

I. Review

A. As John watched the return of Jesus to the earth the Holy Spirit highlighted multiple aspects of the glory of God that will be revealed in Him and through Him on that day. It is paramount that the church understands that these insights were given to us ahead of time for our benefit in order to prepare us and align us with Him concerning our expectancy of His return.

1. Heaven Opened
2. White Horse
3. Faithful and True
4. In Righteousness He Judges and Makes War
5. Eyes of Fire
6. Many Crowns
7. Name No One Knows
8. Robe Stained in Blood
9. Word of God
10. Armies of Heaven with Him

II. Continuing Glory Revealed

A. In order for us to truly glean all that we were meant to from this revealed truth each of us must take the time to meditate upon them individually, it is not enough just to hear about them in a teaching or skim over them in daily reading. You were made for experience knowledge of the heart of God and the Holy Spirit longs to escort you into that knowledge if you position yourself to receive it.

1. Out of His mouth a Sharp Sword – This is a dramatic way of referring to the power of His Word. Five times in the Book Revelation, John emphasizes that Jesus' sword comes out of His mouth. His verbally executed judgments (words) have real power to bring life or destroy it. John sees a sword from His mouth meaning He is going to speak words of war. (Gen. 1:3; Ps. 33:6-9, 148:5-6; Heb. 11:3; Rev. 1:16, 2:16)
2. He will Strike the Nations – We are told clearly that the sword comes out of His mouth in order that He would “strike” the nations with it. The use of the Greek word for strike in the scriptures is used 8 out of 10 times to speak of such a fierce blow that it results in death. The primary use the sword from His mouth upon His return is to pronounce the righteous verdict of death upon the armies that stand against Him. (Ex. 7:17; Job 4:9; Ps. 110; Is. 11:1-5; 2 Thes. 2:8)

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3. Rule them with a Rod of Iron – The imagery here is not that of a harsh ruler but rather an unwavering ruler. The rod of iron is one of inflexible righteousness that at the onset actually shatters fallen humanity’s worldview. This truth will one day be the great joy of the earth, but at its onset it will devastate the ideals of this fallen world. (Ps. 2; Is. 30:14; Dan. 2:44 Mat. 21:44)
4. Treads the Winepress of God’s Wrath – This title is meant to connect us to the multiple prophetic passages that speak of the hour of justice that would come upon the individuals who have chosen to reject Jesus and turn their hearts to wickedness. This title attaches the divine attribute of administering perfect justice to the wicked and tells us that Jesus alone will do this immediately upon His return. (Joel 3:9-21; Is. 63:1-9; Jer. 51:33; Mat. 13:39; Rev. 14:17-20)
5. On His Robe and Thigh a Name – Biblically, a robe represented a place of governmental power. The label upon His robe proclaims the position of governmental power in which He holds and will walk in upon His return. (Est. 6:8; Is. 6:1)

The thigh biblically represented the strength and more specifically the military strength of a person. In biblical times the sword or dagger was placed upon the thigh. (Jud. 3:8; Song 3:8; Ps. 45:3)

Jesus will be the only ruler in humanity’s history who will possess the height of military power and the height of governmental power and neither aspect will be used to do anything but bring about perfect righteousness, peace, and prosperity.

6. King of Kings and Lord of Lords - The title given is not a repetition of the same thing but rather two very different titles. King (basileus) refers to the highest holding of governmental power. There will still be kings and governmental rulers in the age to come but He will be governmentally over them all. Lord (kyrios) refers an owner or possessor of something. He is the possessor or owner of all who possess or own anything. He is authoritative ruler over all the earth and he is also the owner of all the earth. (1 Tim. 6:6-16; Jhn 18:33-38)