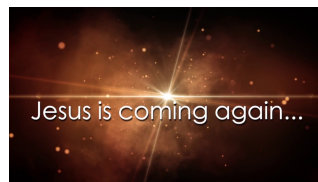


## ***“Seven years that will change the world!”***

### **Part 3: “The Return of the King!”**



#### **Revelation 16-19**

Introduction: “When the Lamb opened the seventh seal there was silence in heaven for about half an hour ...” (Revelation 8:1-6).

John’s “Revelation” remains a closed book to most people in churches because they have never studied it in the context of the rest of God’s Word.

#### **Isaiah 9:6-7; Hebrews 9:28:**

The “Day of the Lord” will come “like a thief in the night” upon those who are in spiritual darkness, but we who believe are NOT in darkness so that this day should surprise us!

***As the judgment of God reaches its peak, Jesus will return from heaven to defeat His enemies and to establish His kingdom on the earth!***

Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to the unfolding of God’s plan. Knowledge brings comfort, peace and assurance in the face of the growing evil all around us.

### **I. Setting the scene: From the Rapture to Armageddon ...**

#### **Revelation 8:1,5:**

The events surrounding the sounding of the first four trumpets are GOD’s doing, NOT some natural phenomena.

**Revelation 9:6,20:** “The rest of mankind ... did not repent” (vs. 20).

The “Day of the Lord” wrath of God began with the blowing of the seven trumpets (Revelation 8-9), and will be completed with the pouring out of the “seven bowls of God’s wrath” (Revelation 15:1).

GOD IS ANGRY! And apart from His GRACE in Jesus Christ, that anger would be directed at ALL of us!!

#### **Romans 2:3-5:**

**Revelation 16:12-16:** “And they assembled them (vs. 14) at the place that in Hebrew is called, ‘Armageddon’” (vs. 16).

#### **Zechariah 14:1-5:**

Jesus first comes FOR His “holy ones” at the Rapture ... and then we return to heaven with Jesus to celebrate the “Wedding Supper of the Lamb” (Revelation 19:1-9).

### **II. The “Players”: the Beast, the False Prophet and Satan ...**

#### **Revelation 17:5 (13:11-18, 16:3, 19:20):**

The “great prostitute” is the gathering of the false church and the union of all religions.

What is being seen by John in his vision of “a woman sitting on a scarlet beast,” is the uniting of the one-world government with the attempted one-world religion that is already taking shape.

#### **Revelation 13:1-10:**

Some have called this the “unholy trinity,” ... Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet ... all working in opposition to God’s plan to establish HIS kingdom on the earth.

#### **Revelation 18:2-3,7-8:**

Three more times in the following verses of Chapter 18 we are told that “Babylon” will FALL ... in a single hour!

### **III. The Victor: “The King of kings and the Lord of lords!!”**

God will “cut short” the Great Tribulation and Jesus will send His angels to gather His elect ... and then He will send His angels to execute His wrath on the rest of mankind!

#### **Revelation 19:11-16:**

This is not the “gentle Jesus,” the “Good Shepherd” who came to give His life as a ransom for His sheep ... this is “the LION of the tribe of Judah,” the “Commander-in-CHIEF” of His heavenly army!!

#### **Revelation 19:17-21; Ezekiel 39:17-22:**

Jesus will defeat His and our enemies and will reign over all the earth in Jerusalem for a thousand years!!