

# "The King is Coming"

A look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ

**Revelation 19:11-16**

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*This morning, we are looking at the "Second Coming" of Christ.*

*"Brethren, we must preach the coming of the Lord, and preach it somewhat more than we have done, because it is the driving power of the gospel. Too many have kept back these truths, and thus the bone has been taken out of the arm of the gospel. Its point has been broken; its edge has been blunted. The doctrine of judgment to come is the power by which men are to be aroused. There is another life; the Lord will come a second time; judgment will arrive; the wrath of God will be revealed. Where this is not preached, I am bold to say the gospel is not preached. It is absolutely necessary to the preaching of the gospel of Christ that men be warned as to what will happen if they continue in their sins..."* Charles Spurgeon, "The Great White Throne," Sermon No. 2047, preached on May 19, 1889, at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London.

## The First Coming

- Other evangelical dispensational sources conservatively estimate that Jesus fulfilled **at least 300 prophecies** during His earthly ministry, covering events such as:
  - His birth in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
  - The virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14)
  - His suffering and death (Isaiah 53)
- **Common Range:** Estimates typically range from **200–400 prophecies**, depending on whether scholars include only explicit predictions or also typological references (e.g., the Passover lamb foreshadowing Christ).

*But the reason He came the first time is clear.*

- To provide Salvation.
  - **Matthew 1:21** "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.'
  - **Luke 19:10** "...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."
  - **1 Timothy 1:15b** "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

*The first coming gave birth to the Church.*

- **Matthew 16:18b** "...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."
- **Ephesians 1:19-23** <sup>19</sup> and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the Church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body."

*Many people who witnessed His first coming did not know He would have a distinct second coming to follow later.*

- **Luke 2:25a** "At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel." NLT

*The Second Coming*

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- **David Jeremiah**, a dispensational pastor and author, cites **1,845 references** to Christ's second coming in the Old Testament, with 17 books giving it prominence.
- **Key passages include:**
  - Zechariah 14:4 (Christ's return to the Mount of Olives)
  - Daniel 7:13–14 (the Son of Man coming with clouds)
  - Ezekiel 37–39 (restoration of Israel and eschatological battles)

- A more conservative estimate identifies **225 specific prophecies** in the Old Testament directly tied to the second coming, focusing on explicit predictions rather than broader allusions.

### *Prophecies of Christ's Second Coming (Old and New Testaments Combined)*

- Combining prophecies from both Testaments, dispensational scholars provide the following estimates:
  - *Old Testament:*
    - David Jeremiah cites 1,845 references across 17 Old Testament books.
    - A conservative count estimates 225 specific prophecies.
  - *New Testament:*
    - David Jeremiah notes 321 references to Christ's second coming across 23 of the 27 New Testament books. Key passages include:
      - Matthew 24–25 (Olivet Discourse)
      - 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 (The rapture)
      - Revelation 19:11–16 (Christ's return as King)
  - These references often amplify Old Testament prophecies, providing detailed eschatological predictions.

### *Total Combined Estimates:*

- **Using David Jeremiah's figures:** 1,845 (Old Testament) + 321 (New Testament) = 2,166 references. This includes both direct prophecies and passages interpreted as alluding to the Second Coming.
- **Conservative estimate:** 225 (Old Testament) + 321 (New Testament) = 546 specific prophecies, focusing on explicit predictions.

### *Summary*

- *First Coming* (Old Testament): Dispensational scholars estimate 200–400 prophecies, with specific counts of 191 (Payne) to 456 (Edersheim), fulfilled in Jesus' earthly ministry.
- *Second Coming* (Old Testament): Estimates range from 225 specific prophecies to 1,845 references (David Jeremiah).
- *Second Coming* (Old and New Testaments): Total estimates range from 546 specific prophecies to 2,166 references, depending on whether thematic allusions are included alongside direct predictions.

*"The purpose of the second coming is to conclude the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel, which will lead to the reconciliation of the nation of Israel to the Lord, the fulfillment of much of outstanding Bible Prophecy, and bring in Jesus' Millennial reign, a new era, characterized by righteousness."*

## **Setting the Scene**

**Revelation 1:1-8** <sup>1</sup> The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. <sup>4</sup> John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

- **Matthew 24:27-30** <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup> For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. <sup>29</sup> "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> 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."

## **He's Faithful, True, and Righteous**

**Revelation 19:11** "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..."

- *I saw heaven opened* – The last time this happened, John was received up into heaven (Revelation 4:1). Now we see it opened again, and the vantage point is from heaven looking out onto the earth. In Revelation 4, heaven is opened, and the Church goes in. The next time it is opened, Christ goes out with the Church.
  - **Revelation 4:1** "After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."
    - From Revelation 4 until chapter 19, there is no mention of the Church.
      - Chapter **19:1-10** covers the marriage of the Lamb.

*The first coming of Jesus, He rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday!  
It was humble and, on a donkey, arrayed as a servant.  
(Matthew 21:9)*

*Now the 'King Returns' upon the back of a white stallion,  
arrayed for battle!  
(Revelation 19:11)*

- **White Horse**—Speaks of Position. In John's Day, Rome ruled the known world. Conquering Generals would ride into the conquered town on a white horse and lead the captives.
  - The Roman general rode on a white horse because it stood out and boldly said, "Here I am, in victory!"
  - It spoke about absolute authority; they represented Rome,
- **Faithful and True** –
  - **Jesus is faithful!**
    - He always has and always will do what He said He would.
      - **2 Timothy 2:11-13** "<sup>11</sup> *This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.* <sup>12</sup> *If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.* <sup>13</sup> *If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*"

- **Jesus is true!**
  - **1 John 5:20** "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."
- *In righteousness, He judges and makes war* – War is necessary, it brings peace, God will use it to establish His kingdom.
  - He isn't unjust in His judgment as the nations of the earth are, IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS HE JUDGES.

## **He has Ultimate Authority**

**Revelation 19:12-13** <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God."

- *Eyes were like a flame of fire* – God sees into the heart and the mind and knows all, HE SEES ALL!
  - Jesus can discern the heart and mind and can see every situation for what it really is.
- *Many crowns* – He is the ruler of ALL nations
- *A name written* – An entirely new name! One that we won't know until then.
  - **There are over 700 names for Jesus**
    - **Isaiah 9:6** "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
      - **Written 743 years before Jesus was born,**
  - *For now, we know Him as Jesus.*
    - He is God's Son.
      - **Proverbs 30:4** "Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?"

- **John 20:31** "but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."
- His name is the ONLY one that brings salvation.
  - **Acts 4:12** "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
- His name is above all names.
  - **Philippians 2:8-10** "<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,"

## In His Righteous Wrath

**Revelation 19:13** "He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God."

- *Dipped in Blood* –
  - **Isaiah 63:1-4** "<sup>1</sup> Who *is* this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, This *One who is* glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?— "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." <sup>2</sup> Why *is* Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? <sup>3</sup> "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one *was* with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. <sup>4</sup> For the day of vengeance *is* in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come."
    - *"The initial place of the Second Coming will be in Bozrah or Petra, and from there He will march in a bloodstained garment toward Jerusalem, killing the enemies as He goes."* — Arnold Fruchtenbaum, *The Footsteps of the Messiah*, p. 324
      - During the Great Tribulation, the believing Jewish remnant flees to the wilderness (Matthew 24:15-16, Revelation 12:6).

- *The Place of His Return* –
  - **Zechariah 12:8-10** <sup>8</sup> "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. <sup>9</sup> It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."
  - **Zechariah 14:4** "And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south."
- **Acts 1:11** "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."
- *Let's see, where is Jesus coming back to?*
  - *Israel!*
  - *The disciples asked a*
    - **Acts 1:6-8** <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
    - Paul Wilkinson has said that Acts 1:7 is the '*Magna Carta of Christian Zionism.*'"

- *Christian Zionism* – Zionism is the movement for the re-establishment, development, and protection of a Jewish nation in the land of Israel, with "Zion" referring to Jerusalem and, by extension, the land of Israel.
- *The Word of God* –
  - We know this passage is about Jesus, because He is the Word of God.
    - **John 1:1-3** <sup>1</sup> "In the beginning *was the Word*, and *the Word was with* (before the universe was created) God, and *the Word was God*. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."
    - **1 John 1:1** "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life."

## With His Army

**Revelation 19:14-16** <sup>14</sup> And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

- *The Armies Battle Attire* – (Fine Linen)
  - Remember the details! The army is wearing '*fine linen*'
    - The Bride of Christ
      - **Revelation 19:7-8** <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup> And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

- *'Wife of the Lamb!'* that's very significant, we go from the bride, to the wife of the lamb, and you could say the Church enters heaven via the Rapture, which is basically the *Bridal Processional*, and after that in Revelation 19, now that the wedding has taken place in heaven, the Church has gone from being a *bride to being a wife*, so when the Church accompanies Christ from heaven back to earth
- **2 Corinthians 11:2b** "For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ."
- **Ephesians 5:32** "This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church."
- What's she wearing?
  - FINE LINEN.
    - The Church is coming with Him!
- Tribulation Saints are given a white robe.
  - **Revelation 6:9-11a** <sup>9</sup> When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. <sup>10</sup> And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" <sup>11</sup> Then a white robe was given to each of them..."
  - **Revelation 7:13b-14** <sup>13</sup> "...Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup> And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."
- *Sharp Sword* –
  - **Isaiah 11:4** "But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth (His word), And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked."

- **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS –**

- **Not a crown of thorns this time, but diadems and WILL rule.**
  - **Zechariah 14:9** "And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be — "The LORD is one," and His name one."

*How do we live in light of His coming?*

**1. Read and study Revelation.**

- a. **Revelation 1:3** "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."

**2. Set your mind on things above.**

- a. **Colossians 3:1-4** "<sup>1</sup> If then you were raised with Christ, **seek** those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> **Set** your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ *who is our life* **appears**, then you also will **appear** with Him in glory.

**3. Live Godly**

- a. **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 11-22** "<sup>1</sup> But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober...<sup>11</sup> Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. <sup>12</sup> And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup> and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. <sup>15</sup> See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies. <sup>21</sup> Test all things; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil."