

The King Returns Revelation 19:11-21

“Man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air...but only one second without hope.”

Intro: Have you ever been in a hopeless situation?

A) Those situations where barring a miracle you are going to lose something. - Job, House, a loved one.

B) I remember when my Dad was in the emergency room for the 3rd time in 2.5 months in Feb of 2020.

C) It wasn't looking good. The Doctor came and told us that basically there was nothing more they could do

1) Sending dad home to die.

There was a sense of fading hope - It was my dad's time!

A) He was leaving us and go home to be with Jesus. My Dad sensed it too.

B) He told every nurse and every doctor who entered his room -

1) I am not afraid to die - I am actually looking forward to it - I know where I am going!

C) But there was a sense of fading hope at the prospect of him staying here with us.

When I look at the current landscape of our nation and world -

A) There is a fading hope of finding a cure for the mess we are in.

B) The current state that our political system is in -

C) I don't have any hope of this mess being fixed by any political candidate

I will exercise my privilege to Vote for the Candidates who follow and stand for Biblical principles the most

A) But I don't have a lot of hope in our political system

B) So I will pray fervently that God shows us mercy -

1) that he might bring one last Revival on our nation and World.

But as people who follow Jesus - there is a Hope

A) The Biblical definition of Hope is an ABSOLUTE EXPECTATION OF COMING GOOD.

B) We are to live with a Hope that goes beyond this world.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of 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 is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. 1 Peter 1:3-4

C) Living Hope - because we have a living Savior

Our Hope is based in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

A) The Resurrection proves to us that Jesus is who He claimed to be - God in human flesh

B) The Resurrection proves that Jesus did what He claimed to do -

1) Provide a way for mankind to be delivered from their sin and shame

C) Delivered from the power of darkness and the fear of Death

D) He made a way for mankind that was separated from God

1) to be brought back into relationship with God

The Resurrection proves that Jesus keeps his word and that his promises can be trusted.

A) Before Jesus left this earth and ascended into Heaven - He Promised - I will be back!!!

B) He promised that he was coming again to planet earth -

C) the 2nd time he comes it will be to rule and reign and set up a Kingdom

1) A Kingdom that will have no end

D) The Passage before us today gives us a glimpse of what that day is going to be like when Jesus returns
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

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."

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.

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.

The Bible speaks of the reality that one day, one very REAL day, Jesus is coming back, cleaning house

A)He is going to Make the world great again!

B)He will change everything back to the way he always intended it to be.

C)We celebrate two holidays every year that are connected to his first coming

1)Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ on earth,

D)Easter celebrates His resurrection and ascension into heaven.

E)I wonder if in the Millennium a 3rd holiday will be added - called Restoration day!

This morning I want us to consider 4 Principles of Hope from the 2nd coming of Jesus-

A)that we can glean from this passage

B)#1 The 2nd Coming of Jesus is the most anticipated event in Bible Prophecy

B)We are told in V. 10 For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

C)The NLT puts it this way: For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.

Did you know that next to the subject of faith -

A)no subject is more discussed in the Bible than the second coming of Jesus?

B)The second coming is dealt with 1,845 times in the Bible. 1,527 are in the OT. 318 are in the NT

C)This is what it translates to-- 1 out of every 30 verses in the Bible either speaks of or alludes to the second coming of Christ - or the end of days.

D)For every one time the first coming is mentioned, the second coming is mentioned eight times.

Jesus personally referred to His return 21 times.

A)And over 50 times, the Bible tells us to be ready for His return. Why?

B)Simply this-- the coming of Christ is the culmination of all redemptive history.

C)This is the Fulfillment of Genesis 3 - the head of the serpent will be crushed by Jesus the Messiah

D)Fulfills Genesis 49 the time when the scepter, the rule, will once again be reinstated in Judah.

E)This fulfills the time when God's promise to King David 2 Samuel 7,

1)that somebody from his family line would rule and reign forever.

This fulfills the promise made to Isaiah the prophet that we hear often at Christmas time, "For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given. And the government will be on His shoulders. And of the increase of His government and His peace there will be no end."

A)Speaking of Christmas time -Did you know the popular Christmas Carol - Joy to the world has nothing to do with Christmas

B)Joy to the World was written by Isaac Watts - about the 2nd coming of Jesus
"Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King."

C)It was released at Christmas time and quickly became a Christmas Classic -
1)but Watts was writing about the 2nd coming of Jesus

Many of the prophets saw this coming Messiah, who would come from heaven to the earth,
A)Where he would dethrone that final Antichrist leader and would set up His own kingdom.

C)Remember when Jesus was teaching his disciples to pray and he said pray in this way "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. YOUR will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

D)Beginning here in Revelation chapter 19 and the following chapters, that prayer is finally answered.

This is what Jesus spoke about when on the Mount of Olives, He explained the end of days to His disciples.
A)He said, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened. The moon will not give its light. The stars will fall from heaven. And the power of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and with great glory."

Max Lucado:

A)"Christ's second coming will be unlike his first.
➤ The first coming was all about salvation.
➤ The second is all about coronation.

B)In his first coming, Jesus Christ came to seek and save. In his second, he will come to rule and reign.
1)In Jesus' first coming, he was falsely judged by evil men.
2)In his second, he will rightly judge evil men.

C)When he first came, his eyes wept at the tomb of Lazarus.
1)When he reappears, his eyes will blaze with fire.

D)Soldiers gave Jesus a crown of thorns. Christ will descend wearing many crowns.

E)People mocked him on his first coming. All will bow before him upon his second.
"At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"

Principles of Hope from the 2nd coming of Jesus.

#2 His Victorious description:

A)V.11 He comes riding on a white Horse: Sign of the Victor

B)When a Roman general would come back from a Victorious military campaign -
1)they would ride into the city on a white horse -

C)Jesus riding on a White Horse signals his Victory before the Battle even gets started.

D)What a contrast to his triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey - meek and lowly -
1)Laughable to the Romans - this is your king?

E)Non one will be laughing this time

V.11 He is called faithful and true

A)This is in Contrast to everything that the Anti-Christ has not been -

B)He has been unfaithful and false - a liar and a con artist

C)Jesus is the real deal the one who keeps his promises - the one who can be trusted completely -

V.12 His eyes are like a flame of fire

A)Why like flames of fire? -

B)Fire illuminates that which is in the darkness and burns away all things that are impure.

C)Jesus' sight burns through all of our disguises - our hypocrisy

1)You see, there is nothing that is hidden from the sight of the Lord.

D)He is going to see clearly those who are living in darkness and rebellion

V.12 He comes wearing many Crowns

A)Not just one - many crowns - Victor crowns

B)Hebrews 2:7-9 Jesus is crowned with glory and honor and has been set by the Father over the works of His hands

C)The prophet Zechariah spoke of two of these crowns - Jesus role of both Priest and King

But then we are also told in V.12 He came bearing a name that no one knew but himself -

A)This is sort of interesting We see in this passage that He's called Faithful, True, Word of God, and then Lord of Lord and King of Kings,

B)But then also a name that nobody knows. - Let me help untangle that for you.

C)In ancient times, to name someone meant you had authority over that someone.

For Jesus to have a name that no one knew except He Himself means no one has the right to name Him.

A)No one has the right to usurp any authority at all over Him. He is the sovereign one.

B)He is the one who will ultimately and eternally rule and reign.

C)V.13 A robe dipped or stained in blood - Most likely the blood of the conquered enemy

V.13 He is called the Word of God

A)This speaks of his ultimate authority - there is nothing more authoritative than the word of God

B)He holds his word above this name

V.15 Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword V.15 -

A)This speaks of the Authority and power with which he speaks

B)See This is not going to be much of a battle -

C)Jesus is going to speak and the enemy is going to be destroyed

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.

D)Crush the enemy like a wine maker crushes grapes

When Julia Ward Howe, wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." - During the anguish of the Civil War,

A)As the North and the South were battling it out,

B)she looked past all of that heartache to the second coming of Christ,

C)The language of that song - sounds like it comes right out of Revelation 19. "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored."

One day, when Jesus comes back to this earth, He will push aside all of the corrupt rulers of this world.

A)He will institute Justice and righteousness

B)He will get rid of every corrupt system of Justice

C)This world will know Peace Justice and Righteousness again!

D)This is the Hope that we can look forward to with Confidence

V.16 His title: King of Kings and Lord of Lords

A)The Supreme King and Lord

B)Paul the apostle spoke of the coming day

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

C)All will Bow - Bow now- today! Because later will be too late

Now many people have a hard time with this picture in Revelation 19 of Jesus!

A)They can't seem to reconcile the humble and meek Jesus, riding on a donkey,

B)to the fierce and mighty Jesus, riding on a horse.

C)They can't put together Jesus who was nailed to the cross, shedding His own blood for His enemies,
1)and Jesus wielding a sword, shedding the blood of His enemies.

D)People want Jesus to stay the meek, humble, gentle
1)they don't want to imagine Him as a fierce king who makes war and spills blood.

Part of the problem stems from the tendency to compare Jesus to ourselves

A)We can get angry and vengeful - we see the flaws in ourselves -

B)our unwillingness to forgive at time those who wronged us - we forget Jesus is not like us

C)Jesus Far is better than us - His anger is perfect. His justice is perfect. His righteousness is perfect.
1)His judgments are perfect.

D)He has been patience with rebellious mankind for 1000's of years

When He finally brings Judgment on planet earth - No one is questioning the timing or severity of it.

A)More like a relief - It is about time this world is being made right.

B)Jesus spoke of this coming time in John 5

22 "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. John 5:22-27 (NKJV)

C)Jesus is the perfect Savior, perfect King and perfect Judge!

Principles of Hope from the 2nd coming of Jesus.

#3 His Army V. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

A)Who is this army?

The epistle of Jude adds clarity to this event:

"Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him" (Jude vv. 14–15 NKJV).

B)This is us friends! - If you don't like horseback riding now you will then

C)Saddle up - we have a trail to blaze!!!!

The word ungodly appears FOUR times in this text to make a point

A)Jesus will deal with those who defied him.

B)These people could have repented prior to the tribulation.

C)Those who rejected the evidence of God in Creation -

1)those who ignored the proof of the resurrection

D)People who today - who reject Jesus - reject his word and choose to do what is right in their own eyes

These are the rebels who could have repented after the rapture.

A)But the spectacular sign of an extracted church did not soften their hearts.

B)Let's be clear. These are not people who want to know Christ but struggle in their faith

C)These are not individuals who seek to follow Jesus but stumble.

These are bad-to-the-bone rebels who choose Satan over salvation.

A)They blaspheme God and ravage the innocent.

B)These are the ones who will have bowed a knee to the Antichrist

1)and turned their backs on the living Christ.

C) These are those who will join with the Armies of the Anti-Christ for a one last stand against Jesus!

Principles of Hope from the 2nd coming of Jesus.
#4 His complete Victory V.17-21

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."

We learned in Revelation 16 that this battle takes place in the Valley of Megiddo in Israel -

A) Massive Valley 185 Sq. miles

B) All of Escondido San Marcos, Vista, Bonsall - Oceanside - From Carlsbad to Solana Beach
"If ever there was a place where the final war of mankind should be fought, it should be fought in this valley" – Napoleon Bonaparte 1799 –

C) Interesting that Jesus grew up in Nazareth that overlooks this Valley -

1) and you wonder if growing up some days he thought about this day -

D) this battle - when he would come to lay claim to planet earth?

Revelation 19, there are two suppers that are written about.

A) The first supper we looked at last week - the marriage feast of Jesus and his bride the church

B) But verse 17, talks about the supper of the great God. Now that's a very different kind of supper.

C) That's the supper for the vultures, the birds of the air devouring the corpses of those who fall in this battle.

1) It's a real gross kind of a supper.

So it's interesting that in the same chapter, you have the marriage supper of the lamb,

A) And then you have the supper of the great God.

B) Put in the same chapter as a way of Contrast - and present the question

C) Which one do you want to be added you want to go to, first supper or second supper?

D) Either accept God's invitation to be at the marriage supper of the Lamb, by embracing Jesus
1) or be the main course in the supper of the great God.

E) It's a very dramatic contrast that is seen. - I will take the marriage feast - thank you!

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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.

The Lake of Fire will ultimately be the eternal place of judgment for all those who have rejected Christ
A) We will look at that more in depth next week.

B) We will also address very important questions next week like:

1) Where do unbelievers go when they die right now?

C) Who is part of Christ's 1000-year reign?

D) Why is Satan released for a short time

E) What happens at the final great white throne judgment?

But here in this chapter we find a very clear and very simple message...

A) Jesus wins!

B) So this is what the world has to look forward to. Question to all

C) Which side of this battle will you be on - the winning side with Jesus

D) Or the losing side with the Satan and the Anti-Christ

E)Your eternal destiny is hanging in the answer to that question

⁹ if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10

Exhortation to believers

A)Our mode of operation is not just to sit around here on planet earth waiting for Jesus to rapture us out of here.

B)Not just to sit with a mindset - I can't wait for evil people in this world to get theirs - WRONG attitude

C)Jesus calls us his ambassadors in 2 Corinthians 5:20

An Ambassador is one who represents one country while living in another country.

A)We are Ambassadors of heaven living on earth.

B)Salt and light - Salt has to permeate - light has to be seen

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, - THIS IS OUR MISSION we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

There is a day of judgment coming -

A)But you can escape that because Jesus was already judged for you. - Be reconciled to him

B)You are in need of reconciliation - Your Sin separates you for God