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INTRODUCTION: Most people today have a lopsided, distorted, unbalanced view of Jesus Christ. They only see one side of His character: His humility, gentleness, meekness, love, sacrifice, etc., as the "Lamb of God" in His first coming.

Jesus came the first time to cleanse . . .
He will come the second time to conquer

Jesus came the first time to save . . .
He will come the second time to condemn

Jesus came the first time as a sacrifice . . .
He will come the second time as a warrior

Jesus came the first time in subjection to Caesar. . .
He will come the second time to rule and reign

Jesus came the first time as a Lamb (silent - Acts 8:32; and obedient unto death);
However, He comes the second time as a Lion.

Isaiah 31:4 describes the Lord Jesus coming back to fight for Mount Zion, like a Lion. A multitude will come out to fight Him, like a group of shepherds fighting against one Lion.
Is. 31:4 - *"For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof."*

Interestingly, the context of Rev. 19:11-21 does not specifically name the warrior as Jesus Christ. However, by comparing Scripture with Scripture, He can be no other!
It is typical of the book of Revelation to use pictures, descriptions and titles of Christ (EX: Lamb, Son of man, etc.) rather than plainly stating His name "Jesus."
Such references hide Christ's identity from those who refuse to believe, and unveils it to those who are saved and know God's Word.

NOTE: The theme of Rev. 19:11-21 involves judgment (specifically, the Battle of Armageddon).

In unfolding this theme, several names of the Judge--Jesus Christ, are revealed in connection with His acts of judgment:

1. ***"Faithful and True"*** (v. 11)
2. ***"A name written which no man knew"*** (v. 12)
3. ***"The Word of God"*** (v. 13)
4. ***"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"*** (v. 16)

We can learn about the "other side" of Jesus Christ by seeing the significance of His names in this context of judgment.

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V. 11

"Heaven opened" = the Judge, Jesus Christ, who has been standing in front of the door [James 5:9 - *"the judge standeth before the door"*] is now about to return to earth.

"A white horse" - not to be confused with the rider on the white horse in Rev. 6:2. The Antichrist depicted in 6:2, being a counterfeit for Christ, also will ride a white horse.

"Faithful" - Jesus does what He says He will do.

"True"- Jesus is Truth (Jn. 14:6). Pilot in questioning Jesus by saying "What is truth?" (Jn. 18:38) did not realize he was standing in the presence of Truth.

All truth must be tested by a <u>standard</u>, and there is no standard beyond Jesus Christ. He is the perfect and ultimate source and standard of truth.

It is said of Jesus that He was "full of grace and truth" (Jn. 1:14); "grace and truth came by jesus Christ" (Jn. 1:17). "The truth is <u>in Jesus</u>" (Eph. 4:21). Jesus is so true, He is called "the <u>Amen</u>, the faithful and true witness" (Rev. 3:14).

"He doth judge" - Jesus is the only Judge (Jn. 5:22 - "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" - cp. Ps. 2:12, 50:4-6; Acts 10:42; Rom. 2:16).

"In righteousness He doth judge and make war" - Jesus being as His name describes "Faithful and true", is perfectly just (right) in how He judges and whom He judges.

Much judgment (EX: Supreme Court) has not been according to righteousness; most wars planned and fought by man have been based on greed not righteousness.

"Righteousness" is an extension of Christ's holiness. Righteousness is holiness in action - "transitive holiness." Jesus is called "the holy one and the just" (Acts 3:14). He is the "just one" (Acts 7:52, 22:14).

Some people say:

--"God is <u>too loving</u> to send anyone to hell"

. . . Such people forget that God is a God of <u>justice</u>

--"God would never <u>destroy</u> masses of humanity"

. . . Such people forget the <u>flood</u> (II Pet. 3:3-7)

Christ is righteous in judging men - SEE Rom. 2:5-11

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V. 12

"His eyes were as a flame of fire" - same description as Rev. 1:14

Such a description shows Christ to have infinite knowledge, as His piercing eyes can clearly see through that which man attempts to hide, against vindicating Christ's righteousness in judgment (Heb. 4:13 - *"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."*).

"Many crowns" -

> ***"Crown"*** = kingly crown (diadamata = Eng. "diadem"); Christ is coming as King (v. 16) and to reign (Rev. 20:4-6). Note: At the rapture, Christ is pictured as wearing one crown (stephanos) (Rev. 14:14)
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> ***"Many"*** = the plurality of crowns shows the extent of Christ's coming reign. It will not be one group of people but all. Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

"A name written, that no man knew, but He Himself" - Evidently, the new name (Rev. 3:12) that will characterize Christ as He comes to conquer and rule.

II. The Warrior on the White Horse Will Conquer with POWER (v. 13-15)

(His Name is: "THE WORD OF GOD")

V. 13

"Clothed in a vesture dipped in blood" - Christ's garments will be splattered as it were with blood as He treads "the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" (v. 15).

*SEE Isaiah 63:1-6

Christ will judge alone; He will need no help from any man or angel.

"The Word of God" - a phrase used only by John.

John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14 - "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth."

I Jn. 1:1 - "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the Word of life."

I Jn. 5:7 - "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

He who is called the ***"Word"*** of God will judge via His mouth (v. 15, 21).

He who simply "spoke" the world into existence (cp. Col. 1:16 with Heb. 11:3) will "speak" this present Age out of existence. The "Author and Finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2) is the author and finisher of the world.

V. 14

"The armies which were in heaven followed him" -

Who are these armies?

1. Their description gives them away - they are the ***"Bride*** of Christ" - NOTE: ***"clothed in fine linen, white and clean"*** - cp. **v. 8**

2. They are saints of Christ, according to I Thes. 3:13 - *"...at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints."*

3. They are those who will be resurrected to rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:4-6)

V. 15

"Out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword" (see V. 21).

The connection between Christ's mouth and a sword again points to the awesome power of His Word. His Word is sharper than any two-edged sword (Heb. 4:12).

We today, would be wise to utilize such a weapon in doing spiritual battle - "The Sword of the Spirit" - Eph. 6:17.

"He shall rule them with a rod of iron" -

"Them" = the nations

"Rod of Iron" = a phrase appearing in Rev. 2:27, 12:5. Such a domination will be a fulfillment of Psalm 2 (READ Ps. 2)

"Treadeth the winepress" - Christ will step on the "grapes of wrath" and when He does, the blood will flow for 200 miles and at certain heights of 4 1/2 feet (SEE Rev. 14:19-20)

The bloodshed of Armageddon will be astounding (SEE Is. 34:1-8).

Armageddon will not be won by nuclear warfare, man-made missiles, tanks, or artillery, but by the word of Jesus Christ!

Nor will it be a long, drawn out battle (EX: WW I or II) but will begin and end suddenly (Is. 29:5; Zech. 3:9).

The bodies of those destroyed by Christ will melt instantly, by "fire and by His sword" (Is. 66:16).

"...Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth" (Zech.14:12).

III. The Warrior on the White Horse

Will Conquer with AUTHORITY (v. 16-21)
(His Name is: "KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS")

V. 16
Jesus is not merely "king" (not a king among many).
He is ***"king of kings"***.

The accusation written above the cross of Jesus ("This is Jesus the king of the Jews") was actually an understatement. He is king of all.

Jesus is not merely "lord" but ***"Lord of Lords"*** - identifying Him as Jehovah God! (Zech. 14:9 - *"And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one."*)
Rev. 17:14 - *"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them; for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."*

As King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ will one day have *"all things ... subdued unto Him."* (I Cor. 15:28)
The Bible says that Jesus Christ *"is able even to subdue all things unto Himself"* (Phil. 3:21).

A. The "KING OF KINGS" will subdue all of the world's kings, captains, mighty men, and armies (v. 17-18, 21)

V. 17
"An angel standing in the sun" - Angels, being spirit beings, are not affected by the elements that would destroy mortal man.

"Gather yourselves" - indicative of a centralized location for the slaughter. The location for the gathering of the world's armies will be Armageddon (the Valley of Megiddo, or Jezreel Valley - Rev. 16:16 - *"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."*

The specific location for the actual slaughter will be the Valley of Jehoshaphat (the Kidron valley, east of Jerusalem, Joel 3:1-21; cp. Jer. 7:31-34 - the Hinnom Valley, a valley of slaughter).

The world's kings and lords (rulers) become supper for the birds of the air when the King returns.

The birds are summoned (possibly by Gabriel) to ***"the supper of the great God."***
This is the second supper mentioned in this chapter. I would rather "sup" with Jesus (Rev. 3:20) at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) than to be the supper for the vultures at Armageddon.
Regardless of ... rank (***"kings...captains...mighty men"***),
status (***"free and bond"***), and
stature (***"small and great"***) ...
all the ungodly will be slaughtered.

V. 21
"The remnant" - the rest of Christ's enemies are killed physically and will await judgment day for final sentencing (Rev. 20:11-15).

B. The "LORD OF LORDS" will destroy the world's lords - Antichrist and the False Prophet (v. 19-20)
V. 19

"The beast" = the Antichrist

"The kings" = the 10 kings - Rev. 17:12-14 (Dan. 2:44 - pictured as "ten toes")

"Their armies" = those who have been deceived by demonic forces to battle Christ and His people (Rev. 16:13-14)
The Antichrist along with the world's kings will have their most sophisticated modern missiles (warheads, etc.) pointed at the Son of God, actually thinking that they will destroy Him.

"To make war against <u>Him</u> (Jesus Christ)". What a vain, futile, and foolish attempt!

Such futility is instigated by Satan, whose attack has always been against Christ and His children.

The ***"Beast"*** (Antichrist) and the ***"False Prophet"*** will by-pass ***"death and Hell"*** and will go immediately into the ***"Lake of fire"***. They will be the very first human occupants of the Lake of fire.

The rest of unbelieving souls (Rev. 20:15) and the Devil will be cast into this eternal lake of torment <u>1,000 years later</u> (Rev. 20:10)