

## "Here Comes My King"

**Revelation 19:11-21**

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**Introduction:** We have heard of the phrase, “here comes my knight in shining armor.” This is used in the context of a woman describing her man. Likewise, the Bible teaches us that the Church and Christ have a similar relationship **(2 Corinthians 11:2) (Ephesians 5:31-32)**. A knight is a heroic champion of a cause, one of high nobility and an honorable military rank. These characteristics are similar to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In our lesson tonight, we are going to see King Jesus coming to take matters into His own hands.

### **Verses 11-16**

### **His Coming will be Visible**

These verses show us that Jesus’ coming will be visible. When the **rapture** takes place, it will be sudden and swift and people will not know what has taken place. Like a thief in the night, Jesus will come and steal away His precious jewels from the earth and take them to Heaven. The rapture will not be a visible event, but when Jesus returns the **second** time in glory and power, everyone, everywhere will know about it **(Revelation 1:7)**. The Antichrist, like some other world leaders, rose to power by riding the back of lies and false statements, however, when Jesus appears during this time, He will be riding a white horse. Jesus’ first coming was in humility on a colt **(Zechariah 9:9)**. This time, He will be coming as a conqueror on His war horse ready to destroy the wicked, to overthrow the Antichrist, to defeat Satan and to take control of the earth. The horse symbolizes war, and the fact that it is white symbolizes victory, holiness and righteousness. This tells us that this war is a holy war and Jesus will be victorious. We often think of Jesus as a Man of peace and He certainly is the Prince of Peace! However, the Bible also makes it clear that He is a Man of war **(Exodus 15:3)**. When the Lord Jesus returns, three new names are attached to Him. These names reveal much about His **character** and Person. **(1) The Name of Mystery** – verse 12 tells us Jesus has a name written on Him that no man can know. In His first coming, He revealed Himself to men as the Savior of the sinner’s soul. However, this time men will not be able to know Him as Savior, but only as Judge. **(2) The Name of Ministry** - verse 13 tells us He is also called the Word of God. This is the name of His ministry. Ever since the beginning, Jesus has ministered through His Word **(John 1:1; 14)**. When He returns, He will speak the Word and all His enemies will be **slain** before Him. **(3) The Name of Majesty** - verse 16 tells us He will have a name embroidered on the thigh of His garment. While on earth, The Jews refused to acknowledge Him as King **(John 19:15)**.

## Verses 17-18

## His Coming will be Violent

These verses show us it will be a violent war. The slaughter will be so great when the Lord does battle that God will instruct an angel to call for the fowls (birds) of the air to come and help dispose of the dead bodies (**Matthew 24:27-28**). The birds will eat their flesh. The Word of God tells us that the blood will be up to the horse's bridle (**Revelation 14:20**)! What a slaughter that will be. Notice that all levels of the army of God's enemies are on the menu for this great supper. In life, they were separated by class and rank, but this time all (free, bond, small and great) are reduced to nothing more than food for the birds on that day. What a lesson! In life they were different. Some gave orders, others carried them out, but in death they are all equal.

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## His Coming will be Victorious

These verses show us that Jesus will be victorious in this war. All the armies of the world will join together to fight against the Lord Jesus when He returns. This war is called the **Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-16)**. Armies that were fighting with one another just before Jesus comes back will join forces in an effort to defeat the Lord and His army. In verses 20 & 21 the text tells us the news of how this battle turns out. Throughout the Tribulation Period, the antichrist and false prophet will deceive the people (**Mark 13:5**). They will use deception to convince the world that the Antichrist is God. Their plan will be so convincing that the world will bow down in reverence to the beast (Antichrist). However, when the Lord returns, it quickly becomes apparent that these men, despite all their miracles, were nothing more than men and they will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire. Jesus will claim victory over these men. Now that the antichrist and false prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire, the Lord Jesus will speak a Word and all these armies will be destroyed in an instant of time and the fowls (birds) of the air will devour their flesh. Jesus doesn't use guns, tanks, artillery, or nuclear weapons. He brings His Word! Remember, His Word is "sharper than any two-edged sword" (**Hebrews 4:12**). It has the power to help men and it has the power to judge men. Instead of needing a large amount of weaponry, all Jesus needs is a Word and His enemies are forever defeated (**Isaiah 11:4**). When our King comes back, He will have His own army. Notice how His army is dressed. They are wearing "fine linen, white and clean". There is no armor and no mention of them having weapons. Isn't this a strange way of sending soldiers into battle? Well, it would be if it were any other army. But, this is the army of Heaven and the King, Jesus Christ, does all the fighting Himself. Who is in this army? It would appear from the apparel that this army is the Bride of Christ (**Revelation 19:8**). It's Us!



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