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CHAPTER

WORKBOOK STUDY COMPANION · REVELATION 19

The King Returns *for His Throne*

REVELATION 19

Scripture written out in the NASB95, every question answered in one sentence, cross references, verse-by-verse commentary from three trusted teachers — and for each question, a point of critical thinking and a key question to carry into the week.

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01 CAPTURE THE SCENE

What do I see?

The workbook opens this chapter with a written reflection, then walks nine guided readings before it asks three numbered questions. Gold chips are the workbook's own "Read…" blocks; black chips are its numbered questions.

REFLECT **Before you read this chapter, write in a paragraph or two what comes to your mind when you think about the second coming of Christ. How would you describe it?**

Luke 24:44 NASB95

Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

IN MY WORDS

I picture a visible, bodily, public return — the same Jesus who left from the Mount of Olives coming back to it in glory to judge the nations and take His throne, not a quiet spiritual idea.

CROSS REFERENCE **2 Corinthians 4:4** the devil is "the god of this world" who "has blinded the minds of the unbelieving" — and his reign is what chapter 19 ends.

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We have spent a long time in the spiritual darkness of this book; chapter 19 is the light at the end of the tunnel. The good news of Jesus returning to reclaim paradise lost finally emerges here.

CRITICAL THINKING

The workbook asks for this in writing *before* the chapter, and again after — because it expects the chapter to change the answer. Jesus grounded His own return in Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms, which means the second coming is not a New Testament novelty but the oldest promise in the book.

KEY QUESTION

Is the return of Christ something I actually expect this year — or a doctrine I hold at a safe distance?

READ **Zechariah 9:10-17**

Zechariah 9:10 NASB95

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:14 NASB95

Then the LORD will appear over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning; And the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, And will march in the storm winds of the south.

IN MY WORDS

When Jesus returns there will be no "Hosanna in the highest" — there will be mourning heard through every home and clan in Israel as they realize the Messiah they denied is the One coming back.

CROSS REFERENCE **Zechariah 12:10** "they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son …"

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Israel's hope will have been placed in a false messiah, the Antichrist. When the true Messiah appears, the grief is not a public outcry so much as a personal realization of what the nation did to Him.

CRITICAL THINKING

Verse 10 disarms Israel — chariot, horse and war-bow all cut off — one verse before the LORD Himself marches out. God does not strengthen His people's army for that day; He removes it, so the victory can only be read one way.

KEY QUESTION

Where am I still keeping a chariot in reserve, in case God does not show up?

READ **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Jeremiah 31:33-34 NASB95

"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. … for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

IN MY WORDS

Israel has returned to the land but returned in unbelief, and Jeremiah says God will one day write His law on their hearts and forgive them — a change He performs, not one they achieve.

CROSS REFERENCE **Zechariah 12:10** God will "pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication …"

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

The new covenant is unilateral — every verb belongs to God: I will make, I will put, I will write, I will forgive. National repentance at the second coming is the fruit of that sovereign work, not its cause.

CRITICAL THINKING

Jeremiah says God will remember their sin "no more" — an omniscient God choosing not to recall. Forgiveness here is not divine forgetfulness but a deliberate refusal to bring the file back up.

KEY QUESTION

What sin has God promised to remember no more that I keep re-reading to myself?

READ **Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26-27**

Ezekiel 11:19 NASB95

"And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

Ezekiel 36:26-27 NASB95

"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

IN MY WORDS

Like Jeremiah, Ezekiel promises God will restore Israel's heart — trading stone for flesh and putting His own Spirit inside them so they can finally walk with Him.

CROSS REFERENCE **Jeremiah 31:33** "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it."

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

Two prophets, two eras, one promise — the heart transplant Israel could never perform on herself. What God requires in the law He supplies by the Spirit.

CRITICAL THINKING

A heart of stone is not a heart that cannot feel — it is a heart that cannot be shaped. God does not soften the old one; He removes it. That is why the change at the second coming is instant rather than gradual.

KEY QUESTION

Which area of my life am I asking God to soften when He is actually asking to replace it?

READ **Ezekiel 10:3-4, 18; 11:23; 43:1-5; 44:4**

Ezekiel 10:18 NASB95

Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.

Ezekiel 11:23 NASB95

The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city.

Ezekiel 43:2, 4-5 NASB95

and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. ... And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east. And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

IN MY WORDS

Ezekiel watched the glory of God leave the temple by way of the Mount of Olives — and then saw it return from that same east, so God's presence will dwell in the holy city again.

CROSS REFERENCE **Acts 1:11** "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

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The glory left the temple, crossed the Kidron Valley and went up the Mount of Olives — and it returns by the same road. Jesus ascended from that mountain, and Zechariah 14:4 says His feet will land there. The Lord is not done with Israel.

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

John equated the glory of Jesus with the glory of the LORD — "we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father" (John 1:14). The departing and returning glory of Ezekiel and the departing and returning Christ of Acts are the same story told twice.

CRITICAL THINKING

The glory did not vanish — it moved, slowly and by stages: threshold, cherubim, east gate, mountain. Ezekiel records God leaving reluctantly. A God that slow to depart is a God worth waiting for on the return trip.

KEY QUESTION

If God's glory withdrew from my life by stages, would I notice the first one?

READ Zechariah 14:1-4

Zechariah 14:2-4 NASB95

For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

IN MY WORDS

Messiah descends onto the Mount of Olives, and He does not arrive to a welcoming committee — the armies of the nations are already gathered against Jerusalem when His feet touch down.

CROSS REFERENCE **Zechariah 14:9** "And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one."

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

Note the order: the city is captured *first*. God permits the siege to run almost to the end before He intervenes, so that no one can credit the deliverance to Israel's strength or to timing.

CRITICAL THINKING

"I will gather all the nations" — the armies marching on Jerusalem think they chose the target. They are being assembled. The rebellion of the nations is, at the last, God's own summons to judgment.

KEY QUESTION

Can I trust a God who lets the siege get that far before He moves?

READ **Zechariah 12:7-9**

Zechariah 12:8-9 NASB95

"In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the LORD before them. "And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

IN MY WORDS

God Himself will defend Jerusalem — making the weakest man there fight like David — and He will destroy every nation that came against her.

CROSS REFERENCE **Genesis 12:3** "And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse."

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Over the centuries God allowed specific nations to punish Israel for her rejection of Him — Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Rome, the Turks, Germany. Ask where those world powers are today. Most no longer exist or are a shadow of what they were. The Abrahamic promise has been running the whole time.

CRITICAL THINKING

God defends Jerusalem "first" by saving the tents of Judah — the countryside before the capital — explicitly so the glory of the city would not be magnified above the rest. Even in rescue, God is guarding against pride among the rescued.

KEY QUESTION

When God delivers me, do I let the deliverance make me humble or make me superior?

1 What specific geographical location do the following passages have in common?

a. Ezekiel 11:23

Ezekiel 11:23 NASB95

The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city.

IN MY WORDS

The Mount of Olives — the mountain east of Jerusalem where God's glory stopped when it left the temple.

b. Acts 1:11

> **Acts 1:11 NASB95**
> They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

> **IN MY WORDS**
> The Mount of Olives again — the place Jesus ascended from, and the place the angels promised He would come back to in the same manner.

c. Zechariah 14:1-4

> **Zechariah 14:4 NASB95**
> In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

> **IN MY WORDS**
> The Mount of Olives once more — the exact spot where the returning King's feet will stand and split the mountain in two.

CROSS REFERENCE **Ezekiel 43:2** the glory of the God of Israel returns "from the way of the east" — the same compass point, the same mountain.

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> Departure and return share an address. The glory left by the Mount of Olives, Jesus ascended from the Mount of Olives, and Zechariah says His feet land on the Mount of Olives. This is why watching Israel matters — the stage for that moment is a real place on a real map.

> **CRITICAL THINKING**
> Three witnesses separated by six hundred years and two testaments name one ridge outside Jerusalem. Prophecy that keeps naming the same hill is not poetry about a spiritual return — it is a survey marker.

KEY QUESTION
Do I read prophecy as literally as God wrote it, or do I spiritualize the parts that seem too concrete?

2 What specific spiritual event do the following passages have in common?

a. Jeremiah 31:31-34

> **IN MY WORDS**
> God writes His law on Israel's heart under a new covenant and forgives her iniquity outright.

b. Ezekiel 36:26-27

> **IN MY WORDS**
> God gives a new heart and a new spirit, and puts His own Spirit inside them so they walk in His statutes.

c. Ezekiel 11:19

> **IN MY WORDS**
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> God takes out the heart of stone and gives a heart of flesh — the same national conversion, said a third way.

> **IN MY WORDS · THE COMMON EVENT**
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> All three describe the same thing: the national spiritual rebirth of Israel — a sovereign act of God that opens her eyes at the return of Messiah.

CROSS REFERENCE **Zechariah 12:10** the Spirit of grace and supplication poured out, "… and they will look on Me whom they have pierced."

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> Israel today has returned to the land in unbelief; that is not the fulfillment, only the setup. The promised event is regeneration — and Scripture gives it to God as His work, three separate times, in the first person.

> **CRITICAL THINKING**
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> The question asks for a spiritual event, not a spiritual condition. These are not descriptions of devout people; they are the announcement of a dated act still on God's calendar.

> **KEY QUESTION**
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> *Am I praying for Israel's eyes to be opened, or only watching her headlines?*

3 What specific event is mentioned in both of the following passages?

a. Zechariah 9:10-14

> **Zechariah 9:14 NASB95**
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> Then the LORD will appear over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning; And the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, And will march in the storm winds of the south.

> **IN MY WORDS**
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> The LORD appears over His people like lightning, with a trumpet, marching out to fight for them.

b. Matthew 24:27-31

> **Matthew 24:27, 30-31 NASB95**
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> "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. … "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

IN MY WORDS

The Son of Man comes like lightning across the sky, with a great trumpet, and the tribes of the earth mourn as they see Him.

IN MY WORDS · THE COMMON EVENT

Both describe the second coming itself — the same lightning, the same trumpet, the same Lord appearing in the sky to fight for His people.

CROSS REFERENCE **Revelation 19:11** "And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True."

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Again, this is not the rapture. The rapture is when the Lord comes *for* His bride; this is the second coming, when the Bridegroom returns *with* His bride to judge those who rejected Him and to establish His kingdom on earth.

CRITICAL THINKING

An Old Testament prophet and Jesus Himself use the identical two images — lightning and a trumpet — five centuries apart. Jesus was not inventing a new eschatology in Matthew 24; He was quoting the family Bible.

KEY QUESTION

Do I keep the rapture and the second coming clearly distinct in my own thinking — and can I explain the difference to someone else?

READ Revelation 19:1-10

Revelation 19:1-2 NASB95

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER."

Revelation 19:6-8 NASB95

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

IN MY WORDS

Heaven answers Babylon's funeral with a fourfold "Hallelujah," and then the bride is brought out ready — the King is bringing not religion but salvation, and a people clothed in works He gave them.

CROSS REFERENCE **Revelation 19:9** "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

Hallelujah is borrowed straight from Hebrew — *hallel*, praise, and *jah*, Jehovah — and it occurs four times in this chapter and nowhere else in the New Testament. Anselm called it an angelic word no human tongue fully translates. We should never use it lightly.

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

Watch the wording: "it was given to her" to be clothed. Even the righteous acts that adorn the bride are the fruit of grace, not its price. Salvation produces the works; the works never produce the salvation.

CRITICAL THINKING

The choir builds in stages — a great multitude, then the twenty-four elders and four living creatures, then a multitude like many waters. Heaven's praise is not a single shout but a crescendo, and it starts over a judgment, not a rescue.

KEY QUESTION

Could I say "Hallelujah" over God's justice as easily as I say it over God's mercy?

READ **Revelation 19:11-16**

Revelation 19:11-13 NASB95

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 19:15-16 NASB95

From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

IN MY WORDS

Here is the Warrior Jesus in all His glory — the Lion of Judah riding out to vanquish those who threaten the people He committed Himself to, and the result will be a bloodbath.

CROSS REFERENCE **Psalm 2:9** "You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware."

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

This is a Jesus we cannot domesticate into a meager, anemic Messiah. The many diadems declare unlimited sovereignty and the rod of iron fulfills Psalm 2 to the letter. Notice the armies following Him carry no weapons — only fine linen. Christ alone secures the victory.

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

The crowns are *diademata*, crowns of royal authority, not *stephanoi*, crowns of achievement — and there are many of them. The sword from His mouth is not a prop; it is the power of His spoken Word.

CRITICAL THINKING

The robe is dipped in blood before a single blow is struck — the imagery of Isaiah 63, where the Lord treads the winepress alone. The stains on His garment are not from this battle. They are from Calvary and from every judgment already rendered.

KEY QUESTION

Is the Jesus I actually worship this Jesus — or a gentler one I have quietly edited?

READ Revelation 19:17-21

Revelation 19:19-21 NASB95

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

IN MY WORDS

Suddenly we are back at the end of Revelation 16 — the armies the frog-demons gathered at Armageddon march on Jerusalem expecting a sure victory, look up, and discover that no army ever defeats the all-powerful One.

CROSS REFERENCE **Revelation 19:17-18** the angel calls the birds to "the great supper of God" — the grim mirror of the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

John records no actual battle — an assembly, then instant and total defeat. One word from the King is sufficient. And the word "flesh" is repeated five times over kings and slaves alike: God's judgment shows no partiality.

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

Newell called this "the incurable insanity of sin" — men still gathering to fight a holy God after defeat upon defeat. He also counted four suppers in Scripture; everyone attends one of them, and this is the one you attend if you refused the others.

CRITICAL THINKING

The beast and false prophet are thrown *alive* into the lake of fire — a thousand years before the Great White Throne. They do not wait in death for sentencing. No one out-maneuvers God's timetable, in either direction.

KEY QUESTION

Which supper am I invited to — and who do I know who has not yet answered the invitation?

02 ANALYZE THE MESSAGE

What does it mean?

Seven numbered questions, transcribed as the workbook asks them.

1 When will this great event take place (Matthew 24:29-30)?

Matthew 24:29-30 NASB95

"But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

IN MY WORDS

Immediately after the tribulation of those days — once the sun, moon and stars are darkened and the powers of the heavens are shaken, then the Son of Man appears.

CROSS REFERENCE **Revelation 19:11** "And I saw heaven opened" — the sky that went black is the sky that tears open.

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

"Immediately after" is a time stamp, not a vague sequence. The second coming follows the tribulation; it does not float free of it. Every attempt to date the return apart from that order breaks the text.

CRITICAL THINKING

The heavens go dark right before the brightest event in history. God turns off every borrowed light in the sky so that when the Son of Man appears, nothing shares the glory.

KEY QUESTION

When the lights I depend on go out, do I assume God has left — or that He is about to arrive?

2 Describe what Jesus will do to the Antichrist (the lawless one).

a. 2 Thessalonians 2:8

2 Thessalonians 2:8 NASB95

Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

IN MY WORDS

Jesus slays him with the breath of His mouth and ends him simply by showing up.

b. Revelation 19:20

Revelation 19:20 NASB95

And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

IN MY WORDS

Jesus has him seized along with the false prophet and thrown alive into the lake of fire.

CROSS REFERENCE **Isaiah 11:4** "He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked."

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

The weapon is His breath, His mouth, His word — the same instrument that made the world unmakes the man who set himself against it. The lake of fire is what we normally call hell; it is real, and there is nothing more important in this life than avoiding it.

CRITICAL THINKING

The world's most powerful man is killed by an exhale. Every earthly power the Antichrist assembles is answered with the least strenuous act God can perform.

KEY QUESTION

What am I afraid of that a single breath from Jesus would end?

3 Describe what Jesus will do to Satan.

a. Revelation 20:2

Revelation 20:2 NASB95

And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

IN MY WORDS

He has him seized and bound for a thousand years.

b. Revelation 20:10

Revelation 20:10 NASB95

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

IN MY WORDS

After the thousand years He throws him into the lake of fire, where he is tormented day and night forever and ever.

CROSS REFERENCE **2 Corinthians 4:4** the devil is presently "the god of this world" — a title with an expiration date.

Amir Tsarfati REVEALING REVELATION

It does not matter how powerful your army is; you will never defeat the all-powerful One. That is true of the world's armies, true of the Antichrist and the false prophet, and, as the next chapter shows, true of Satan himself.

CRITICAL THINKING

Satan is bound a thousand years *after* the beast and false prophet are already in the fire, and cast in later. God does not sentence the whole rebellion at once; He does it in a deliberate order, and He is never in a hurry.

KEY QUESTION

Do I live as if the enemy's defeat is a hope — or as if it is already scheduled?

4 Describe what Jesus will do to the nations that will come to attack Jerusalem.

a. Zechariah 12:2-3

Zechariah 12:2-3 NASB95

"Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

IN MY WORDS

He makes Jerusalem a cup that makes them stagger and a heavy stone that severely injures everyone who tries to lift it.

b. Zechariah 14:12-14

Zechariah 14:12-13 NASB95

Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth. It will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another.

IN MY WORDS

He strikes them with a plague that rots their flesh where they stand and sends a panic that turns them against each other.

CROSS REFERENCE **Zechariah 12:9** "in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

Jerusalem is described as a cup and a stone — something a nation picks up voluntarily and cannot put down. God does not chase the nations; He makes the city itself the judgment.

CRITICAL THINKING

Zechariah 14:14 says the nations' own wealth is gathered up afterward — gold, silver and garments in great abundance. The armies that came to plunder Jerusalem end up funding her.

KEY QUESTION

What am I trying to lift that God has already made too heavy for me on purpose?

5 The physical reason that the nations will gather to attack Israel is because they want to destroy her. But what is the underlying spiritual reason that the nations will gather at Armageddon and march up to Jerusalem (Zechariah 2:8-9; 14:2)?

Zechariah 2:8-9 NASB95

For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye. "For behold, I will wave My hand over them so that they will be plunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

Zechariah 14:2 NASB95

For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

IN MY WORDS

The real target is God Himself — Israel is the apple of His eye, so the hatred aimed at her is hatred aimed at Him, and God gathers those nations to the one place where He will answer it.

CROSS REFERENCE **Genesis 12:3** "the one who curses you I will curse."

Amir Tsarfati REVEALING REVELATION

Antisemitism has never really been about a people; it is about the God who chose them and the Messiah who came through them. Touch Israel and you have touched the apple of His eye — which is why the empires that tried are gone or a shadow of what they were.

CRITICAL THINKING

Notice who does the gathering in 14:2 — "I will gather all the nations." Satan thinks he is staging a final assault; he is actually keeping an appointment God set.

KEY QUESTION

Do I recognize hostility toward God dressed up as hostility toward His people?

6 Describe what Jesus will have His angels do when it comes to the elect of God who have been faithful through the tribulation (Matthew 24:31).

Matthew 24:31 NASB95

"And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

IN MY WORDS

He sends His angels out with a great trumpet to gather His elect from the four winds — from one end of the sky to the other — so not one faithful survivor of the tribulation is left behind.

CROSS REFERENCE **Zechariah 9:14** "the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, And will march in the storm winds of the south."

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

The same coming that destroys the armies collects the faithful. Judgment and gathering are not two events but two faces of one arrival — and the elect are found and named individually, not counted as a remnant statistic.

CRITICAL THINKING

"From one end of the sky to the other" assumes some of the faithful are scattered where no human search could reach them. The gathering is angelic because the losses are that total and the hiding places that remote.

KEY QUESTION

Do I believe God can find and keep His own when everything visible says otherwise?

7 Will Jesus' return to the earth be a visible or invisible event (Revelation 1:7)?

Revelation 1:7 NASB95

BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

IN MY WORDS

Fully visible — every eye will see Him, including those who pierced Him, and every tribe on earth will mourn.

CROSS REFERENCE **Acts 1:11** He "will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven" — bodily and in plain sight.

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

The angels made the disciples two promises: Jesus will return, and He will return in like manner. Bodily, visibly, personally. Any coming that has to be announced to you is not the one Scripture describes.

CRITICAL THINKING

"Even those who pierced Him" — men long dead will see this. The visibility of the second coming reaches past geography and past the grave.

KEY QUESTION

If every eye will see Him, what will my face be doing on that day?

03 COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE

Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John's other books, the Old/New Testaments?

Do we who comprise the church really return with Christ at the second coming? Most definitely. There are two groups who will return with the Lord.

1 Check the following passages of Scripture and, from each one, write the phrase that speaks of the return.

a. Zechariah 14:5

Zechariah 14:5 NASB95

You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

IN MY WORDS · THE PHRASE

"Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!"

b. Matthew 25:31

Matthew 25:31 NASB95

"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

IN MY WORDS · THE PHRASE

"when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him."

c. 1 Thessalonians 3:13

1 Thessalonians 3:13 NASB95

so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

IN MY WORDS · THE PHRASE

"at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints."

d. Jude 14

Jude 14 NASB95

It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones,

IN MY WORDS · THE PHRASE

"the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones."

IN MY WORDS · THE TWO GROUPS

Every phrase says He comes *with* someone — the angels and the saints — so yes, the church returns with Christ; we are part of the army riding behind Him in Revelation 19:14.

CROSS REFERENCE **Revelation 19:14** "And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses."

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

The armies of heaven wear the bride's fine linen from verse 8 — and they carry no weapons. The church rides in the victory parade, but the fighting belongs to Christ alone.

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

A biblical wedding had two stages — betrothal, then the procession that brings the bride home for the feast. The church, betrothed by faith, is now in the waiting. The return is the procession.

CRITICAL THINKING

Jude quotes Enoch, seventh from Adam, speaking of the second coming in the past tense — "the Lord came." The oldest prophecy in Scripture treats this event as already settled history.

KEY QUESTION

If I am riding in that column, does my life today look like someone dressed for it?

2 What specific events will occur when Jesus returns to the earth?

a. Zechariah 14:4

Zechariah 14:4 NASB95

In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

IN MY WORDS

His feet land on the Mount of Olives and the mountain splits in two, opening a great valley.

b. Zechariah 14:9

Zechariah 14:9 NASB95

And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.

IN MY WORDS

He is installed as King over all the earth — one Lord and one name, with no rivals left.

c. Zechariah 14:10

Zechariah 14:10 NASB95

All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses.

IN MY WORDS

The terrain itself is remade — the land flattened into a plain while Jerusalem is lifted up and left standing above it.

d. Zechariah 14:16

Zechariah 14:16 NASB95

Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

IN MY WORDS

The survivors of the nations that attacked her come up to Jerusalem year after year to worship the King and keep the Feast of Booths.

e. Matthew 24:30

IN MY WORDS

The sign of the Son of Man appears in the sky and all the tribes of the earth mourn as they see Him coming on the clouds with power and great glory.

f. Matthew 24:31

IN MY WORDS

The angels go out with a great trumpet and gather His elect from the four winds.

g. Isaiah 11:4

Isaiah 11:4 NASB95

But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

IN MY WORDS

He judges righteously for the poor and afflicted and slays the wicked with the breath of His lips.

h. Zechariah 12:2-5

IN MY WORDS

Jerusalem becomes a cup of reeling and a heavy stone to the nations besieging her, and God defends her while the clans of Judah recognize that their strength is in the LORD of hosts.

i. Amos 9:14-15

Amos 9:14-15 NASB95

"Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

IN MY WORDS

Israel is restored and permanently planted in her land — rebuilding, planting, and never uprooted again.

CROSS REFERENCE **Philippians 2:10-11** at the name of Jesus "EVERY KNEE WILL BOW … and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Amir Tsarfati REVEALING REVELATION

Read the list together and it is a coronation, not just a rescue: the King lands, the land is reshaped for His capital, the nations come up to worship, and Israel is planted for good. Revelation 19 opens the door; Revelation 20 walks through it.

CRITICAL THINKING

Look at 14:16 again — the survivors who came to destroy Jerusalem now travel to Jerusalem annually to worship. The nations do not merely lose the battle; some of them are converted by it.

KEY QUESTION

Which of these events do I actually expect to witness — and does that expectation change anything about this week?

04 EXECUTE

So what? How does this affect my life?

Bringing Revelation 19 home to my own walk.

1 Take some time now to thank Jesus for preparing a place for you, for accepting you as His betrothed, and for providing you with the peaceful assurance that you are protected from the wrath that is to come. Lift your thanks to the Lord in prayer, and if you wish, you can write your main thoughts down.

Revelation 19:7-9 NASB95

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

IN MY WORDS

I thank Jesus that the invitation is already written and the linen already given — my place at that table is His work, not my achievement, and that settles my fear about the wrath to come.

CROSS REFERENCE **1 Thessalonians 3:13** He establishes our hearts "without blame in holiness" for the day of His coming.

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

"These are true words of God" is written for the trembling believer. What sounds too good to be true is precisely the thing God stopped the vision to certify.

CRITICAL THINKING

Heaven's praise in this chapter erupts over a judgment before it erupts over a wedding. Gratitude that only shows up for the wedding half of the chapter has not really read the chapter.

KEY QUESTION

When did I last thank God specifically for the wrath I will not face?

2 If Revelation 19 scares you, take time to prayerfully evaluate your heart and your relationship with Jesus. If you have any questions as to whether you will be on earth watching the return of Christ or returning with Him, write to www.beholdisrael.org to settle the matter.

Revelation 19:11-12 NASB95

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

IN MY WORDS

This chapter does not frighten me about my standing, but it does sober me — and I want that soberness to show up as honest self-examination rather than assumed safety.

CROSS REFERENCE **Revelation 19:10** "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" — the point of the whole study is the Person.

Amir Tsarfati REVEALING REVELATION

Even a glorified angel refuses worship and redirects it to God — a warning to anyone who studies prophecy. It is easy to be fascinated with charts, timelines and headlines and lose sight of the Person the whole book is about.

CRITICAL THINKING

Fear of this chapter is not automatically unbelief; John himself fell on his face. The question is whether the fear drives you to the ground before Christ or away from Him.

KEY QUESTION

Which side of this chapter would I be on if it happened tonight — and do I actually know, or only hope?

3 List people whom you know who need to hear about Jesus' return for His bride (the rapture) and Jesus' return to bring judgment to the inhabitants of the earth. Then pray for opportunities to speak to them.

Revelation 19:17-18 NASB95

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

IN MY WORDS

There are people in my own circle who will attend one of these two suppers, and I want to be the one who tells them plainly which invitation is still open.

CROSS REFERENCE **Revelation 19:9** "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

David Guzik ENDURING WORD

Newell counted four suppers in Scripture — the supper of salvation, the Lord's Supper, the marriage supper of the Lamb, and this supper of the great God. Reject the first and the second means nothing to you; you will never sit at the third, but you will be present at the fourth.

John MacArthur GRACE TO YOU

"Flesh" is repeated five times over kings and slaves alike. God's judgment shows no partiality, and that impartiality should press every hearer toward the gospel while grace is still offered.

CRITICAL THINKING

The workbook asks for a list and then for prayer — in that order. Naming people first makes the prayer specific and the evangelism unavoidable; a nameless burden never becomes a conversation.

KEY QUESTION

Who are the three names on my list, and which one am I speaking to this week?

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Chapter 18 left Babylon's smoke rising and her merchants weeping. Chapter 19 answers that dirge with a sound heard nowhere else in the New Testament: four resounding Hallelujahs. Heaven does not mourn what earth mourns. It rejoices that judgment is finally true and righteous, that the blood of the bond-servants has been avenged, and that the last great obstacle between the world and its King is gone.

Then the tone turns from praise to procession. The bride is made ready — clothed in linen that was *given* to her — and the sky itself opens. The Rider comes out on a white horse with eyes like fire and many crowns, His robe already stained, a sword coming from His mouth, and the armies of heaven behind Him carrying no weapons at all. There is no battle described. There is an assembly, and then there is a verdict. The beast and the false prophet are thrown alive into the lake of fire, and the rest are killed by a word.

And every promise in this chapter has an address. The glory that left the temple by way of the Mount of Olives comes back to the Mount of Olives. The Jesus who ascended from that ridge returns to it. Every person alive belongs to one of two feasts — the marriage supper of the Lamb, or the great supper of God — and only one of those invitations is still being handed out.

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns."

REVELATION 19:6

You have spent chapters in the dark. This is the light at the end of the tunnel — but it arrives on a war horse. Hold both halves of this chapter at once: the Lamb who married you and the King who wages war, the linen He gave you and the sword He carries. Then go find someone whose name belongs on your list, while the invitation is still open.

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