Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress? <sup>3</sup>"I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing. <sup>4</sup>For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redemption has come. <sup>5</sup>I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm worked salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me. <sup>6</sup>I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground."

- V. 11 in Revelation tells us He will see him on a "white horse." This is a symbol of victory and was often used by Roman generals in victory parades.
- Vv.12-13 – Wow what a description of Jesus!

1. **His names.** He is called “The Word of God” and “Faithful and True.” These two names speak to the character of Christ. He is faithful and His words and judgments are true. Written on his thigh is “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.” This means simply that He is the best.
  2. **His eyes.** His eyes are flames of fire, meaning His gaze sees through and destroys all that is false in the world and in the heart of man. Fire purifies.
  3. **His crowns.** When Christ came the first time, he was crowned with a crown of thorns. At the Second Coming, he will be wearing “many crowns,” signifying the power and authority of His rule. He will, in effect, wear the crown of every nation on earth.
  4. **His robe.** His robe dipped in blood speaks of the redemption He secured for us on the cross as the Lamb that was slain. His is the only robe that has the stain of blood.
- V. 14 tells us that the “armies of heaven were following him.”
  - This army will be made up of all the believers from all ages- the Old Testament and New Testament saints, and the Tribulation martyrs as well.
  - **Zechariah 14:5** describes this army as the “holy ones.” Paul says, “saints” **1 Thessalonians 3:13**.
  - This army will no doubt include angels as well.
  - The believers will be wearing white linen which represents their righteousness.
  - **What is the purpose of having this army with Christ, they will not be fighting?**
  - V. 15, the “sharp sword” that comes out of Jesus’ mouth will be what He uses to strike down the nations.
  - The “iron scepter” represents the authority and strength by which He will rule during the 1000 years.
  - Jesus returns to squash the rebellion that had taken place and to establish His rule upon the earth.
  - **What do you imagine it will be like to live under Christ’s ultimate rule without the effects of sin and evil in the world?**
  - **Jude 15** describes well Christ’s purpose in returning, “<sup>15</sup>to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”
  - **If Jesus was to come today, would He find the world to be ungodly? How so?**
  - Vv. 17-18 and 21 give us a gruesome image of the punishment that Christ will inflict on the rebellion.
  - The birds will feast on the dead bodies of the fallen soldiers of Satan’s armies.
  - Vv. 20-21 shows us the penalty for The Beast and the False Prophet. They both are thrown “alive” into the “lake of fire.”
  - **Matthew 25:41** lets us know that this place was created for just these types of folks.
  - Jesus is definitely coming back differently than when He came the first time.
  - He left as a humble savior, but He will return as a conquering King, the Victor.
  - Every person that is alive today should make sure that they will be apart of the armies of Christ, rather than the armies of the world.