# Revelation 19:11--20:3 Battle of Armageddon – Satan in Bottomless Pit

### Christ on a White Horse With Armies of Heaven

- 11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
- 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.
- 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.
- 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.

He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

## Clean-up Crew prepared in advance

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

### Armies of Earth Readied

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

### Battle of Armageddon

- 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse.

And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

#### Revelation 20:1-3

Satan Bound 1000 Years

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.

But after these things he must be released for a little while.

#### Facts Revealed:

Christ on a White Horse With Armies of Heaven

- Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
  - His **eyes** were like a **flame of fire**, and on His **head** were **many crowns**. He had a **name** written that **no one knew** except Himself.
  - He was clothed with a **robe dipped in blood**, and His **name** is called **The Word of God**. [Revelation 19:11-13]
  - ♦ John saw a close-up vision of the Lord Jesus Christ (Messiah) as He departs from Heaven to face the Battle of Armageddon.
  - ❖ Riding the white horse speaks of Majesty as the conquering Master of the world.
  - ♦ Jesus is called Faithful and True, as He has been identified earlier. [Revelation 3:14]
  - ❖ In Righteousness He judges and makes war, speaks of the rightness of the Great Tribulation and the Judgment Seat of Christ at the beginning of His Kingdom as well as the rightness of the outcome of the Battle of Armageddon.

  - ♦ The many crowns on His head speak of His universal authority as King of kings and Lord of lords.
  - → His Name that no one knows except Himself speaks of His fulfillment of the prophecy which said, "His Name shall be called Wonderful (mysterious)." [Isaiah 9:6]
  - ♦ The Robe dipped in blood, speaks of the fact that Jesus alone is the One to work vengeance on the wicked of the earth, His is the authority to execute the wicked, and His is the doing of it. [Isaiah 63:2-6, Revelation 14:20, 19:15]
  - → His Name is called the Word of God, as first introduced by John in his account of the Gospel. [John 1:1-5, 14-16]
- And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. [Revelation 19:14]
  - ♦ The Armies in Heaven are made up of the Elect, Matthew 24:31, Saints 1 Thessalonians 3:13, Jude 1:14-15, and Angels. [Matthew 16:27, 25:31, Mark 8:38, Luke 9:25-26]
- Now **out of His mouth goes a sharp sword**, that with it He should strike the nations. And **He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron**.

He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

## KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. [Revelation 19:15-16]

- ♦ The sharp sword out of His mouth, speaks of the spoken Word of God the Word.
- ♦ By the spoken Word of God the heaven and earth were created. [Genesis 1:1-25]
- ♦ By the spoken Word of God, the armies gathered against Him at the Battle of Armageddon will be dissolved. [Zechariah 14:12-15]
- ♦ Again, Christ is the One Who will rule the world with a **rod of iron**, speaking of the **strictness of His righteous government**.
- ♦ Christ alone is the One Who treads the Winepress of the Wrath of God, speaking of those who will perish in the Great Tribulation and the purge of evil from the earth that follows the Battle of Armageddon. [Revelation 14:20, Isaiah 63:1-6]
- → His Name is on His Robe and on His Thigh. King of kings and Lord of lords, indicating His complete dominion over the entire earth and all who dwell on it.

## Clean-up Crew prepared in advance

- Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great." [Revelation 19:17-18]
  - ♦ God prepares in advance for the clean-up of the mess that will result from the great Battle of Armageddon.
  - → God has His own creatures for the job, like the birds and beasts of the earth that feed on carrion. [Matthew 24:28, Luke 17:37]

### Armies of Earth Readied

- And I saw **the beast**, the **kings of the earth**, and **their armies**, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. [Revelation 19:19]
  - ♦ The call to the nations of the earth had been issued by the spirits of demons. [Revelation 16:12-14, 16]
  - ♦ Now the armies of the earth have arrived and surround Jerusalem.
  - ♦ Their intent is to make war against the Lord and His army from Heaven.
  - ❖ It is interesting that men have so much arrogance as to believe they can combat God with their technology.
  - ♦ This is only possible for those who have been deceived by demonic spirits.
  - ♦ Our educational institutions of today are conditioning the minds of our younger generations for just such deception.

## Battle of Armageddon

Then the **beast** was captured, and with him the **false prophet** who worked signs in his presence, by which he **deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image**.

These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse.

And all the birds were filled with their flesh. [Revelation 19:20-21]

- ♦ The **Antichrist** and **False Prophet** are captured and cast directly into the **Lake of Fire**.
- ♦ This happens before the thousand year reign of Christ begins, they are still alive and suffering torment after the thousand year reign of Christ is ended. [Revelation 20:10]
- ♦ This confirms the concept of eternal torment in the Lake of Fire, a terrifying prospect.
- ♦ The armies of the world accompanying the Antichrist and False Prophet are slain by the spoken Word of God. [Zechariah 14:12-15]
- ♦ The clean-up crew goes into action as the birds are filled with their flesh.

## Satan Bound 1000 Years

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the **bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the **dragon**, that **serpent of old**, **who is the Devil** and **Satan**, and **bound him for a thousand years**; and he **cast him into the bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, **so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.** 

But after these things he must be released for a little while. [Revelation 20:1-3]

- ♦ After the Battle of Armageddon, Satan is sealed in the Bottomless Pit for a thousand years.
- ❖ The purpose is to remove temptation by Satan from the earth for the thousand year reign of Christ.

- ❖ This way all the failure of people for that time is not influenced by Satan but is from their own hearts.
- ♦ At the end of the Kingdom age, Satan will be released to call everyone who will, to rebel against the Lord for the final choice to love God or react to the strict controls a righteous governments demands by open rebellion.
- ❖ So many will rebel, they will not be able to be numbered, which is surprising after a thousand years of perfect environment and perfect society with perfect peace and prosperity. [Revelation 20:7-10]
- ❖ God's commandments set the choice for righteousness, Satan's job is to provide the alternate possibility to make it a clear choice on the part of the individual person, and to call for the choice to be made, man's responsibility is to choose between temptation or God and make the choice he so desires.
- ❖ The result of the choice is God's judgment according to the reward He has established and revealed for either choice man may make.
- ♦ God's Judgment is completely righteous, based on the free will choice of mankind.
- ♦ God's Justice is demonstrated by His provision of covering for our sins by the blood of Jesus for the time we can not see God. It will not be applicable for those who have seen God and have been under His direct rule for the thousand years of the Kingdom age.
- ♦ Mortals of the Kingdom age will be like Angels who have seen God and are held responsible for their choices which are made with full knowledge of God and the consequences.

#### Jesus Arrives At Jerusalem

4 And in that day, His feet will stand upon the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, forming a very great valley. Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

Then you shall flee by My mountain valley. The mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee like you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, King of Judah. And the Lord my God will come, and all the saints with Him. [Zechariah 14:4-5]

- ♦ The arrival of Jesus at Jerusalem will awe inspiring to say the least.
- ♦ The armies that have surrounded and oppressed Jerusalem will suddenly be destroyed and the Mount of Olive split apart forming the great valley will cause great fear in the people causing them to flee away.
- ♦ It is in this valley the Judgment Seat of Christ will be set up for the judgment of all the population of the world. [Matthew 25:31-46]
- ♣ All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall remain raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's gate to the place of the First Gate; and to the Corner Gate, from the Tower of Hananeel to the kings winepress. Men shall dwell in it and there shall no longer be utter destruction, but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. [Zechariah 14:10-11]
  - ♦ This speaks of the security of the kingdom age to follow.