

## **The King Is Coming** **Revelation 19:11-16**

For many years the earth has languished for her rightful ruler. But when Adam lost his right of dominion in the garden of Eden, a usurper took over. He is called there the serpent. All during these years he has made every devilish effort to seize complete control.

Only for a short 30 years was the rightful King among men, and then He came to inaugurate some important procedures by which the great plan of God could be and would be carried out.

It is indeed an exciting fact that Jesus Christ is coming back to earth to take His rightful place as King of kings and Lord of lords. Praise God, the day is coming! And that day may be soon! Revelation 19:11-16 describes THE KING IS COMING.

*11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

*12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

*13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

*14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

*15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

*16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

From this Scripture I wish to raise several QUESTIONS to help us understand more fully what the coming of Jesus Christ in power and great glory will mean.

The first Question; What Is His Name?

We have some new insights as to the character of Jesus Christ by the names He bears in our text. The first name given to Him is in verse 11. He is called Faithful and True. Jesus said when He was here the first time, "I do always those things that please the Father." He also said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man comes unto the Father but by me." That surely demonstrates that He is the Faithful and True One.

His second name is the Unknown Name. The Bible tells us that this name is known to no one but He Himself.

The third is the Word of God. You notice this in verse 13, "And his name is called the Word of God." He was so designated in John's Gospel. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Note accurately the Word is God. We must be reminded that the Scripture further tells us that when God created the world He did so by Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

The fourth name occurs in verse 16 where He is called KINGS OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. He has the preeminence. Nobody is nearly His equal. He has no peer and no one is above Him.

That in all things He might have the preeminence. He is called **KINGS OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

The second Question; What Is His Appearance?

Follow me very carefully because there are six descriptions about His appearance. First of all He is on a white horse. Heaven opens and behold a white horse and one sits upon the horse. A white horse is always the symbol of victory. He comes as the Victorious One, truly equipped and ready on His white horse.

Further, He has eyes like a flame of fire. That surely must indicate the penetration of His gaze. I note and remember that in chapter one He is also described as having eyes like a flame of fire in verse 14; that is Revelation 1:14, "And his eyes were like a flame of fire."

Then He is crowned with many crowns. I note this in verse 12, "And on his head were many crowns." The dragon had seven heads and seven crowns on his heads, and the Beast out of the sea had seven heads and ten horns and ten crowns on his horns. Here Jesus Christ the coming King has been crowned with many crowns, describing His total dominion. How vain it was that the devil offered Him the kingdoms of the world!

And then He has a vesture dipped in blood. This must have some reference to His priestly work. When He was here the first time, He offered Himself! He has not lost that priestly function forever.

Notice further that He is accompanied by the armies of heaven. They that follow Him are also on white horses and clothed in fine linen, white and clean. In the earlier part of the chapter the bride, who made herself ready, was dressed in fine linen, clean and white. And the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints, we learned. This must be then the multitude of the redeemed who accompany Him in His coming. There is a final description about His appearance. There is a sharp sword proceeding out of His mouth. Again in chapter 1, verse 16, we see, when He was among the churches in John's early vision of Him, that He has a sharp two-edged sword proceeding out of His mouth.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 4:12 that the Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword. Here then in His appearance that Word takes the shape of a sharp sword that proceeds out of His mouth. Quite an arresting appearance. It is fitting for the **KINGS OF KINGS**.

The third Question; What Is His Conquest?

He is coming to accomplish His conquest in four parts. First to judge and to make war. This is quite different from His first advent, because then He came without even quenching the smoking flax. He came very humbly. He was born in a humble stable. He lived with a humble family in Nazareth. His foster father, Joseph, was a humble carpenter. He had no place to lay His head when He was here the first time. So now in this tremendous revelation of the **KINGS OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** He is coming in power and great glory to judge and to make war.

The second part of His conquest is to smite the nations. With that sharp sword proceeding out of His mouth He will smite the nations. Those rebellious nations, the mob, the crowds, the multitudes that have been taken up with the devil's line and lie, those He will smite. The Apostle Paul writing to the Thessalonians speaks about those who have believed **THE LIE**. Jesus Christ when He comes in power and great glory is going to smite those nations with the sword of His mouth, in other words, with the Word of God.

But then the third part of His conquest is to rule with a rod of iron. Here we are reminded of Psalms 2:9 where He will dash the nations in pieces with the rod of iron. And we are reminded also of Revelation 12 when the Man Child who was born was the One who was to rule the nations with the rod of iron.

There is a final part to His conquest: to tread the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of God Almighty. No opposition can possibly be successful.

What is His conquest? To judge and make war, to smite the nations, to rule with the rod of iron and to tread the wine press of the wrath of Almighty God.

When the King comes back there will be no lingering doubt as to who He is. His names make that very clear. His appearance will undoubtedly be convincing. And His conquest will surely be in His own right. He will come in power and great glory to tread the wine press of the wrath of God Almighty. This great event will inaugurate the closing phase of God's plan for the ages.