

*Jesus, Our Warrior King*  
*Revelation 19:11-16*

*“Who will return with Him? Who are the ‘armies of heaven’ that ride at His back? Are they angelic beings like the ones Elisha saw during the siege of Dothan (2 Kings 6)? The context makes clear their identity. Looking at their description, we read that they are ‘clothed in fine linen, white and clean’ (verse 14). Six verses earlier, the description John gave of the bride said that she was ‘arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints’ (verse 8). Not only are we returning as the bride; we are coming back as the army of God... Fear not, there is only one righteous Warrior who will fight in this battle, and it is not you. Your job will be to ride behind your King, which is exactly where you will want to be. In fact, there will be only two options on the day of His judgment, it will be much better to be riding behind Him than fleeing from in front of Him.” Amir Tsarfati*

- I. How man views Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not in any way change who He is. His character is immutable. What the Scriptures reveal about Him show us His true nature as Savior, Shepherd, Warrior, and King. They are inseparable attributes that must be understood and appreciated if we are to stand strong for Him in the onslaught of godlessness that is increasing day by day. Our view of Jesus, as well as our understanding of what it means to know Him, will determine in many ways how well we weather the storm of evil that desires to defeat us and silence our witness as salt and light in this world.

Rev.19:1-9

Ps. 2:2-6

1 Cor. 13:12

Matt. 24:36-42

1Thess. 4:16-18

Zech. 14:3-4

Matt. 24:27-31

Heb. 10:14

**1 Cor. 16:13** *Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.*

- II. Jesus' faithfulness and truth mean that he will, in perfect righteousness, judge sin. His love does not supersede His justice or vice versa. In other words, God's love will not overlook the sin of anyone unless saved from His condemnation through salvation. Jesus' return as a warrior Messiah shows us how serious His judgement will be on the ungodly. He will show no mercy toward the unrepentant because they will be without excuse before Him. Vengeance is His alone, he will judge the world. Therefore, our responsibility as those spared from His wrath is to live holy and godly lives as we look forward to the day of God and speed its coming (2 Peter 3:10-12).

Rev. 19:11  
Matt. 24:36-42  
1 Thess. 4:16-18  
Lk. 19:10  
Mark 10:45

**Matt. 10:34** *"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."*

*"All of these passage point to the sad conclusion that in the day of judgment it is too late for men to expect the mercy of God. There is nothing more inflexible than divine judgment where grace has been spurned. The scene of awful judgment which comes from this background is in flat contradiction of the modern point of view that God is dominated entirely by His attribute of love." Walvoord.*

- III. John's description of Jesus as our Warrior King leading His followers into battle against the demonic forces of evil, shows us the kind of warrior hero Jesus is. His blazing eyes show his rage against sin and the sickness and harm it has caused from the fall to the present. His crowns of royalty depict His Sovereign right to annihilate without mercy all who oppose Him. His robe dripping in blood shows that He will be victorious in battle. His name shows his truth, deity, authority, and absolute control when He takes His rightful place as Ruler of the World.

Rev. 19:12-16  
Zech. 14:3-4  
Matt. 24:27-31  
Heb. 10:14  
Rom. 8:1-2  
Rev. 11:15

**Ps. 58:10-11** *The righteous will be glad when they are avenged, when they dip their feet in the blood of the wicked. 11 Then people will say, "Surely the righteous still are rewarded; surely there is a God who judges the earth."*