

**The Book of Revelation**  
**Revelation 19:11-21 (NIV)**  
**“The Bridegroom, The Bride, and The Bird Feed”**

**The Heavenly Warrior Defeats the Beast**

**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 wages war. 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. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of His mouth is 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. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written:**

**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

**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, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.”**

**Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. Revelation 19:11-21**

**Introduction**

**Psalm 2** bears witness to the truth that the Son of God will one day rule the world with an iron scepter and crush all rebellion like the smashing of pottery (**Psalm 2:6-9**). This prophecy was given approximately 1000 years before Jesus came to make His dwelling among men for the **first** time. Today it has been over two thousand years since Jesus walked this earth. We were promised that He would return a second time by the angels in **Acts 1:10-11**.

In total, the world has had over three thousand years of warning. This warning, however, has had little effect upon the world’s conduct. In the last days, the kingdom of the anti-christ will be the ultimate consummation of this age-long rebellion. When Christ returns, He will seem much different to those who mocked the message of His first advent. They will see Him as we have seen Him all along; as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Every knee will bow before Him (**Philippians 2:10-11**), but it will be too late.

In one quick event, the world’s armies will be destroyed, and Jesus will reign. The battle will be over before it starts, or as **Psalm 2:12** says;

**Kiss His Son, or He will be angry, and your way will lead to your destruction, for His wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

With the foreknowledge of these truths from Holy Scripture, let us study together the second coming of Christ and those who will be witnesses upon that day: *The Bridegroom, the Bride, and the Bird Feed.*

## **The Bridegroom**

**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 wages war. Rev. 19:11**

When people think of Jesus, they may think of the baby in a manger, wrapped in the swaddling clothes of His poverty. While others may think of Jesus as The One Who loved and forgave, healed the sick, and upon His death, even prayed for His executioners. For many people, it is hard to fathom a "Mighty Warrior" Jesus. I have often heard people say, when conversation turns to God's righteous wrath, "My Jesus" would never do anything like that!" Well, maybe "their Jesus" would not, but *The* Jesus will! Therefore, it is of the utmost importance to place your faith in the real Son of God, not some lesser facsimile that you have created in your own imaginings. Jesus has always been, and will always be, The Alpha and The Omega, The Everlasting Almighty God. And just because He has chosen to withhold judgment on the rebellious of this world in times past, does not mean He will withhold it forever.

God's perfect righteousness **requires** that He pour out His wrath upon the wicked. Make no mistake. The sinful of this world will eventually reap what they have sown. If God's wrath is never brought to bear upon sin, then the cross becomes unnecessary. The loving "Savior Jesus" of the gospels and the "Warrior Jesus" of **Revelation 19** and **Psalm 2** may be difficult for some to reconcile, but it must be done, for the two are one and the same. The second coming of Christ will be both wonderful *and* terrifying. Wonderful for those who have trusted Him and terrifying for those who have rejected His grace and offer of salvation.

**His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns...**

**Revelation 19:12a**

The reason for the "many crowns" (*diadema* in Greek, meaning rulers crown) is because He has taken the authority away from all the rulers of earth and assumed His rightful place as King. In *Old Testament* times, when a kingdom was defeated, the crown was taken from the defeated king and placed on the head of the victorious one (**2 Samuel 12:30**). Jesus is seen here wearing *all* the crowns for He alone is the King of Kings! (**vs. 16**).

**He has a name that no one knows but Himself.**

**Revelation 19:12b**

When the "Angel of the Lord" would appear in the Old Testament, He was a pre-incarnate manifestation of Jesus. In other words, Jesus was interacting with people long before He came to be born in Bethlehem. (You can do that sort of thing when You have been around forever!) He wrestled Jacob in **Genesis 32**. He also appeared to Samson's parents in **Judges 13**. Both Jacob and Manoah (Samson's father) asked His name. The Angel refused to give it. He asked Manoah, "Why do you ask my name? It is beyond your understanding." (**Judges 13:18**)

The Hebrew word used here for understanding (*pilee'*) means "wonderful or incomprehensible." Our LORD has a name for Himself, that is above our ability to grasp. His name is wonderful beyond our wildest imaginings. Isaiah uses this same word to describe Jesus when he says, **"...And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6)**. Our Lord Jesus is one of a kind. His name is known only to Himself. His nature is above and beyond our comprehension, and yet He was willing to humble Himself to die on a cross....for *our* sin. Who can comprehend the great love of Jesus?

**He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood...**

**Revelation 19:13a**

At the time of His second coming, the blood on His robe will not be His Own! But rather, His robe will be stained with the blood of His enemies. When Jesus came to earth the first time, He was slaughtered as a sacrificial lamb, and He was covered with His own blood on the cross. In His second coming, His garments are stained as He **"treads the wine press" (Revelation 14:20)** bringing judgment.

As we have studied in previous chapters, you can either accept the blood of Jesus as payment for your sins, or you will pay for them with your own. When Jesus returns, all accounts will be settled. And His garments will be stained with the blood of His enemies.

**...His name is the Word of God.**

**Revelation 19:13b**

The word used here for "Word" (logos) is the same word that John uses to describe Jesus in the gospel of John.

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**John 1:1**

Logos is best understood as the wisdom that governs everything. Jesus, therefore, is the embodiment of all wisdom. He is the architect of the universe. Not only does He understand everything that exists, He initiated it. Who better qualified to judge the earth? He searches and knows the very hearts of every man. He is the rightful judge.

**Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.**

**"He will rule them with an iron scepter."**

**Revelation 19:15**

Not only will He destroy His enemies (with His Word), He will rule the earth with an iron scepter. This means that the Lord Jesus will be given absolute rule, when He inherits the earth. This language is not only taken from **Psalms 2**, but **Genesis 49**, as well. At the end of Jacob's life, when he blesses each of his sons, He says this about his son Judah:

**The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until He to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be His.**

**Gen. 49:10**

Jesus is the final fulfillment of this prophecy. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He will be the absolute ruler of all the earth. The earth is His inheritance alone. His Word will be the law of the land. Finally a government shall come to this earth that shall actually benefit its people. No wonder God's children long so, for the second coming!

**On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords**

**Revelation 19:16**

Jesus is coming to reign. He will wipe every vestige of evil from the earth, and we will live in a sinless world. He is worthy. He is able. And He shall reign! Amen.

## **The Bride**

**The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.**

**Revelation 19:14**

When Jesus returns to earth to take what is rightfully His, we will ride with Him as He judges the nations. All those who were persecuted by the Beast will witness his demise. They won't just hear of it. They will see it, along with all the saints of God from ages past. We will **be** the armies of heaven. It is worth noting that Jesus is the only one who is armed with a sword (**vs. 15**). We won't need arms. One Jesus with a sword is more than enough! The "great battle" will last but a moment. It will actually be a great slaughter. The martyrs are avenged. The bride will have no blood upon her wedding gown.

**"Vengeance is mine" says the Lord, "I will repay."**

**Romans 12:19b**

## **The Bird Feed**

**...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..."**

**Revelation 19:17**

**Revelation 19** is really a "tale of two suppers". The first supper, "***The Wedding Supper of the Lamb***" (vs. 9) will be for all Believers who have trusted in Christ Jesus and have been saved from the coming wrath. It will be one joyous one-thousand-year celebration, the likes of which this world has never seen.

The second supper, "***The Supper of God***", will be a gruesome display of judgment, when the birds of earth are gathered to feast upon the bodies of all who rejected Christ and gathered to make war on behalf of the beast. All will be slaughtered except the beast and the false prophet, who will be thrown into hell, while still alive (**vs. 20-21**). The prophet Ezekiel says that it will take seven months to bury the bodies of the dead (**Ezekiel 39:12**). The birds of earth will have plenty to feast upon!

So there are two suppers to choose from. The "***Marriage Supper of The Lamb***" or "***The Supper of God***". In the end, you will either be *for* Christ, or you will be *for* the birds! Be certain that you have received your invitation to the marriage supper of The Lamb. Surrender your life to Christ, while there is still time, for He is coming back to reign. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

*Let the Bride of Christ cry... "**Hallelujah!**"*