

# God's Plan for the Future

## Study Sheet

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## The Return of King Jesus

### Selected Scriptures

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus

The King's return is...

Predicted by the \_\_\_\_\_ (Zechariah 14:1-4)

*Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. (2) For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (3) Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. (4) On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.*

Heralded by \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 24:27, 29-30)

*For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ... (29) 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 heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (30) Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

Announced by the \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:11-12)

*And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, (11) and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (12) Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem...*

Angels offered \_\_\_\_\_ over the departure of Jesus

And offered \_\_\_\_\_ of His future return.

Jotted down by \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 1:7; 22:20)

**Rev 1:7** – *Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.*

**Rev 22:20** – *He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*

The first and last chapters of Revelation are John's \_\_\_\_\_ of prophecy.

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The King's \_\_\_\_\_

A door will open to welcome the church into heaven (4:1).

*After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."*

First opening – the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

A door will open for Christ and His church to return from heaven to earth (19:11, 14).

*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. ... (14) And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following Him on white horses.*

Second opening – the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

The King's \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 19:11-13, 16)

*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. (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. (13) He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which He is called is The Word of God. ... (16) On His robe and on His thigh, He has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

*Faithful* – the \_\_\_\_\_ One we can rely on.

*True* – He doesn't just tell the truth. He \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth.

*Word of God* – the Word (John 1:1) became flesh (John 1:14). His \_\_\_\_\_.

*King of kings, Lord of lords* – He outranks all others. He'll rule & reign \_\_\_\_\_.

The King's \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 19:12-13)

The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus (Revelation 19:12; also 1:14, 2:18)

*His eyes are like a flame of fire...*

Signifies His ability as a judge to see deeply into the hearts of men and rid the world of all its injustices. His eyes will pierce through the motives of nations and individuals and judge them for what they really are—without masks of hypocrisy.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus (Revelation 19:12)

*...on His head are many diadems...*

Evidence of His status as the absolute sovereign King of kings and Lord of lords—the undisputed monarch of the entire earth.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus (Revelation 19:13)

*He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood...*

The blood reminds us that He is the sacrificial Lamb of God.

Jesus was, is and will be the Lamb of God for all eternity.

**John 1:29** – *The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

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### The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus (Revelation 19:14)

*And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.*

**Jude 1:14-15** – ... "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, (15) to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

The significance of repetition: emphasis. The repetition is not accidental.

It's emphasizing that when Jesus comes back, His patience will have run out.

He will impose judgment upon those who have defied Him. That judgment will be massive.

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus (Revelation 19:15-16)

*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. (16) On His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

This majestic title will identify Him upon His return.

King Jesus will come with guaranteed victory and undisputed, unassailable authority.

**Philippians 2:9-11** – *God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, (10) so that at the name of Christ 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.*

**Isaiah 9:6** – *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus (Revelation 19:17-18, 21)

Revelation can easily be divided into three sections:

(Ch 4-11) The world \_\_\_\_\_ by humanity

(Ch 12-19a) The world \_\_\_\_\_ by Satan

(Ch 19b – 22) The world \_\_\_\_\_ by King Jesus

"Reclaiming the earth is not merely a simple matter of Christ stepping in and planting His flag. Before the earth can be reclaimed, it must be cleansed. You wouldn't move back into a house infested with rats without first exterminating and cleaning it up. All rebellion must be rooted out. He must avenge the damage done to His perfect creation by wiping the rebels from the face of the earth."

–David Jeremiah

The \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven (Revelation 19:17-18, 21)

*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 supper of the great 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." ... (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.*

The birds of earth's air all gather at Armageddon to feast upon the massive piles of human flesh that will litter the battlefield for miles and miles.

*Birds (fowls)* = a scavenger bird, best English translation – \_\_\_\_\_.

These birds will feast on the fallen carcasses of God's enemies.

*"Flesh of kings, captains, mighty men, horses and riders, free, slave, small, great."*

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The \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven (Revelation 19:19)

*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.*

This is the ultimate battle between Creator and the created. The ineffectiveness of it will be astounding. Tiny human beings stuck on one tiny planet, floating in the immeasurable cosmos, striking back at the Creator of the universe. Mice declaring war on lions. This will be the final war; the culmination of all of the rebellion that men have leveled against almighty God from the beginning of time. And there's not one ounce of doubt about the outcome.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Antichrist and false prophet (Revelation 19:20)

*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* (a.k.a. brimstone).

*Lake of fire* = place of eternal punishment for all unrepentant rebels...angelic or human.

*Thrown alive* = still alive 1,000 years later ...*suffering the vengeance of eternal fire (Jude 1:7)*.

These two deceivers will actually go to hell 1,000 years before their master (Satan) goes.

**Revelation 20:10** – *The devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were [thrown], and they will be tormented day and night forever & ever.*

The lake of fire is neither annihilation nor purgatorial. After a thousand years under judgment, it has not annihilated or purified these two men.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King's return

Someone said, "We are to do more than merely be ready; we are to be expectant."

Someone else said, "We are to snap out of our stupor, come out of our coma, and awake from our apathy."

What the Bible says about being ready for the King's return...

**Romans 13:11** – *...You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.*

**1 Corinthians 15:34** – *Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.*

**Ephesians 5:14** – *..."Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*