

I. THE WHITE HORSE

A. This is the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ

1. Much is made confusing about this phrase – “Second Coming”
 - a. We all agree that the Bible says Jesus is coming again
 - i. But many confuse this with the Rapture
 - ii. He said He is coming to EARTH in the same way He left
 - iii. ACTS 1:9-11 – “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. (10) And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; (11)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.”
 - iv. The Rapture does not fit this description!
 - v. The Saints (not church) go to HIM in the Rapture
 - b. This White Horse is seen at the END of the Tribulation Period
 - i. After all SEVEN years have been completed
 - ii. This is after the rapture (catching up)
 - iii. This is after the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
 - iv. This point will mark the BEGINNING of the Millennium
 - c. A THOUSAND-year reign of the Jesus Christ (Honeymoon!)
2. FIRST, He comes FOR His saints before the Tribulation
 - a. JOHN 14:2-3 – “In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) 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.”
 - b. Turn to 1 THESS. 4:13-18 – This is very important!
 - i. That word “descend” means from 3rd Heaven to the 1st
 - ii. But still means we go UP
 - c. There is much confusing teaching about this – Pre/Mid/Post
 - i. When we go to the doctor, we make an “appointment”
 - ii. That means we have a set time for a set thing
 - iii. We have been seeing the WRATH of God poured out
 - iv. Those who worship the beast are definitely meeting with it
 - v. God has it scheduled with a plan (trumpets, bowls, etc.)
 - vi. 1 THESS 5:9 – “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,”

3. SECOND, He comes WITH His saints at Armageddon REV. 19:14
 - a. “were” in Heaven – not on Earth a few minutes ago...
 - b. Not just now meeting Him in the clouds
 - c. They had already had white robes REV. 19:8
- B. This is different from the FIRST time He came
 1. He rode a lowly ass into Jerusalem MATT. 21:4-11
 2. He was MEEK and GENTLE before
 3. JOHN 3:17 – “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”
- C. Now He rides a WHITE HORSE (signifying His RIGHTEOUSNESS)
 1. Before he was meek and gentle, now He comes to make WAR
 2. He is coming to FIGHT the Battle of Armageddon
 3. He is coming to destroy the forces of Satan with His sure swift sword!
 4. He is the Faithful and True
 5. He is the Undisputed, Undefeated, Uncontested CHAMPION!

II. THE WRITTEN NAME

- A. Many things describe Him on this day, as He rides on to ultimate victory
 1. The Bible calls Him the all-seeing one
 - a. REV. 1:14 – “His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;”
 - b. Can’t you see Him in your mind’s eye?
 - c. There is nothing like this!
 - i. Not all the special effects in Hollywood could envision this
 - ii. And even if they could, it would be fake!
 - d. Oh, but the EYES of Jesus
 - i. Peter, after he denied Jesus, looked into His eyes
 - ii. And something about the eyes of Jesus
 - iii. It caused him to weep bitterly!
 - iv. HEB. 4:13 – “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”
 2. He wore a crown of thorns on this earth the first time
 - a. But not anymore! He was crowned with MANY crowns
 - b. Bring forth the royal diadem! And CROWN HIM!
 - c. King of Kings! Lord of Lords!
 3. His vesture is dipped in blood
 4. Such a fearsome vision of the Great and Mighty God!
- B. The armies of Heaven follow Him
 1. All the REDEEMED will be there!
 - a. They WERE in Heaven with Him before
 - b. And now will EVER be WITH Him (Where He goes, I go!)

2. ZECH. 14:1-3 – “Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. (2) For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (3) Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.”
 3. This is not “the” church, but the SAINTS and now the ARMY of the Lamb
 - a. There will be members of the bride there and those who aren’t
 - b. There will be O.T. saints there and those of us from the N.T.
 - c. The penitent thief from the cross will be there and so will Paul
- C. But one of the most MEANINGFUL of all, is His Written Name
1. So significant that God writes it to us in all capital letters REV. 19:16
 2. Prominent and unmistakable – written by God’s own hand!
 3. There will be NO QUESTION who is fighting this battle!
 - a. Men have tried to use this title in the past
 - b. Artaxerxes, the Median Kings like Darius
 - c. All are dead. Their power and their kingdoms crumbled away.
 4. There is only ONE who will take this title who will NEVER die
 5. Whose power and kingdom will never fade away
 6. ISA. 9:7 – “Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

III. THE WORD OF GOD

- A. But most important in all of this description is His weapon
1. You see, His army will not be needed in this battle!
 - a. He fights it and WINS all by Himself
 - b. There is only ONE sword mentioned in this passage
 - c. And it proceeds out of His mouth
 2. Unbelievers have mocked this passage in the past
 - a. They say it is no different than a comic book Superman
 - b. Shooting laser beams out of his eyes
 - c. Jesus is no comic book character!
 - d. By the way, Superman is very sacrilegious (“Son of Jor-El”)
 3. But it is really very simple – we compare Scripture with Scripture
- B. The SHARPEST SWORD
1. HEB. 4:12 – “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

2. ISA. 66:16 – “For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.”
3. This is the Word of God
 - a. It is perfect – inerrant (meaning it contains no errors)
 - b. It is perfect – infallible (meaning it can TEACH no errors)
 - c. It is perfect – COMPLETE meaning the full counsel of God to Man
- C. It is with His Word that He will smite the nations REV. 19:15
 1. The Word of God is a comfort now – a way to escape the wrath EARNED
 2. The wages of sin is death and all have sinned!
 3. A perfect love letter of mercy and grace today
 4. But WOE to them who refuse to take refuge in His Word today
 5. The time will come (has come in REV. 19) when it will be TOO LATE

IV. THE WRATHFUL WINEPRESS

- A. The Bible says that He will SMITE the nations – His Vesture dipped in blood
 1. This passage does not say that THIS blood is His own
 2. In fact, it seems to me that His blood is too valuable for such things
 3. In fact, the Bible says that His blood was taken to the Mercy Seat of God
 4. At this battle, blood would run high as the horses’ bridles
 5. While many debate this, it seems that this is the blood of His enemies
- B. The context is the WINEPRESS of God’s Wrath
 1. The purpose of the press is to squeeze out the juice of the grapes
 - a. The purpose of THIS winepress is the express wrath of God
 - b. And the result is the blood of God’s enemies
 2. God’s angel calls all the birds to a “Great Supper” REV. 19:17
 - a. This is a great contrast to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
 - b. That supper is joy and light and LIFE
 - c. THIS supper is judgment, destruction, and DEATH
 3. All classes of men are represented REV. 19:18
 - a. Power and wealth will not buy their way out
 - b. Weakness and poverty will provide no excuse
- C. This chapter closes the Tribulation Period
 1. The judgement against the Earth was completed in Chapter 16
 2. The judgment against flesh is completed here in Chapter 19
 3. The judgment against the Beast and the False Prophet vs. 19-20
 - a. In the Lake of Fire, cast ALIVE
 - b. And yet still there 1000 Years Later REV. 20:10
 - c. Hell is not an end. The fire does not burn up and annihilate

V. THE WINNING SIDE

- A. The invitation this morning is to join the WINNING side!
 1. Only by the Blood of the Lamb of God can you be Saved

2. Salvation can only be found in Jesus Christ
 3. ACTS 4:12 – “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
- B. Let HIM pay for your sin by His death upon the Cross
1. Sin will be judged – God MUST or He isn’t God
 2. Either you will pay for your own sin in Hell and then the Lake of Fire
 3. Or you will today choose to let Jesus pay in your place!
 4. That is the choice!
- C. But oh, the BENEFITS!
1. Not just escape from sin but life with God forever in Heaven!
 2. Be Saved Today!