

Battle of Armageddon Revelation 19:11-21

SCRIPTURE

Chapter 19

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. ¹² 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. ¹³ And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written,

KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷ 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; ¹⁸ 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."

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. 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.

COMMENTARY

Heaven opens and a horse and rider appear on the scene. The horse is white and the rider is called faithful and true. His clothing is dipped in blood and his name is The Word of God. It is the Lord Jesus Christ, returning to earth to set up His thousand-year reign on earth. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The armies of heaven that follow Him are also upon white horses and are dressed in white linen which is the clothing of His bride, the church. Those who have put their faith in Christ will return with Him to set up His kingdom.

The battle with the armies of the Antichrist at Armageddon is a short one. The sword that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord slays all of the armies of the world. The Antichrist and the False Prophet are cast alive in the lake of fire.

<u>Ezekiel 39:11-12</u> tells us that the burial of the multitudes that die in the battle of Armageddon will take seven months, and the stench of the dead bodies will stop the noses of the travelers.