



hapter nineteen opens with these words "And after these things." As we have read in several other chapters similar words, (c4:1 "after this," a transitional statement from the message to the churches to the throne room of God; c7:1 "and after these things," takes us from the Seal Judgments to the sealing of the 144,000 saints of God; c18:1 "and after these things," this takes us from the evil

of the harlot to the aftermath of her demise; c19:1 "and after these things" here we are taken into heaven and we find the Hallelujah's and the rejoicing for God's righteous judgment upon and evil system.)

With the above mentioned statements we see a sequence of events whereby we can also find orderly transitioning from the "Things which you have seen," to "the Things which are," and then "the things which shall be hereafter" c1:19. Therefore, we can see (with few exceptions) that the events of Revelation are told to us in the order they take place.

In c18:20, speaking of the destruction of the City of Babylon we read: "Rejoice over her, O heaven and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has **AVENGED** (Rev.6:9-11) you on her!" Now we hear the rejoicing. What the merchants and sailors and traders weep over, heaven will rejoice over.

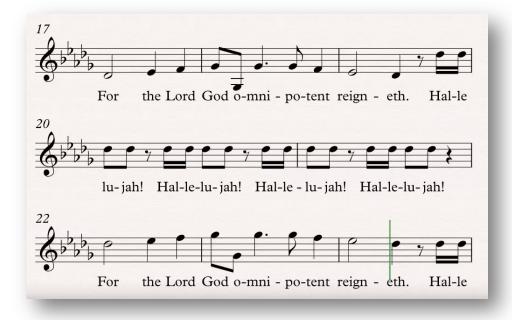
Revelation 19:1-6 (NASB), <sup>1</sup> "After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; <sup>2</sup> BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER." <sup>3</sup> And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER." <sup>4</sup> And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" <sup>5</sup> And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great." <sup>6</sup> Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of

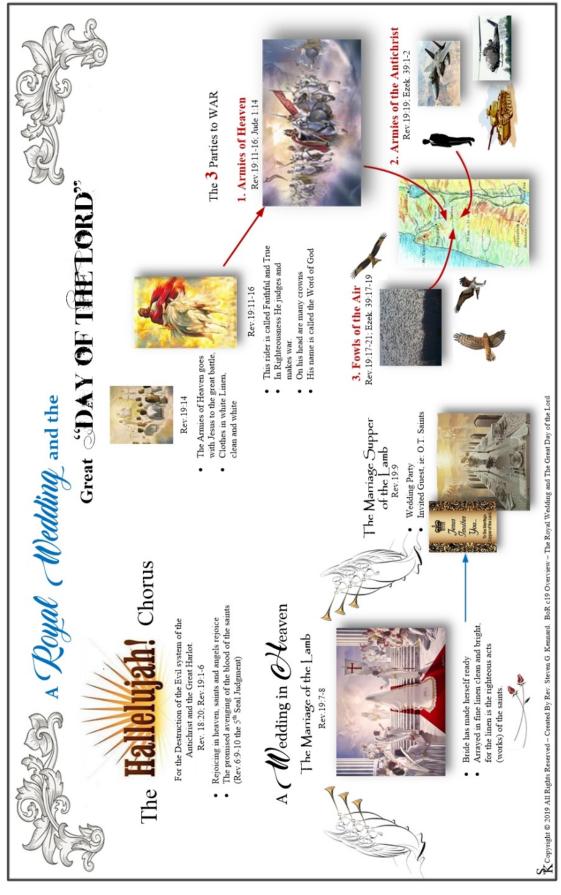
The Four Beasts which is before the throne, the Four and Twenty Elders (representative of the Old Testament Saints and the New Testament Church) all shout out the "CRY OF VICTORY" in the words of praise, HALLELUJAH!

mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the

Almighty, reigns."

Within this chapter is the word "HALLELUJAH." It is a compound Hebrew word "HALLELU-JAH" (Praise-Ye-Jah). It occurs 24 times in the Old Testament and only four times in the New Testament, all four occurring in this chapter and being shouted out by a great multitude. In the Old Testament the word is translated "Praise ye the Lord." In the New Testament Greek it is left untranslated but substituted with "ALLELUIA."









here is no place in scripture where we are told of a wedding ever taking place in Heaven. In the eons of time and eternity past there has never been such an event in Heaven.

God the Father was called her (Israel) Husband

Isaiah 54:5 (NASB), "For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.

But the Son of God is different. He (Jesus) came into this world and paid a heavy price for His bride. We can never understand the height or depth of His love, or what would cause Him to lay down His life for us.



This is true love put on display as our example, and the ultimate expression of this love is now at hand. The Son of God takes a bride, but first there is one last detail that needs His attention.

## The Judgment Seat of Christ

The Judgment of the Believer (The Bride)

The scriptures do not actually tell us of the timing of this event, however if we look closely we can see there are clues such as the 24 eldres having crowns on there head. At some point between the rapture of the church and the start of chapter 6, the bride of Christ will be called into her time of judgment.

#### A Look at the Bride



he time of tribulation upon the whole earth started in chapter six. However, there is one group that has been noticably absent from the text, and that is the church, the Bride of Christ. While the earth has been going through its time of judgment, the bride has been going through a time of judgment herself in

heaven. For the bride of Christ this is called "The JUDGMENT SEAT of CHRIST" or "The BEMA SEAT JUDGMENT." This is the second of five judgments spoken about in scripture. It is the time when the Saints of God are rewarded for the lives they lived and the examples they were, a reward for their works whether good or bad. This is not a judgment for their sins for that was judged on the cross. That was God's gift to all mankind in the work of His Son Jesus. This judgment of the saints is more of an EVALUATION of the way the saints have lived their lives and the decisions they made.

2 Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 "<sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

There will be two types of works judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ, those considered **GOOD** and those considered **BAD**." There are five crowns mentioned in Scripture as being a reward for our good works,











but what about the other work, that which is considered "bad?" The reward is **NO REWARD**. In fact, it will be the absence of reward that is the indication of how the believer lived his life, the fact that he never learned to put others first and to love his neighbor as himself.

A life focused on Christ and the keeping of His commandments will yield rewards in heaven that will cause great rejoicing. Jesus said, "if you love Me keep My commandments" (Jn. 14:15,23-24; 15:10). A life focused on self and a "me first" attitude

will cause the greatest loss of rewards. If there is any sadness in heaven, it most assuredly will be here, to see what God had waiting for you and you did not receive it.

The righteous acts of the saints of God (bride) and her ultimate crowns of reward are true, but they focus on the bride. May I remind you that this is a wedding of the **SON of GOD**. The Son came into this world and He chose you, making you special and unique. The bride of Christ is then characterized by the **ACTS of the BRIDEGROOM** and they are:

- The Bridegroom saw her, who was an outcast race made so by disobedience and still He loved her.
- The Bridegroom left His home in Heaven and came to her sin-cursed home on earth where He was rejected by members of her family and subjected to a mock trial and then crucified.
- He voluntarily laid down His life for her, thus demonstrating His love for her and making a way to free her from the penalty of the law that held her in bondage.
- He then left her so that (according to Jewish custom) He could come back to His Father's house and prepare a place for her, that where He is there she may be also.
- During this time of betrothal He left her in the hands of her own family, and sent the "Holy Spirit" to teach and protect her and prepare her for the day of her marriage.
- He will descend from heaven and, in midair; there will be a call by the archangel. The trumpet will sound and the Bride, both asleep and living, will be caught up together to meet the Bridegroom in the air and be taken to the Bridal Halls of Heaven, the place that the Bridegroom has prepared for her. 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Rev.21:9-10.

John 14:1-6 (NASB), <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Many believe that the "Church" is composed of everyone from Adam to the time the church is raptured away. However, this cannot be the case since the church was not known in the Old testament, even unknown to the angels (i.e. Daniel 9).

The church of Jesus Christ began on the Day of Pentecost and includes those who accept Christ from that point forward until the rapture. Old Testament saints were taken to heaven at the time of Christ's resurrection when Jesus conquered death and set the captives free and the graves were opened and the saints of old were

seen walking around the city of Jerusalem (Mt.27:53) (Ref. Pilate's Letter to Caesar concerning Jesus Christ, page 373 Appendix Two)<sup>1</sup>

Before we accepted Christ, we were hopeless sinners (Ro. 3:10, 23), but now as the **BRIDE OF CHRIST**, your Bridegroom see you totally different. Below is listed how Jesus sees you now.

- 1. You are absolutly beautiful to Him, the most beautiful bride in all creation. Your perfect in every way: no spot, no wrinkles, no blemishes. There isn't a single flaw in you. He sees none.
- 2. You are His Bride. He is your Bridegroom. He loves you. He does all that He does for you. You receive His love and love Him in return.
- 3. He is here for you—completely and totally. Everything He does, He does for your good. He is perfect and counts that righteousness as yours. He is without sin and He takes your sins upon Himself.
- 4. He doesn't just love you with words. He loves you with actions. He takes the punishment you deserved before God. He is beaten for your faults. In the giving up of His life for you He proves His love for you. He died. You live forever.
- 5. He left His mother and Father to save you—completely and totally. He rescues you from all that you have ever done wrong. He washes you. He forgives you. He nourishes you: His Body was broken and His Blood was shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
- 6. In Him, you are a great wonder in heaven. Your wedding dress isn't just white, but it makes you shine with the brightness of His light.
- 7. The Bride wasn't always this way. You were not just unfaithful to Him, You were promiscuous. You tried out other bridegrooms. You adorned yourself for them instead of for Him. You listened to their whispers about how you could fix things yourself, believe in herself over Him, just stay positive and everything would be okay.
- 8. The more you ran from Him, the more scandalous you became. No amount of makeup or cream could cover your blemishes. Your outside began to match your insides: trampy and evil.
- 9. And yet He still saved you. He washed you. He forgave you. He fed you. He would be your Bridegroom, you would be His Bride. He would hear none of your objections.
- 10. You struggled. You fought. Satan chased you—he always chased you. You couldn't be free from his constant attempts to seduce you and drag you into the death of hell that God made for him, but not for you.
- 11. Your Bridegroom calls you holy. You look at yourself and see only your sin. He calls you His beloved. You see only your unfaithfulness. He calls you perfect. You see only your flaws, mistakes, and bad decisions.
- 12. On that Last Day, all that happens on your Wedding Day will be shown to have been true for you all along. You have been made holy and pure by the scars on His hands and side. And you will see Him, shining bright in all the glory and light of His Father. He is your Bridegroom Jesus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/fathers/view.cfm?recnum=1894

- 13. Today...you struggle. On the Last Day you will not, ever again. On that Day, He will come for you. He will rescue you. He will save you from all your enemies, for you have overcome your enemies in the blood of the Lamb. In the Word it is written of all that you're Bridegroom has done for you.
- 14. Jesus is that Bridegroom. The church is His Bride. You are not going to be holy only on the Last Day. You are holy today. You are not going to be spotless only in eternal life, but understand this, that you are spotless right now. The Last Day isn't when you become what you are going to be. You are already what He finished in you. We know that His love is greater than the sum of all our mistakes and yet He sees through the mistakes of our life, for they are covered in the love and forgiveness of the cross. The Last Day is when you see the full reality of all that He promised you.

The Wedding Garment



Revelation 19:8 "And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

Every saint of God will be clothed in his or her wedding garment, "CLEAN and BRIGHT." The Greek word for "clean" is "katharos" meaning "pure," and when the word for "white" is "lampros" meaning "bright, shining brilliant, splendid and magnificent." So then the robes that the bride will be given will be PURE (for we have been made pure) and SHINING BRILLIANTLY and magnificently as He, the Bridegroom is.

A short Commentary on v8<sup>2</sup> above.

"And to her was granted" - It is not said here by whom this was granted, but it is perhaps implied that this was conferred by the Savior himself on his bride.

That she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white - See the scripture below. White has, perhaps, in all countries been the usual color of the bridal dress - as an emblem of innocence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.studylight.org/commentary/revelation/19-8.html

Revelation 3:4-5 (NASB), <sup>4</sup> But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup> He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelation 3:18 (NASB), "I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see."

Revelation 7:13 (NASB), Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?"

For the fine linen is the righteousness of saints - Represents the righteousness of the saints; or is an emblem of it. It should be remarked, however, that it is implied here, as it is everywhere in the Scriptures, that this is NOT THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, for it is said that this was "GIVEN" to the bride - to the saints. It is the gracious bestowment of their Lord; and the reference here must be to that righteousness which they obtain by faith - the righteousness which results from justification through the merits of the Redeemer. Of this Paul speaks, when he says Philemon 3:9, "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but what is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." Compare the notes on Romans 3:25-26.



It is a marvellous thing how the Spirit of God has enshrined in scriptures the bridal relationship of the church and her Lord. Now is the time that the Son of God will step out onto the center stage and He will take a bride for Himself.





he **BRIDE of CHRIST** will soon be called up to the **MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB**. The shout of His call and the sounding of the trumpets will resound throughout the world, but only thoughs who know Him will

hear that great trumpet call. The dead in Christ shall rise first and then those who are alive on the earth will be caught up to be with Him. Now the Bride of Christ is gathered and ready to be taken away from this place she has called home, to live forever with Him in a glorious place.

The Bride will have her time to walk with the Bridegroom and the two of them will talk, questions will get answers and all things promised will be realized. She will meet the friends of the Bridgroom, the archangels, the patriarchs, the prophets, the kings, the disciples, and most of all the Bridegroom will want to show you off to His Father.

For now the Bride of Christ must prepared herself for her time when she will be with Him! Hallelujah to the Lamb of God, who is our Lord and Who even now, readies Himself as her beloved Bridegroom!

The question to the Bride is ... are you prepared?





All of heaven is ready and poised for the biggest celebration of all time. Jesus Christ (Yeshua) the Son of God is about to take a Bride.

2 Corinthians 11:2, "For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."



Revelation 19:7-10 (NASB), <sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup> It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. <sup>9</sup> Then he <u>said to me</u>, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he <u>said to me</u>, "These are true words of God." <sup>10</sup> Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he <u>said to me</u>, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."





n Revelation 19:7-10 we read of the "MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB," the "Lamb of God," not the marriage of the Bride. This grand event will not be so much the consummation of the hopes of the Bride as it will be the consummation of the "Plan of God For His Son" arranged before the foundation of the world (Eph.1:4).

This marriage is the consummation of the joy of "CHRIST as MAN." It would not have been possible if Christ had not been born in the flesh; otherwise it would have been a union of **DISSIMILAR NATURES**, for the Bride is of human origin. This is why Jesus took His human nature back with Him to heaven and today, in heaven, we find the Man Christ Jesus (I Tim. 2:5). There has been many long betrothal periods that resulted in happy marriages, but Jesus has been waiting for His Bride now for some 2000 years. Soon the sleeping church shall hear the cry,

Matthew 25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard, "Behold the Bridegroom Comes, Go Out To Meet Him."

Revelation 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him, for the Marriage of the Lamb is Come, and His wife has made herself ready."

His wife has MADE HERSELF READY. This statement is about what the bride did before the wedding. Remember that the Bridegroom goes and gets His bride and takes her back to His home. There the Bride will go through a type of judgment, a better word for it would be an EVALUATION of her works done in the flesh, in the name of her Bridegroom and rewards will be given to her. In the sequence of the events this judgment or evaluation of her, happens in the beginning, as soon as the rapture has been accomplished c4:1. The wedding takes place in chapter 19. That means that the bride has almost 15 chapters (almost 7 years) to get to know the Bridegroom closer than she ever could while back at her home. There is so much to do and get to know, reunions to have, experiences to enjoy and discoveries to make. It is her time to get to know her Bridegroom becoming one with Him (John 17:16-23).





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a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written,

Revelation 19:11-16 (NASB), <sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold,





he longest and most anticapated event in the history of the world is the second coming of Jesus Christ the Son of God. The great evil of this world, Babylon the Great has been destroyed and there is no more trace of her anywhere. But there is still the armies of the Antichrist to deal with and only Jesus is the one

who can conquer him and those of his seed.

"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

This is the second coming of Jesus, the first time He came into the world as a suffering servant teaching that only through Him can man have eternal life. Now almost 2000 years later He comes back in fulfillment of ancient old prophecies, this time He comes as **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**. This time all the world will know who He is and he will, at this time set up His **MESSIANIC KINGDOM** and He will rule for a **MILLIENNIUM** and the world will study war no more.

John begins by telling us that he saw heaven open up and he saw a white horse and its rider was called FAITHFUL and TRUE, this can be no other than Jesus Christ. Then

John gives us one of the two reasons for His second coming (v11), in **RIGHTEOUSNESS** He **JUDGES** and **MAKES** WAR. He will also set up His Kingdom that will last for 1000 years.

In v12 John goes futher and describes for us the eyes of Jesus, he says they "are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns (diadems), there is a name written on Him that no one knows." Then John gives us the identity of the one who is on the white horse, "He is called **THE WORD OF GOD**." He is the **CREATOR** of all things, He was that LIGHT that came into the world and the world comprehended it not.

John 1:1-4 (NASB), <sup>1</sup> "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. <sup>5</sup> The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

#### The Army of Heaven

Notice that there is no mention of a rapture of his church here. He is headed to war not to get a bride. There is however mention of His wife (the bride) in v14.

<sup>14</sup> And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses."

Jesus is not coming back by Himself, He brings with Him His wife and her numbers are so large they are referred to as the **ARMIES** which is plural, which means more than one army. There will also be a host of angels that accompany the King of Heaven and his new bride.

<sup>3</sup>Note: Armies is στρατεύματα [strateumata]: "troops," "armed force." The army is composed of "saints" (clothed in fine linen, white and clean) which denotes those who are set apart and dedicated to God. This term includes both angels (Dan. 8:13) and men (Ps.16:3; Ps.34:9; Acts 9:13). Joel indicates that God's "mighty ones" will be among them—almost certainly a reference to angels (Joel 3:11).

We also know, from what the angel previously told John, that "those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful" (Rev.17:14). This describes believers. Thus, those returning with Christ include both angels and believers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/revelation/revelation-19/revelation-19-14.html

#### Clothed in fine linen, white and clean

All the saints, both angels and believers, appear in bright, white attire (Rev. 3:4+; Rev. 15:6). The white clothing of the angels is a reflection of their elect status and the glory of God. The white clothing of the believers indicates the righteousness of Christ which is attributed to them on account of His redeeming blood (Rev. 1:5; Rev. 7:14).

## The Revealing of King Jesus

Revelation 19:15-16 (NASB), <sup>15</sup> From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Now we find heaven opening up again, but instead of a Bridegroom we see a King mounted on a white horse and called "Faithful and True." This time His eyes are like flames of fire, on His head are many crowns and out of His mouth went a sharp sword. This identifies this rider as the person John saw standing in the midst of the "Seven Golden Candlesticks" (Rev.1:13-16). This is Jehovah Yeshua Ha Machiyach (Jesus Christ the Messiah), the Son of God. Heaven opens this second time to reveal a King. Thus we find the message of Revelation: it is **REVEALING of the SON OF GOD** to the world.

Revelation 1:7 "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen."

The King is ready and He comes to "judge and make war." He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.





Meanwhile the armies of the Antichrist and his ten kings have been marching to the **VALLEY of MEGIDDO** in the land of Israel. We know that in scripture it is the **REAPER** of c14:14-20, who has dug His sickle into the earth to reap the harvest of the earth and it, is ripe. The reaper then cast the vine of the earth and all that has been reaped into the great winepress of the **WRATH OF THE LORD**.

Who are these armies being drawn into the Valley of Megiddo? One recent theory, for example, postulates that Russian and Arab armies will form an alliance, invading Israel from the west and south, while the Chinese army will invade from the east; meanwhile, Western nations, led by the Antichrist, will fight back the invasion.

With the armies of the world moving into the Valley of Megiddo the stage is set for the **BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON** and the Three Armies who will meet there.

## Behold The

# "DAY OF THE LORD"

## Has Come

## Three Armies are Gathered in the Valley of Megiddo





## The Three Armies:

#### 1. The armies of the **ANTICHRIST**:



Revelation 19:19 "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."

Ezekiel 39:1-2 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; 2 "and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel."



The stage is set. This first army is the "beast" and the "ten kings of the earth" and all their armies, which includes a two hundred million man army from the "kings of the east" (Rev.9:14-16). It is the largest army that has ever been assembled in the history of mankind. Their weapons are all the most deadly ever to be made by mankind. Tanks roll over the land able to hit targets miles away. Attack jet fighters race through the sky. All types of gas and nerve agents fill the air; and the most powerful of all the weapons, nuclear bombs. The size of this army is so large that they literally fill the Valley of Megiddo and extend as far South as Bozrah (200 miles). They come from every nation and kingdom on earth with only one purpose, to make war.





## 2. The armies of **HEAVEN** ... **CHRIST** coming with the **SAINTS**

Revelation 19:11-16 <sup>11</sup> Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.



<sup>13</sup> He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> **And the armies in heaven**, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself

will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

The **second** army is Yeshua, the Son of God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and with Him is an army made up of ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands (Rev 5:11) of His saints, all dressed in "fine white linen and riding on white horses" (Rev.19:8,14). The Saints are all those who are with Christ in heaven, and they are now on their way back with him to stop the antichrist and mankind from destroying himself and the earth.

## **Prophecy Fulfilled:** the prophecy of Enoch:

Jude 1:14 "Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,"

In this battle Christ's weapons are not jet planes, tanks or high tech weapons, gas agents or weapons of mass destruction, but a sword (the Word) that proceeds out of His mouth. It is important to note that it is at this time that the "Seventh Vial Judgment" c16:16-17 is poured out into the air and voices could be heard and great thunders, and lightings and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since the time men have been on the earth c16:18-19. Then a voice came out of the Temple of Heaven, from the throne, saying **IT IS DONE**.

## 3. The Army of the "FOWLS of the AIR"

Rev.19:17-18, <sup>17</sup> "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, <sup>18</sup> "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."



Rev.19:21 "... And all the birds were filled with their flesh."

Ezekiel 39:17-19, <sup>17</sup> "And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood. <sup>18</sup> You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, Drink the blood of the princes of the

earth, Of rams and lambs, Of goats and bulls, All of them fatlings of Bashan. <sup>19</sup> You shall eat fat till you are full, And drink blood till you are drunk, At My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you. <sup>20</sup> You shall be filled at My table With horses and riders, With mighty men And with all the men of war," says the Lord GOD.

The third army has been gathered. If you looked up, you would see large flocks of birds hovering overhead. It is an army of the "FOWLS OF THE AIR," vultures, buzzards and eagles, all of them gathered by the angel of the Lord for a special purpose, to fill their bellies with the flesh of horses and those who sit on them and of mighty men, generals and kings (c19:17-18, 21).

## The **Prophecy**

## The Final Battle

Zephaniah 1:17 "I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse."

Zechariah 14:1-3, <sup>1</sup> "Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. <sup>2</sup> For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle."

Ezekiel 39:3-8 <sup>3</sup>"Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. <sup>4</sup> "You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. <sup>5</sup> "You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken," says the Lord GOD. <sup>6</sup> "And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the LORD. <sup>7</sup> "So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel. <sup>8</sup> "Surely it is coming, and it shall be done," says the Lord GOD. "This is the day of which I have spoken.

Isaiah 34:1-8 "Come near, you nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, The world and all things that come forth from it. <sup>2</sup> For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations, And His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter. <sup>3</sup>Also their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood. <sup>4</sup>All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree. <sup>5</sup> " For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; Indeed it shall come down on Edom, And on the people of My curse, for judgment. <sup>6</sup> The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, It is made overflowing with fatness, With the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land of Edom. <sup>7</sup> The wild oxen shall come down with them, And the young bulls with the mighty bulls; Their land shall be soaked with blood, And their dust saturated with fatness." 8 For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, The year of recompense for the cause of Zion."

Revelation.19:15 "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations ...."

Revelation 19:19-21 "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.

Now, with one army poised waiting for the war to begin, another army, of sorts, is flying overheard not far from Megiddo. They are circling and waiting, their numbers growing to a point that they partially dim the sunlight.

The armies of the beast are ready and then, suddenly, the echo of the ancient ram's horn called the Shofar is heard throughout the Valley of Megiddo. All eyes look upward, and to their amazement what they see is utterly shocking. The clouds roll, back revealing to the beast and his armies a most spectacular heavenly sight.

The King of Kings, seated on a white horse, suddenly appears, followed by an army of millions upon millions of His saints, all breaking through the heavens and swooping down over the valley.

The battle begins; the armies of the Antichrist and the beast unleash everything they have on the heavenly

multitude that is now pouring out of the clouds and spreading out over the sky above them.



As far as the eye can see, white-robed figures on white horses are led by the **SON OF GOD**. A tempting target as millions of soldiers gathered from across the globe have taken aim and begin firing.

Angelic angels shoot across the sky like lightning bolts, scooping up the beast and the false prophet who had deceived so many into worshiping the antichrist, and they were thrown alive into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20).

v20 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.



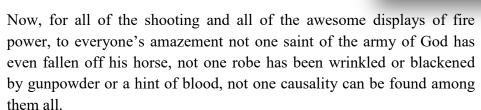


This is the same "Lake of Fire" that is mentioned in connection with the "Great White Throne Judgment."



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 with their flesh."

Now, another angel is sent from heaven having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. The angel grabs Satan, binds him and throws him into the bottomless pit where he will remain for one thousand years.



Now, in one final moment, the armies of the world are suddenly struck down and slain. The weapon that ultimately kills the enemies of God will not be made by human hands, but it is by "a sword." This sword is the WORD OF GOD which proceeds out of the mouth of SON OF GOD.

The Word of God is often referred to as a **SWORD** in Scripture.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

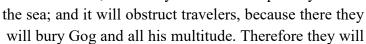
The sword is the Word of God which Jesus will speak and, in so doing, slay the armies of the world.

## **Prophecy Fulfilled:**

Daniel 2:34 "You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

## The Aftermath of the Battle

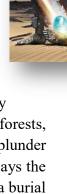
Ezekiel 39:9-22 " Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years. <sup>10</sup> "They will not take wood from the field nor cut down any from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; and they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them," says the Lord GOD. 11" It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of

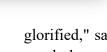


call it the Valley of Hamon Gog. <sup>12</sup>"For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. 13"Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am

glorified," says the Lord GOD. 14"They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the







ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search. <sup>15</sup>"The search party will pass through the land; and when anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set up a marker by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. <sup>16</sup>"The name of the city will also be Hamonah. Thus they shall cleanse the land." '

The bodies of the dead have fallen one upon another as far as the eye can see. A sea of dead now covers the land. As the last man falls, the blood of so many that were slain begins to gather and pool, then it begins to flow, and so deep is the flow of blood that is rises to the horse's bridles.

Mat.24:27-28 "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

And with these events the door closes on the Battle of Armageddon.

Ezekiel 39:21-22, (NASB), <sup>21</sup>" I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them. <sup>22</sup>"So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day forward."

And with all these events happening, Jesus will then take his seat and sit on the ancient throne of David, King of Israel and thus we have come to:

THE END OF THE TRIBULATION

Rev. 20: 4

