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Introduction: As we discussed in the previous study, the focal point of the Book of Revelation is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth. It is what the book's opening presented as the central theme, (see 1:7), or the climactic event of the book. It is not the end of the story, even though some think of it that way. But everything that we have seen has been building to this.

Seen in this second half of Chapter 19 is the actual return of the Lord Jesus to earth. This has already been referred to in the book (the Lamb was seen standing on Mount Zion in 14:1) - a reminder that Revelation is not entirely chronological. Here in Chapter 19 we see Jesus actually returning to earth accompanied by the armies in heaven. It is He who fights the Battle of Armageddon (recall Chapter 16 also, the sixth and seventh bowls in particular, where the armies are seen gathering and moving) with the sword of His mouth, treading out the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. Then comes the second great feast of the Chapter (the first was the marriage supper of the Lamb, v.9), this one called the supper of the great God wherein all the birds of the air are called to devour the remnants of the vast army that had arrayed itself against the Lord.

When the Lord Jesus returns, we will be with Him. The church, seen already in Revelation as having been raptured to heaven, is said in Scripture to always be with the Lord (from the moment of the Rapture, 1 Thessalonians 4:17b). We return to earth with Him to serve Him, to actually rule and reign with Him, to judge with Him. We are His servants forever - what a glorious fate! Knowing that we shall always be with Him - walking by faith now but face to face one day - should motivate us to faithfully follow and serve Him now. Jesus is our Lord, now and forever.

1. Verses 11-16 - KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

- v.11 - **heaven opened...** John's vantage point for this allows him to see a comprehensive picture - he sees the heaven opened, the angel in the sun, and the armies on the earth. **Faithful and True...** Jesus left the earth with the promise that He would come again. His promises are true, and He is faithful to them! **...makes war** - quite different from His first coming.

- v.12 - Nothing escapes His sight, and His **eyes** are set on justice and wrath at this point. He is the King of Kings, not just a king, thus **many crowns**.

- vv.13-14 - **dipped in blood** - Jesus died for our sins (note that the text makes the point that His armies' robes are **white and clean**) that we might be cleansed. Also, the Lord is the One who fights our battles - note that the robe is already visibly blood-dipped before Armageddon even starts. **Word of God** - see John 1:1. **armies in heaven** - seen in heaven to this point have been saints of all ages and angels - they are all likely part of this.

- v.15 - It should not surprise anyone that the Lord fights this battle with **His mouth**. He created with His word, He will fight and destroy with it. He speaks, and everything obeys.

- v.16 - It is almost incomprehensible to imagine the Lord Jesus Christ in battle array. AWESOME. **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**. Ruler of rulers. Every knee will bow.

2. Verses 17-18 - The "supper of the great God."

- v.17 - An **angel** in the sky, perhaps blocking the view of the **sun**, calls the **birds** to devour the carcasses of the armies of Antichrist which Jesus is about to destroy.

- v.18 - Jesus is about to utterly destroy this army, and all its remnants will be devoured.

3. Verses 19-21 - Armageddon.

- v.19 - This battle is also described in connection with the final two bowls in 16:12-21, as aforementioned.

- v.20 - Antichrist and his **prophet** are captured **alive** and cast into the **lake of fire**. *Note that Hell is a place for the conscious and living.*

- v.21 - After all the build-up, Armageddon is described in the simplest of ways. Everyone other than the beast and his prophet is killed by the Lord Jesus. Period. The army with Jesus is not seen fighting, Jesus is. With the **sword** of His **mouth** - His word. All of this paves the way for the establishment of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ here on earth for 1,000 years (next chapter).