

## 20231126 THE KING IS COMING!

(Revelation 19:11-16)

<sup>11</sup> I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.

<sup>12</sup> His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

<sup>13</sup> He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

<sup>14</sup> The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

<sup>15</sup> Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

<sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.

### **A Reason to study bible prophecy: For the benefit of our spiritual awakening**

1 Peter 1:16

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

### **The Second Coming of Jesus Christ: The main theme of the Bible**

Isaiah 17:7

7 In that day people will look to their Maker and turn their eyes to the Holy One of Israel.

Acts 10:38-43

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,

40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen - by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 He commanded us **to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.**

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Romans 8:18-23

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

### Paul's encouragement for the believers in Thessalonica

1 Thessalonian 1:8-10

8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia— your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it,  
9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,  
10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you  
7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. **This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.**  
8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.  
9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might  
10 **on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.** This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

"The temperature of our worship reveals the temperature of our spirit."

**We will be coming with Christ from heaven.**

Revelation 19:14

14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

### What's going on with the church in heaven during the Tribulation period?

1. The raptured church will be transfigured to glorified spiritual body. This will happen right at the moment of the rapture.
2. The church will be reviewed of each Christian's life of faith by Christ for reward.
3. Any sin or blemish of any member of the church will be completely cleansed for the perfection as the bride of Christ.
4. There may be some other wonderful and glorious things waiting for the church that are not fully revealed in the Bible – such as the marriage of the Lamb. The marriage (the perfect union of the church with Christ) will happen in heaven before the Second Coming of Christ. The Wedding Supper of the Lamb will happen after the Second Coming of Christ on earth.

Revelation 19:7-8

7 Let us rejoice and be glad  
and give him glory!  
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready.  
8 Fine linen, bright and clean,  
was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

**Jesus will come down to the Mount of Olives**

**4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem,** and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Acts 1:10-12

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem **from the hill called the Mount of Olives,** a Sabbath day’s walk from the city.

11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**We will have the glorified body when we come with Jesus.**

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

5 who through faith are shielded by God’s power until **the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

### **Application**

**Knowing God’s plans for us, we can live in rock-solid hope in this world: The plans God has for us – to prosper and not to harm us, to give us hope and a future**

Jeremiah 29:11