

I. Review (Rev. 17:1-19:10)

A. In order to make sense of the next scene in the book it is helpful to go back and review the structure of Revelation and where we currently are in it. The book can be broken down into 4 parts and the 4th part can be broken down into 5 sections, each section having two parts

1. Introduction
2. Letters to the Churches
3. Jesus receives the Plan and Authority to transition the Earth
4. Jesus executes the Plan and Transitions the Earth

a) Sections 1-5; Part 1 (Chronological Events) Part 2 (Angelic Explanation of the Leadership of Jesus in the Events)

B. We have recently been studying the longest Angelic Explanation in the book concerning the harshness of the 7 bowl judgments and the refusal of men to repent in the face of such judgments.

1. Phase 1 of the Plan - God will allow a world wide Antichrist spirit to flourish in the last days that will produce a global ideological, religious, governmental, and economic system called the “Harlot Babylon”. God will use this system to purify His bride and cause her to be made ready for the Day of the Lord known as the Great Tribulation.
2. At just the perfect time God will use 10 nations leaders to destroy the Harlot System by destroying its capital city. He will then put it on these leaders hearts to promote the Antichrist as the primary leader of the planet thus starting a 3 ½ year Great Tribulation. This time period will be the greatest time of trouble for the people of God along with the greatest time of revival and great evangelistic power.
3. This time period will culminate with the Antichrist setting his heart to gather the nations’ armies against Israel and its capital city Jerusalem in order to completely destroy her people from the earth.
4. Phase 2 of the Plan - At the moment of the darkest hour of the people of God the last trumpet will sound from heaven. Jesus the Bridegroom King and Judge will split the sky bringing with Him all the hosts of heaven and rapturing His people from the earth in order to bring them with Him to defend Israel and destroy the Antichrist and His armies.

II. Transition of the earth Phase 2 (Defeat the Antichrist and His Armies)

- A. Phase 1 of Jesus transitioning the earth was not necessarily seen by all the inhabitants of the earth as the Lord used the wicked intentions of 10 national leaders to carry out the Harlot's destruction. However, He is about to come upon the earth in clarity, glory, and power.
- B. John sees and highlights Jesus as the Bridegroom King in the final battle of natural history over Jerusalem. The context is Jesus making His royal procession into Jerusalem to destroy the Antichrist. This will be the greatest day in natural history for believers—the day of the Lord. Here we see just as we did at Cavalry Jesus' personality, and how far He will go for the sake of love and justice.
 1. We must understand that all prophetic utterances that speak of the return and initial rule of Jesus give it in the context of a great battle. A literal war where armies are gathered together to destroy Jerusalem and stand against Him at His return. I believe this is critical in our understanding of the final chapters in the book of Revelation. Otherwise, these passages seem very cryptic or at the very least confusing and bizarre.
- C. Jesus' beauty will be manifested in great measure to all the nations at His second coming. As we meditate on what He will do at that time, we are able to see His personality behind the events. (Ps. 45; Is. 4:2; Heb. 1:8)
- D. In Revelation 19:11-16, the Spirit highlights multiple aspects of Jesus' triumphal 2nd coming procession. Each one of these aspects speaks of the great beauty of our Beloved Bridegroom.
 1. Heaven will Open – Every time heaven is open to us there is an unveiling of the person of Jesus Christ. This has been a spiritual reality from the time He was taken up into heaven. Now heaven is open once and for all and the unveiling of Jesus to the inhabitants of the whole earth is now a undeniable physical reality. The kingdom has come on earth as it is in heaven! (Mat. 6:10; Rev. 1:1, 19:10)
 2. White Horse - In Biblical times especially among Israel, most soldiers were foot soldiers. To have a horse in battle was a significant advantage. A horse spoke of honor, of power, and of speed; the color of this horse speaks of victory and purity. Jesus will make His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a white horse as the conquering King, in the context of a military conflict.

3. Faithful and True - He is faithful to fulfill His promises and is true to His loving nature in all that He does. Even in battle, Jesus will be faithful to love, justice, and truth. He keeps all His promises but the particular promise being fulfilled at this hour is the great promise that was given at the onset of redemptive history. (Gen. 3:15; Phil. 3:20-21; Titus 2:13; 2 Pet. 3:13)

4. In Righteousness He Judges and Makes War - He will intervene with judgment in order to put things right. His judgments include establishing new leaders, laws, and policies that will help the poor. The most extreme judgment in history will occur in the largest, most violent battle in history. Jesus will restore order by destroying wicked governments. He does all of this in perfect righteousness. (Ps. 45:6-7; Isa. 11:1-10, 32:1; Jer. 23:5-6)