

## 17 - Coming of Christ

- Scriptures:**
- Revelation 19
  - Matthew 24:29-25:46
  - Zechariah 14:1-7
  - Much of the Old Testament Prophecies

- Focal Point:**
- The Physical Return of Christ to Earth

- Principal Characters:**
- Jesus Christ

- Angels
- Armies in Heaven
- The Antichrist

- Primary Events:**
- The Battle of Armageddon
  - The Physical Return of Christ to Earth
  - The Judgment of the Nations

1. Prophecy culminates and reaches its fulfillment in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to earth.
  - It's the most prophesied event in the Bible. There are literally hundreds of Scriptures that deal with this subject.
2. It is at this time that Christ will make all things right and complete peace will be brought to this earth. Satan will be "put out of business" and his evil world system will be replaced by Christ's glorious kingdom.
  - Do not confuse this event with the rapture of the church.
  - Just as Christ ascended **from** the earth, He will return **to** the earth.  
Acts 1:8-11
3. Revelation 19:11-21 is a detailed account of Christ's return. It teaches us four facts concerning His return to earth.
  - Jesus is coming back to make war with the ungodly.
    - In verse 11, heaven opens. We see a white horse, which represents a figure of conquest.
    - Who is sitting on it? Jesus! He is coming to "*make war.*" Who is the enemy? Notice verse 19. Christ will make war against the Antichrist and his armies.
    - The first time, He came as a Lamb to die for the sins of the world. The second time, He will come to this earth as a Lion to make war.  
Joel 3:9, 11, 12, 14, 16
      - He has armies. vs. 14
      - He has a weapon (vs.15) that He will use to smite the ungodly nations. vs. 21
    - This war will be no contest. From the moment Christ appears, the outcome of this war will already be decided. 2 Thessalonians 2:8-9; Revelation 19:20

- We look at the evil in the world today and think, "Why doesn't God do something about all this wickedness?" But right now is not the time for Him to judge and make war with the ungodly, but rather this is the time in which He is extending grace to His enemies. Colossians 1:20-21
- But one day Christ **will** make war against the ungodly. Daniel 9:24