

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
- Jesus is coming back to judge the ungodly.
 - Verse 11 states that Christ "*doth judge.*" In verse 12, His eyes are as a "*flame of fire.*" cf. Jude 14-15
 - I saw a bumper sticker that read, "Jesus is coming back, and boy is He mad."
 - He sure isn't coming back waving and blowing kisses to people. cf. Isaiah 34:8, 30:27, 30, 66:15-16
 - In Revelation 19:13, Christ has a vesture (garment, robe) dipped in blood. Is this Christ's blood? Absolutely not! Christ shed His blood once, but never again. This is the blood of His enemies. In verse 15 we have the analogy of trampling grapes in a winepress. Revelation 14:14, 19, 20
- Jesus is coming back to deliver His people (Israel).
 - In verse 12, Christ has a secret name that nobody knows and nobody will know until that day when He returns. This mystery name is directly related to the children of Israel.
 - Isaiah 61:9 - 62:2 is speaking of the believing **remnant** of Israel. Revelation 3:12
 - From Jacob came the 12 tribes of Israel. When Jacob turned in faith to God, he was given a new name (Israel), and as a prince had power with God and with men (Genesis 32:28). When Christ returns, He brings with Him a new name for the believing remnant of Israel who now will have power with God and with men.
 - Christ returns to earth to deliver Israel and fulfill His covenant promises to them, and establish their kingdom on earth forever. Romans 11:26-27; Psalm 89:28-37, 105:8-11; Joel 2:30-32, 3:2, 15-17, 20
- Jesus is coming back to rule and reign over this world.
 - In verse 12, Christ has many crowns on His head. Why is this? Because He is coming back to conquer the nations, and save the nation of Israel, and rule over the entire earth.
 - In verse 15, He has a sharp sword. This is to smite the nations and rule them with a rod of iron. This is a fulfillment of Psalm 2 and scores of other Old Testament prophecies.
 - Zechariah 14:1-4, 9, 16-19 lays it out very clearly.
 - Matthew 25 has some wonderful teaching on this subject.
 - In verses 31-34, Christ returns as King and sits on the throne. He gathers all nations and separates the sheep from the goats. It appears that some nations won't make it into the millennium at all. vs. 41, 45-46; cf. Psalm 9:17