

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 48

THE MAJESTIC SPLENDOUR OF JESUS

REVELATION 19:11-16



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Revelation 19:11-16 depict the majestic splendour of our Bridegroom, King and Judge who is returning. God pulled open the curtains of heaven to give us a glimpse and foretaste of this Beautiful Man whom we will ultimately see face to face. As a Church, we need to give ourselves to long, loving meditation on these six verses! If the reality of the beauty of Jesus strikes our hearts, it will ruin us for life and cause us to be undone. We will give our all to Jesus and live wholeheartedly for Him and for the Wedding Day!

Revelation 19:1 – 21:8 is **the final chronological section** of the Book of Revelation, and the section has to be studied as one unit. There are **eight vital events** that include two eschatological transitions that will unfold at the End of the Age.

They are:

- 1. The Emergence of the Mature, Equally-yoked Bride of Christ and the Wedding Day** (Rev. 19:1-10)
- 2. The Second Coming of Jesus** (Rev. 19:11-16)
- 3. The Ultimate Victory — The Battle of Jerusalem** (Rev. 19:17-21)
- 4. Satan cast into prison for 1000 years** (Rev. 20:1-3)
- 5. The Millennium Kingdom — The Ultimate Partnership of the Bride and Jesus here on Earth** (Rev. 20:4-6)
- 6. Satan released after 1000 years for One Final Battle** (Rev. 20:7-10)
- 7. The Great White Throne Judgment** (Rev. 20:11-15)
- 8. Our Ultimate Destiny in Eternity — The Father will come down and dwell with men forever** (Rev. 21:1-8)





The two eschatological transitions are from this age to the Millennial age and from the Millennial age to Eternity.

Revelation 19:11-16 give us the clearest and most complete picture of who Jesus is at His Second Coming. Primarily He is coming as the Bridegroom, King and Judge. There are two lenses through which we can view His Second Coming — through the lens of the Bride or the lens of the rebellious.

If we are looking through the lens of the Bride, it is about love. It is about the Wedding Day. Seeing through the lens of the Bride will cause us to love Jesus even more, and we will yearn for Him to return! Psalm 45 is an example of such a passage.

If we are looking through the lens of the rebellious, it will be about the wrath of God; it will be about Judgment Day. It will cause us to fear and tremble. Psalm 2 is an example of such a passage.

There are **four contexts** to the Second Coming of Jesus:

1

THE WEDDING DAY

Jesus is returning for the Wedding Day. It gives us revelation of Him as the **Bridegroom**.

2

THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD

Jesus is coming back as the **transcendent, conquering King** in the context of the greatest military conflict called the Battle of Jerusalem. He will defeat the Antichrist, deliver Israel and be received by the Jewish people as their Messiah and their King!

3

THE GREAT JUDGMENT DAY

Jesus is coming back as the **Judge**, bringing ultimate justice to all the earth (Isa. 42:1-4).

THE CONVERGENCE AND MATURITY OF THE THREE PRAYER MOVEMENTS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH

Jesus will only return when the three prayer movements in heaven and on earth become mature. They are:

- 1. The 24/7 Houses of Prayer of the Gentile Church (Luke 18:1-8; Isa. 62:6-7)**
- 2. The Prayers of the Remnant of Israel (Zech. 12:10)**
- 3. The Prayers of the Martyrs in Heaven (Rev. 6:9-11)**

Revelation 19:11-16 give us seven pictures of the majestic splendour of Jesus – the beauty of the Bridegroom’s passion for us. They are:

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THE BEAUTY OF THE BRIDEGROOM’S SPLENDOUR (V. 11)

T W O

THE BEAUTY OF THE BRIDEGROOM’S PASSION (V. 11-12)

T H R E E

THE BEAUTY OF THE BRIDEGROOM’S NAME (V. 12-13,16)

F O U R

THE BEAUTY OF THE BRIDEGROOM’S ARMY (V. 14)

F I V E

JESUS' WEAPONS OF WARFARE AT HIS SECOND COMING (V. 15)

S I X

THE WRATH OF JESUS AS THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE (V. 15)

S E V E N

THE BEAUTY OF JESUS' REIGN AS THE TRANSCENDENT KING (V. 11,15-16)

In Revelation 19:11, John saw the heavens open, and he beheld the **majestic Bridegroom King and Judge coming on a white horse**. This is about God giving His people open heavens — full disclosure and revelation of the splendour and glory of Jesus. We need to pray for such an encounter so that we will long and yearn for Him.

Jesus came **riding on a white horse**. This is such a stark contrast to **His First Coming**, where **He came as a Shepherd, humbly riding on a donkey** into Jerusalem with only a small number of followers. He was going to the cross as the **Lamb of God**.

At **His Second Coming**, Jesus is coming as a **victorious and glorious King** with a **rod of iron, with the armies of heaven following behind**. He will enter Jerusalem as the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**.

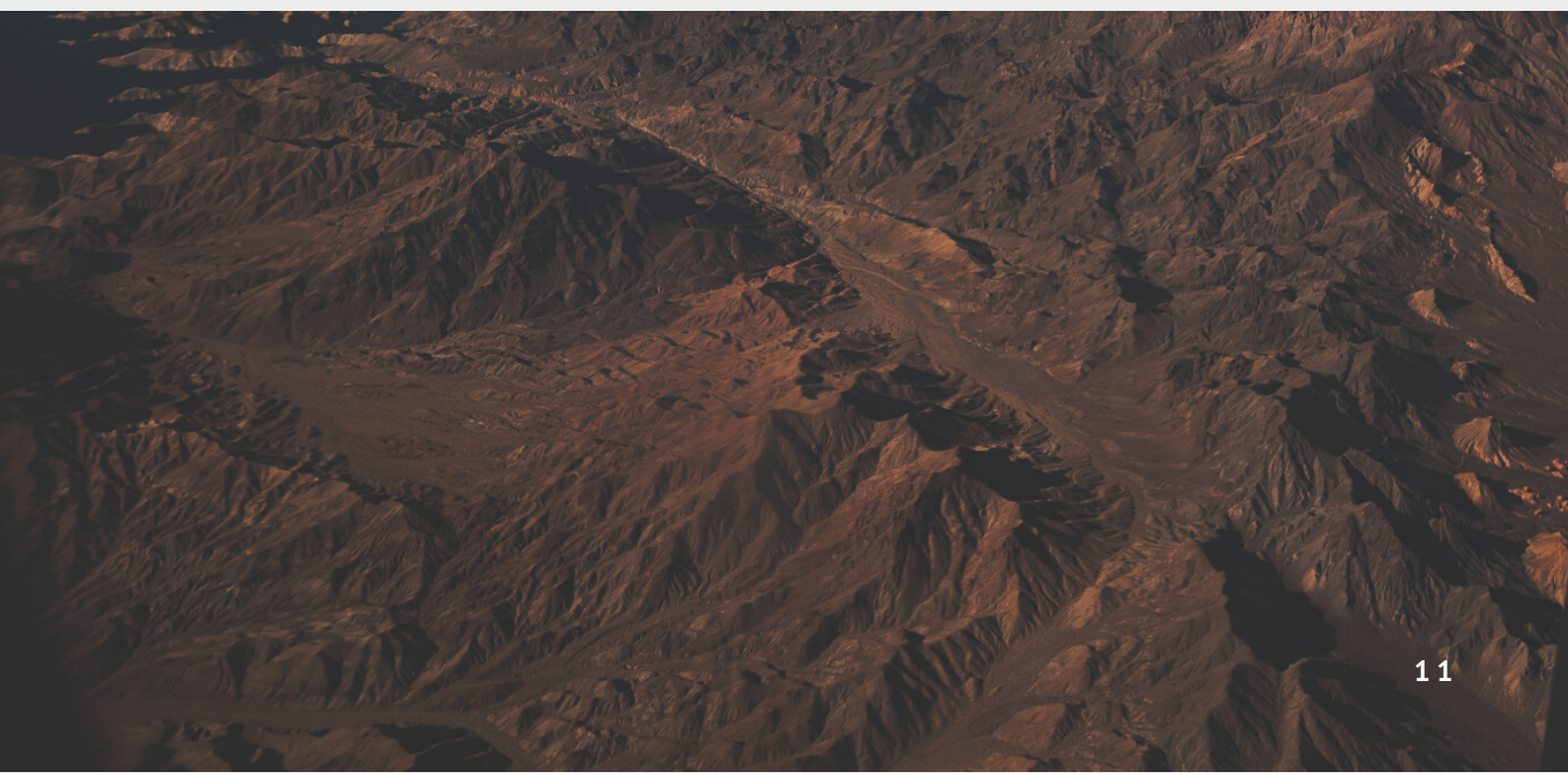
Jesus is called **Faithful and True**. This is both a **character statement** and a **governmental statement**. The character statement is referring to Him as a Bridegroom.



He is faithful as a Husband to us. Even when we are faithless, He will remain faithful because this is who He is (2 Tim. 2:13). As a Bridegroom, He will be true to each of His promises (2 Cor. 1:20).

As a King, **Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega**, the perfect, most complete and wise leader in all human history (Rev. 1:11). He has good and perfect plans for all the nations (Jer. 29:11).

Revelation 19:11 tells us that **Jesus judges in righteousness and He makes war in righteousness**. He has come to establish justice. He will confront every oppressor and remove injustice. His judgment will be perfect in knowledge, timing and punishment because He has the fullness of the Spirit (Isa. 11:2-5). Jesus is not waging an unjust war. He is waging war against oppression, Satan, the Antichrist and the Harlot-Babylon because they have corrupted the whole earth.





Jesus' eyes are like a flame of fire (Rev. 19:12). It describes His passion as a Bridegroom for His Bride. Fire speaks about His intense feelings and emotions for His people. He has great zeal for His Bride, and His eyes of zeal will impart passion to us. Another reason why Jesus' eyes are like a flame of fire is because **He is angry with His enemies**, namely Satan, the Antichrist and the Harlot-Babylon, for persecuting and perverting His Bride.

On His head were many crowns (Rev. 19:12). This refers to **the full manifestation of His kingship.** Throughout Church history, Jesus is the sovereign King. Here He comes as the **transcendent and conquering King.** Finally, He is fully crowned as the King of the whole earth, and His kingship, authority and power are fully manifested.

He had a name written that no one knew (Rev. 19:12). This is not talking about an issue of secrecy but an issue of capacity. No human being is able to grasp the vast ocean of the knowledge and unending splendour of Jesus – it is simply beyond our capacity to understand (Isa. 40:12-31). This is why David said in Psalm 145:3 that His greatness is unsearchable!

Revelation 19:13 tells us that **His robe is soaked in blood**. He came as a Judge, and He had just trampled on the nations (Isa. 63:1-6). Many people were killed, and the amount of bloodshed was 200 miles long and 1 metre in height (Rev. 14:20).

Jesus is making four statements to the Church that we need to take to heart. He is saying:



**I AM THE ONE WHO JUDGES AND I
AM INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THIS
JUDGMENT.**

**I AM NOT ASHAMED OF MY
JUDGMENTS. ARE YOU?**

**I AM LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO
AGREE AND PARTNER WITH ME IN
THIS JUDGMENT. WILL YOU SAY
YES (ISA. 63:5)?**

**WILL YOU PREACH JESUS WHO IS
IN RED GARMENT (ISA. 63:1-6) –
THE ONE WHO IS COMING BACK AS
THE JUDGE?**



Jesus' name is called the Word of God (Rev. 19:13). He is the full manifestation of the heart and purpose of the Father, and He has the ability, intention and power to fulfil every plan of God.

Jesus has an army following behind Him. This is His Bride who is partnering with Him. This army is clothed in white linen. They are believers who are wholehearted and fully devoted to Jesus, with pure hearts and motives.

Verse 15 describes the **weapons of His warfare**, as well as His rulership as a King and His wrath as a Judge. Jesus' weaponry consists of a sword and a rod. The sword is both literal and spiritual. Spiritually, it refers to the power of His Word. Jesus **ruling with a rod of iron** refers to **His unyielding and absolute government, with the requirement for all to conform to the righteous standards of God**. As a Judge, Jesus Himself will tread the winepress of the wrath of God because the nations have rebelled against Him!

In verse 16, **Jesus has on Him a robe**. This is a priestly robe; He will be a Priest forever, ministering to the Father and preparing the people of God to be ready to receive the Father's coming after the Millennium Kingdom. He has a name written on His thigh. The term "thigh" always represents the strength of a man. This means that Jesus will forever be a Man!

Finally, Jesus' name is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. As the resurrected saints, we will have two primary roles in the Millennium Kingdom – kings and priests. We will have the privilege of partaking in the joy of ruling and reigning with Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of lords!

Having seen the glory of our Bridegroom King and Judge, what is our response?

I trust that our hearts are stirred, and we will cry out with the cry of the Apostle John in Revelation 22:20,

**“EVEN SO,
COME, LORD JESUS!”**



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