

As we begin the last half of chapter 19, we need to remember that the saints are in heaven. They are those who chose the Lamb of God over all that the world offers them (14:1ⁱ; 14-16ⁱⁱ). Those who remain worship the Antichrist and believe the false prophet. The wicked refused to repent during the trumpets of the great tribulation. Three angels shared the gospel and warned that Babylon would fall and that those who worship the beast would be judged. Even then, they still refused to repent.

The bowls of wrath affected the whole earth and yet they not only refuse to repent but they curse God (16:11ⁱⁱⁱ). The sixth bowl of the wrath of God dried up the Euphrates opening the way for the armies of the east to join in the battle of Armageddon. Unclean spirits went out to convince the powers of the east to join in this battle against Jesus and His followers (16:12-14^{iv}). A summary of today's passage was given to us in 17:14^v. *14 They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.* From verse 11 in chapter 19 we have the details of what that will look like.

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. Revelation 19:11 Seeing heaven opened is the introduction to the next revelation. Remember that this is the revelation of Jesus (1:1^{vi}) This is the fulfillment of Isaiah 64:1,2. *1 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!* Zechariah tells us that Jesus will dismount on the Mount of Olives and save the remnant of the Jews who are calling out to Him as their Savior. (See Zech 12-13.)

John is literally seeing these things and recording them for the church then and throughout the ages (22:8^{vii}). John repeatedly writes, "I saw..." These are visions from God. In this vision John sees heaven opened (Ezekiel 1:1^{viii}; John 1:51^{ix}; Acts 10:11^x). In the New Testament we see Jesus telling Nathaniel that he would see heaven opened and angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man. Angels are messengers. It seems Jesus was saying He gives us the messages from the LORD who was at the top of the ladder. Peter saw heaven opened when he had the revelation that God wanted the gospel to go to the Gentiles (Acts 10:10,11^{xi}). In today's passage Jesus rides out of the heavenlies on a white horse. He comes from the place of all authority, the right hand of God (Psalm 110:1^{xii}). Emperors and Governors rode white horses. It is a symbol of victory. The Word incarnate will come to judge the world for what we did with Jesus.

The one on the white horse is called Faithful and True. They are two of the most mentioned attributes of God in the Old Testament (*emuna* and *emet*). Jesus has the attributes of God because He is one with the Father (John 10:30^{xiii}). He is faithful to His character, to His promises, and to His chosen ones. Every word from His lips is true. He cannot lie. He declared Himself to be the truth (John 14:6^{xiv}). Anything that contradicts Him is a lie. Satan is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44^{xv}). There have been many conquerors and kings, and some have been so good-hearted as to be a foreshadow of Christ. But even those men had flaws. **Finally, we will have the one leader who is always faithful and true.** I think that is what our hearts long for! There will be no more choosing the lesser of two evils or leaders installed to do the bidding of a select group. Our true and faithful King will come.

His faithfulness to the truth is why "in righteousness he judges and makes war." Righteousness is another frequently mentioned attribute of God (*tsedek*). This attribute means that He confronts lies that deceive mankind. It is why He confronts evil. Every judgment He makes will be in full knowledge of every fact. The war He wages will be just and holy, perhaps the only one that is perfectly just. Those who fight against the truth fight for a lie, and for unrighteousness.

In one sense this war has been raging since the fall of man. I believe this is an actual battle with the beast leading the physical armies of earth, no doubt empowered by demons, against the visible Lord Jesus. It is hard to imagine they would think they could fight Him, but up to this point they have accepted a lie despite the bowls of wrath and many signs from heaven. Millennia of grace and mercy are over. Now the Lamb is a Lion insisting that all bow to the Truth (Philippians 2:9-11^{xvi}). The world tends to see Jesus as dominated by love. The Biblical Jesus is holy. That includes love, but holiness will not tolerate evil.

¹² *His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.* Revelation 19:12 This matches the description of Jesus' eyes in the first and second chapters (1:14^{xvii}; 2:18^{xviii}). This tells us that He sees all and is entirely pure. One day we will look into those eyes and realize nothing in our hearts is hidden from Him (Hebrews 4:13^{xix}). Remember the children's song, Be careful little hands what you do...? It is very true. There is a Father and Son up above looking down in tender love, but they are just and holy too. His love can be expressed in discipline, for whom the Father loves He disciplines (Hebrew 12:7,8^{xx}). In this chapter it is a warning of the judgment about to fall on the worshipers of the beast.

Instead of one crown as in 6:2^{xxi} (the crown and white horse perhaps being a parody of the true Christ), He has many diadems for He is King of kings and Lord of lords.^{xxii} In 12:3^{xxiii} the dragon had seven diadems, a blasphemous counterfeit.

The name written that no one knows but himself is like the name no one knows that is given to overcomers (2:17^{xxiv}). There is a tradition in certain cultures that if someone knows your true name, they can have power over you. Perhaps this is to say that no one has power over Jesus. Remember when Jesus ordered the demoniac to tell the name of the demon, Legion (Mark 5:9^{xxv})? Navajos have a secret name. We will have one written on a white stone if we overcome. Beal sees the secrecy of a name's meaning is not having a comprehension of the character the name represents. He states, "*The significance of knowing a name (or not knowing it) must be sought elsewhere in biblical literature. In the OT to know a name means to have control over the one named. Therefore, the confidential nature of the name here has nothing to do with concealing a name on the cognitive level but alludes to Christ being absolutely sovereign over humanity's experiential access to his character. To some he reveals his name (i.e., his character) by initiating a salvific relationship (as in 2:17; 3:12; 22:3-4; Luke 10:22; Matt. 16:16-17), but to others he reveals his name through an experience of judgment, and to them the redemptive significance of his name remains a mystery.*"^{xxvi} In other words, we begin to know His character when we are redeemed. The rebellious only know Him as judgment.

¹³ *He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.* Revelation 19:13 In Isaiah 61:1-3^{xxvii}, Isaiah predicted the Messiah's garments would be stained with the blood of His enemies. But the battle has not taken place yet (19:20,21^{xxviii}), so this may refer to His blood shed for us. Jesus conquered us by love, shedding His blood for us (12:11^{xxix}). He will conquer His enemies by shedding their blood.

It is one or the other, conquered by His blood shed in love for us or meeting the justice of His wrath shedding yours? Everyone will choose. Some commentators see this as too mechanical of an interpretation as apocalyptic literature does not necessarily follow chronologically. They would say it is the blood of Jesus' enemies, and that the theme of the passage is righteous judgment not salvation.

He is called the Word of God. John told us in John 1:14^{xxx} Jesus is the Word made flesh. He is the truth of God incarnate. If you have seen Him, you have seen the Father (John 14:7^{xxxi}). What He says is the way it is and there is no disputing it.

¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. Revelation 19:14,15 Are you in the Lord's army? There is another children's song we do not sing anymore: *I'm in the Lord's Army* We should! At least some still sing *Onward Christian Soldiers*. I remember a couple who were new believers saying how bad that sounded. They did not realize what a spiritual battle we are in and how deadly serious the spiritual battle is.

The bride who has made herself ready (19:7,8^{xxxii}) rides with the Groom into battle, also on white horses. Their robes are white and pure because their robes were washed in the blood of their Savior (7:14^{xxxiii}). They have done what Jesus exhorted the church of Laodicea to do in 3:18^{xxxiv}, to buy from Him white garments to clothe themselves. That is followed by 3:20^{xxxv} in which Jesus is asking us to open our door that He might have the intimate fellowship meal with us, our daily fellowship with Him, and perhaps a precursor to the wedding feast with the Lamb.

Verse 15 tells us that Jesus does all the fighting. That sharp sword from His mouth is the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12^{xxxvi}; 2 Thessalonians 2:8^{xxxvii}). There are four mentions of the sword in Jesus' mouth in Revelation.^{xxxviii} His Word created all that is, and it can destroy as well. He speaks and it comes to pass. We must be with Him to witness His justice upon those who persecuted and killed us. The language of verse 15 matches that of Isaiah 11:4 and Isaiah 49:2. *⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.* Isaiah 11:4 *² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.* Isaiah 49:2 This is the fulfillment of those prophecies given 700 B.C. It is the subject of the second Psalm. *¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed...* Psalm 2:1,2

¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. Revelation 19:16 A statue in Parthia made in A.D. 151 had the "King of kings" inscribed on its thigh. God is relating to people of that day in a way they could understand. Rome feared Parthia, having been defeated by them in a battle. So, the imagery was telling those persecuted by Rome that there is an ultimate power that Rome and the beast better fear! The Parthians used white battle stallions, and their king wore diadems. Perhaps the message was that Rome had a greater enemy to fear than Parthia, an ultimate conqueror of this world's temporary powers. Rome was one little aspect of Babylon, but it foreshadowed that which seems to be all powerful. However, it is nothing compared to the One who speaks things into existence. In persecuting the church, they were declaring war on God. A

snapshot in time may look like Babylon is winning, but Revelation is showing us the end of this drama. Our hero will come, and He will easily prevail. The psalmist said of Jesus' response to the kings of the earth attacking Him that *"He that sits in the heavens will laugh"* (Psalm 2:4^{xxxix}).

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." Revelation 19:17,18 "Then I saw" starts a new section. I do not think it means literally that the angel is standing on the sun, but rather that his radiance is like looking at the sun, or perhaps in front of the sun yet brighter. It is blinding to look at him. He calls the birds of the air together for a great feast. The battle has not taken place yet, but it is about to. The announcement means the outcome is certain. The birds from afar begin coming to help clean up the mess. The mention of flesh five times reminds us of what they lived for.

Again, we have two contrasting images that should help strengthen and encourage believers' convictions. There are two feasts in this chapter, the marriage supper of the Lamb, and the feast for the birds devouring the carcasses of God's enemies^{xl}. We will be feasting with Jesus or feasted upon. The diversity of rank mentioned shows no status or position will exempt man from this justice. No one will be able to say, "I was just following orders?" All rebels against God will be without excuse (Matthew 12:30^{xli}).

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. Revelation 19:19 "And I saw" begins the last section of the chapter. The first "then I say" was the announcement of the fall of Babylon. The next was the marriage supper of the Lamb, and then the vision of Jesus coming to do battle, then the announcement to the birds. Now we see the enemies of Jesus led by the beast and the kings who give allegiance to him gather for this great battle against Jesus and all of us who follow Jesus (17:14^{xlii}). This is the height of insanity. If they could win the world would cease to exist (Hebrews 1:3^{xliii}). Up to this point we have always been the ones slaughtered, from the persecution by Jews, then Rome, then the Roman Catholic church to Isis in our day and the Antichrist in those final days. But that is about to change. God will not be mocked. What a man sows, that will he also reap. The only escape from the justice of God is found in Jesus who bore the justice we deserve (1 Peter 2:24^{xliiv}).

The sides will be clearly drawn. Picture a huge battle force from many nations together in the valley of Megiddo, all those who worship the beast, looking up into the sky and seeing Jesus and millions of believers following Him on white horses. The commander of the earthly forces orders the earthly armies to open fire. This is the climactic moment of man's history. Will evil reign, or will righteousness prevail? Jesus speaks, and it is over. *"The battle of Armageddon is the laughter of God against the climax of man's arrogance."* (Barnhouse)^{xlv}

20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. Revelation 19:20 First, the beast and false prophet are captured. They are thrown into the lake of fire burning with sulfur. The third member of this unholy trinity, the dragon, will join them at the end of the millennium (20:10^{xlvi}).

While Jesus is called true, the false prophet had been a deceiver. This is truth against lies. Is Caesar lord or is Jesus? Is Babylon mightier than New Jerusalem? The truth will be obvious then. But temptations change over time and locations and with individuals. Are drugs lord? Is money lord? How about political parties? There are many would be lords, but they are all passing like a vapor. Jesus alone is Lord of all!

²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. Revelation 19:21 All those who followed the beast and the false prophet and took the mark are struck by that rod of iron, the sword from the mouth of the Lord Jesus. He speaks and it is done! Just like He commanded the wind and waves to cease (Mark 4:39^{xlvii}), He will speak, and they will die in an instant. Then the birds the angel called will begin to clean up the carnage. Here is that contrast of the marriage supper of the Lamb and the bird feast.

The lies that drive the world toward Armageddon are prominent today even in seminaries. An article in the New York Times interviewed a prominent Union Seminary president. She explained that *“the story of Jesus was simply a story of the power of love. That Jesus was not God, but just a good person who showed us what it meant to love. “His death did not save us. What kind of a Father would kill his son. That is not a God of love,” she declared. Thus we need no story of the virgin birth. She went on to imply there really is no personal God being, just the ideas of love and kindness. There is no sovereign one over the universe or a good person like Jesus would not have died.”* Her voice and those like her are preparing the way for the Antichrist. If there is no God, then we can be our own god. But it is our nature to seek a leader to guide us. His lies will tell us that traditional Christianity is an enemy, and that man can solve his own problems. Just follow him and he will lead us to utopia. We just need to get rid of these religious fanatical Christians. That voice is getting louder. Every generation is indoctrinated a little more fully and reinforced by the media. It is an obvious lie, but man has always been tempted to be our own god (Genesis 3:5^{xlviii}).

Man’s reign will come to an end in the Valley of Megiddo. Truth will prevail. Righteousness will reign. But we do not have to wait for it to reign in us. Paul tells us in Romans 6:12-14 *¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

Some people interpret Revelation as a metaphor for the Christian struggle against sin, while others see it as a certain future event. I believe we can see it as both. Moment by moment we choose what will prevail in our thoughts and actions. Will we be the chaste bride of Jesus or the sexually immoral idolators of Babylon who are so deceived they will make war on Jesus? In Christ we have resurrection power to shun the evil and embrace the good, to choose Jesus over this world. We fight the spiritual battle daily, and sometimes even see the Lord use us as instruments to see people change allegiance from darkness to light. If you surrender to Him today, you will ride with King Jesus on that coming day. The choice is incredibly clear, and only our selfish pride will keep us from it. Every day we choose to lay up rewards in heaven, or we store up wrath for Judgment Day. As Joshua said to Israel, *“Choose this day whom you will serve!”* Joshua 24:15a

Questions: 1 What has led up to this passage? 2 What are the attributes of the One on the white horse? Implication? 3 What identifies Him as Jesus? 4 Why is His robe dipped in blood? 5 Who makes up heaven's army? What is symbolic of their robes? 6 From what passages is verse 15 drawn? 7 What contrasting image is presented? 8 Why would they think they could fight God? 9 How does Romans 6:12-14 apply to this passage? 10 How can we apply the passage to our lives?

ⁱ **Revelation 14:1 (ESV)**

¹ Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

ⁱⁱ **Revelation 14:14-16 (ESV)**

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe."

¹⁶ So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

ⁱⁱⁱ **Revelation 16:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

^{iv} **Revelation 16:12-14 (ESV)**

¹² The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. ¹³ And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs.

¹⁴ For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.

^v **Revelation 17:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

^{vi} **Revelation (ESV)**

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

^{vii} **Revelation 22:8 (ESV)**

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me,

^{viii} **Ezekiel 1:1 (ESV)**

¹ In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

^{ix} **John 1:51 (ESV)**

⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

^x **Acts 10:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth.

^{xi} **Acts 10:10-11 (ESV)**

¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance

¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth.

^{xii} **Psalms 110:1 (ESV)**

¹ The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

^{xiii} **John 10:30 (ESV)**

³⁰ I and the Father are one."

^{xiv} **John 14:6 (ESV)**

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

^{xv} **John 8:44 (ESV)**

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

^{xvi} **Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV)**

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

^{xvii} **Revelation 1:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,

^{xviii} **Revelation 2:18 (ESV)**

¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

^{xix} **Hebrews 4:13 (ESV)**

¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

^{xx} **Hebrews 12:7-8 (ESV)**

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

^{xxi} **Revelation 6:2 (ESV)**

² And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

^{xxii} These diadems appear to have been cloth headbands rather than solid crowns, and each diadem would signify a place ruled.^{xxii}

^{xxiii} **Revelation 12:3 (ESV)**

³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

^{xxiv} **Revelation 2:17 (ESV)**

¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

^{xxv} **Mark 5:9 (ESV)**

⁹ And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.”

^{xxvi} G. K. Beale, *The Book of Revelation: A Commentary on the Greek Text*, New International Greek Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Carlisle, Cumbria: W.B. Eerdmans; Paternoster Press, 1999), 955–956.

^{xxvii} **Isaiah 61:1-3 (ESV)**

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

^{xxviii} **Revelation 19:20-21 (ESV)**

²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. ²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

^{xxix} **Revelation 12:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

^{xxx} **John 1:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

^{xxxi} **John 14:7 (ESV)**

⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

^{xxxii} **Revelation 19:7-8 (ESV)**

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure” — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

^{xxxiii} **Revelation 7:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

^{xxxiv} **Revelation 3:18 (ESV)**

¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

^{xxxv} **Revelation 3:20 (ESV)**

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

^{xxxvi} **Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)**

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

^{xxxvii} **2 Thessalonians 2:8 (ESV)**

⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

^{xxxviii} 1:16; 2:16; 19:15,21

^{xxxix} **Psalms 2:4 (ESV)**

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

^{xli} Guzik points out that there are four feasts in Scripture:

- The supper of salvation, alluded to in Jesus’ parable (Luke 14:16–24)
- The Lord’s supper, a commemoration of Jesus’ sacrifice
- The marriage supper of the Lamb
- The supper of the great God

^{xli} **Matthew 12:30 (ESV)**

³⁰ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

^{xlii} **Revelation 17:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

^{xliii} **Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)**

³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

^{xliv} **1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)**

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

^{xlv} David Guzik, *Revelation*, David Guzik’s Commentaries on the Bible (Santa Barbara, CA: David Guzik, 2013), Re 19:19–21.

^{xlvi} **Revelation 20:10 (ESV)**

¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

^{xlvii} **Mark 4:39 (ESV)**

³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

^{xlviii} **Genesis 3:5 (ESV)**

⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”