Revelation 19:11-21

The King Returns

1. **The Vision of Jesus: verses 11-16**
   1. He is faithful and true
      1. Jesus upon the white horse
         1. This vision emphasizes that Jesus is coming as the warrior who has been victorious in battle.
         2. In the Old Testament Yahweh is presented as the conquering warrior who comes with his sharp sword.
            1. Joshua 5:13-15; Isaiah 27:1; 31:8; 66:16
   2. Eyes like a flame of fire
      1. This is the same as the vision from 1:13
      2. Nothing is unknown or hidden from these eyes.
         1. Hebrews 4:12,13
   3. The diadems
      1. This symbolizes kingly authority; sovereignty; absolute power
      2. Impostors wore diadems on crowns
         1. The dragon in 12:3
         2. The beast from the sea 13:1
   4. The unknown name
      1. John did not seek any clarification
         1. In Genesis 32, when Jacob was wrestling with God, he aske for His name (v29).
         2. This name will be revealed on the Last Day.
            1. Could it be related to what is said in Philippians 2:9-11 “at the name of Jesus every knew will bow……and every tongue confess” ?
   5. A garment dipped in blood
      1. Blood of his enemies
         1. Isaiah 63:1-6
         2. The blood of redemption
            1. To believers, Jesus comes as redeemer. To His enemies, He comes as judge and Warrior God.
   6. The Word of God
      1. Logos: “Word”
         1. Found in John’s writings.
            1. In John chapter 1 it is used for Jesus.

In verses 3 and 10 the Word is presented as the Person through whom all creation came about, and thus He is the agent of God’s creation.

In verse 14 the Word became flesh. Jesus is God incarnate.

* + 1. In 19:11-16
       1. The Word of God indicates Jesus is going to do something more than judge, He will do something new and creative.
  1. The army of heaven
     1. Angel armies
        1. Matthew 26:53
        2. They come with the purpose of executing God’s judgment.
  2. Sharps sword/Iron Rod
     1. Christ’s judgment
        1. Isaiah 11:4
  3. Treading the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God.
     1. A terrible thing to fall into the hands of a vengeful God (Heb. 10:30,31).
  4. King of kings and Lord of lords
     1. All imposters are now disposed. The full reign of Christ is revealed.

1. **Conclusion of the warfare: verses 17-21**
   1. The angel
      1. More than likely the same one John saw in 18:1 and 18:21.
         1. This angel announced the judgment on Babylon.
      2. Invites the birds of prey to feast on God’s enemies.
         1. This feast is the opposite of the marriage feast of the bride from 19:7,9
            1. That feast was of joy and celebration.
            2. This feast is of terror and judgment.
         2. Ezekiel 39:17-20 pictures a similar feast.
      3. While both the scenes from Rev. 19 and Ezekiel are repelling, the point made is that there is a horrible fate which awaits those who war against God. These enemies will never again arise to hurt God’s people.
   2. The identity of the fallen enemies: v 18
      1. Mighty and lowly, slave and free. Worshippers of the beast and its image, those who received the mark.
   3. Description of the battle and its end: verses 19-21
      1. This is Armageddon.
         1. Armageddon is the total destruction of the harlot and beast and the enemies of God.
         2. In Rev. 16:12-16 we are told the name of this battle is Armageddon.
            1. Revelation chapters 16 and 19 are two different visions of the same battle. In 20:7-10 we will be given another vision of this same battle.

In 20:7-10 the false prophet and beast are given the imagery of God and Magog.