

# Chapter 20

## *"The Return of the King"*

Earlier, we briefly mentioned the joining of the Raptured Saints and the Tribulation Saints when we talked about what the church can expect during the end of the Tribulation. Both groups are now considered as one when they are invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb as the Bride of Christ, which happens here. [Revelation 19:6-9](#) “<sup>6</sup> And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. <sup>8</sup> And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. <sup>9</sup> And He saith unto me, Write, “Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And He saith unto me, “These are the true sayings of God.”

Returning back to John’s account, he writes that Christ will appear with His army, clothed in white linen riding on a white horse. It will be the shortest battle ever fought. However, we will not need to actually fight as Satan will be destroyed by the power of God’s voice command. [Revelation 19:11-16](#) “<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> And He hath on his vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” This is the loud, unmistakable event that all people on earth will see and every knee shall bow that we talked about when we looked at Jesus’ answer to the questions of what will be the sign of the end of the age. His answer was recorded in at least two places in the gospel, [Matthew 24:27-31](#) and [Luke 21:27-28](#). Particularly in [Matthew 24:30 \(NKJV\)](#) “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” [Revelation 1:7](#) “Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.” Jude also emphasizes Christ’s return when he mentions those who died in Christ to judge and make all things right. [Jude 14-15](#) “<sup>14</sup> And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, <sup>15</sup> To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” Christ will come back with His “saints” and His “angels.” [Zechariah 14:4-5](#) “<sup>4</sup> And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. <sup>5</sup> And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.” [2 Thessalonians 1:10 \(NKJV\)](#) “When He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe because our testimony among you was believed.” [1 Thessalonians 3:13 \(NKJV\)](#) “So that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.” [2 Thessalonians 1:9-10 \(NKJV\)](#) “<sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, <sup>10</sup> when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.” [2 Thessalonians 1:7 \(NKJV\)](#) “And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels.” [Matthew 25:31](#) “When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory.”

This seven year period of utter devastation and destruction will culminate when Jesus physically returns and takes control. The armies of the Antichrist and False Prophet are beaten and the birds of the air are called to a great feast on the bodies of the defeated. [Revelation 19:17-18](#) “<sup>17</sup> And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; <sup>18</sup> That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.” The Antichrist and False Prophet are then captured, bound, and thrown into hell. [Revelation 19:19-20](#) “<sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.” Christ does this like we just saw with the armies of Satan, with His voice. [Revelation 19:21](#) “And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.” Christ then has Satan seized and bound. He is then relegated to Hades for 1,000 years. [Revelation 20:1-3](#) “<sup>1</sup>And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.” We will come back to the last sentence after we examine the Millennium.

After dealing with the Unholy Trinity, God turns His attention to the business of restoring His creation and setting up His governmental administration and holy laws of worship. This regime will last for 1,000 years. This is another example of an accepted term by theologians, church historians, and biblical scholars for a concept where the term used does not exist in the Bible, the Millennium. It is a combination of the words “mille” (thousand) and “annum” (year). [Revelation 20:4-6](#) “<sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death (see [Rev 20:14](#) below) hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years (the Millennium).”

