

## Reasons for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

- To deliver Israel in the midst of her darkest hour
  - Jeremiah 30:6-8 / Hosea 5:15 / Isaiah 63:1-4
- To judge the ungodly nations of this world that have survived the Great Tribulation
  - Matthew 25:31-46
- To re-establish the throne the throne of David
  - 2 Samuel 712-16 / Luke 1:31-33 / Acts 1:6

#### God's Promise

- The Davidic Covenant
   2 Sam 7:11-16
- God promised David a royal dynasty Isa 7:13
- An eternal throne
   2 Sam 7:13, 16, 19
   1 Chr 17:12; 22:10; Isa 55:3; Ezek 37:25
- A political kingdom
   Gen 17:2-8
- Even confirmed by oath Psalm 132:11; 89:3, 4, 34
- Cannot be applied to the Church Ezek 37:21-28
- It was this future throne that was recognized by the First Church Council in Acts 15
  - Acts 15:16-18, quoting Amos 9:11-12. Cf. Jer 30:7, 11, 18

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 19 Cont'd

The Second Coming

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  Revelation 1:7
- "I gather from this expression that it will be a literal appearing and an actual sight. If the Second Advent was to be a spiritual manifestation, to be perceived by the minds of men, the phraseology would be, "Every mind shall perceive Him." But it is not so: we read, "Every eye shall see Him." Now, the mind can behold the spiritual, but the eye can only see that which is distinctly material and visible" CHS

## The Second Coming

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The Coming King: Ps 2; 45; 46; 47; 50:1-6; 68; Isa 11, 24:19-23, 25, 26:20, 21; 63:1-6; 65:5-16; Dan 2:44-45; 7:9-14; Joel 3; Hab 3; Zech 14.
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- "I suppose you think Jesus is coming back on a white horse!"
  - (Quote from prominent evangelical leader!)
- Jesus (under oath) made this declaration to the high priest – Matthew 26:64
  - "Ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven"

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Revelation 1:7

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Revelation 19:11

He is Faithful & True

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD

and the day of vengeance of our God...

## The Winepress of God

18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

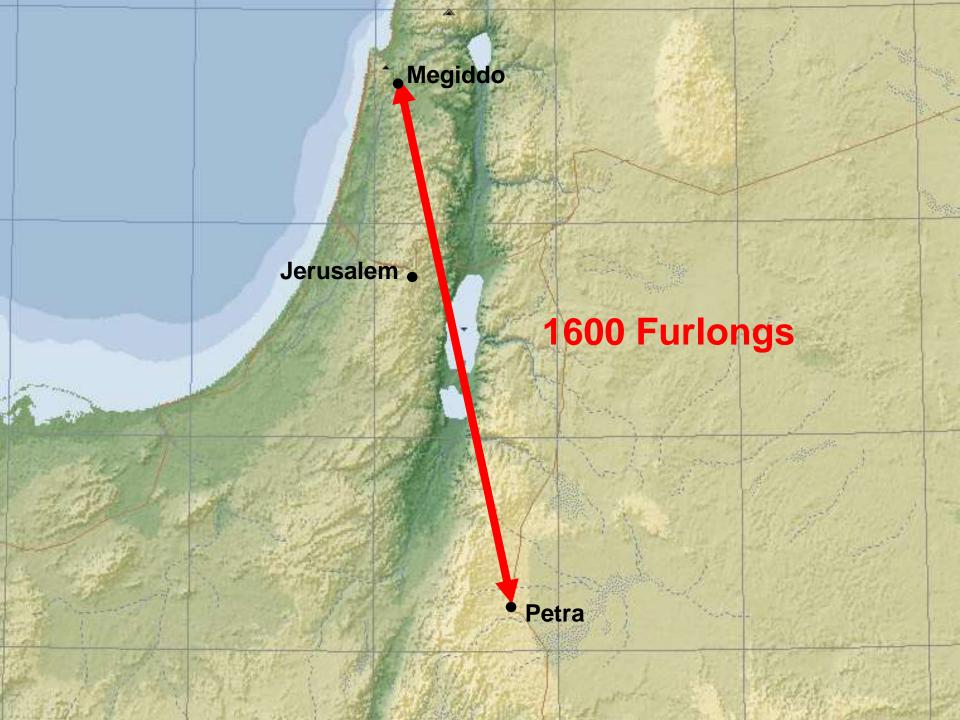
Revelation 14:18

cf Isaiah 63:1-4

## The Winepress of God

- 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
- And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

  Revelation 14:19-20



His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Revelation 19:12

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

- Armies:
  - Jude 14; Zech 14:5.
- Angels are with Him
  - Mt 13:41; 25:31; 2 Thess 1:7
- but also we are with Him
  - 1 Thess 3:13; 2 Thess 1:10; Heb 2:10; Col 3:4; Zech 14:5).

- Not the Rapture, but the Revelation!
- Not in the air, but to the earth!
- Not FOR the saints, but WITH the saints!
- Not to comfort, but to conquer!
- Not to protect us in heaven but to rule with us on earth!

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

- He will destroy the nations by the Words of His mouth!
- They will be confounded before Him!
- Ref Psalm 2

<sup>16</sup> And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

- Of the 95 Greek manuscripts that Revelation was translated from into the English, all had KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS in capitals
  - just to underline the point!

- And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
- 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood

**Ezekiel 39:17-20** 

You shall eat the flesh of the mighty,
Drink the blood of the princes of the earth,
Of rams and lambs,
Of goats and bulls,
All of them fatlings of Bashan.

**Ezekiel 39:17-20** 

You shall eat fat till you are full, And drink blood till you are drunk, At My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you. You shall be filled at My table With horses and riders, With mighty men And with all the men of war," says the Lord

**Ezekiel 39:17-20** 

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

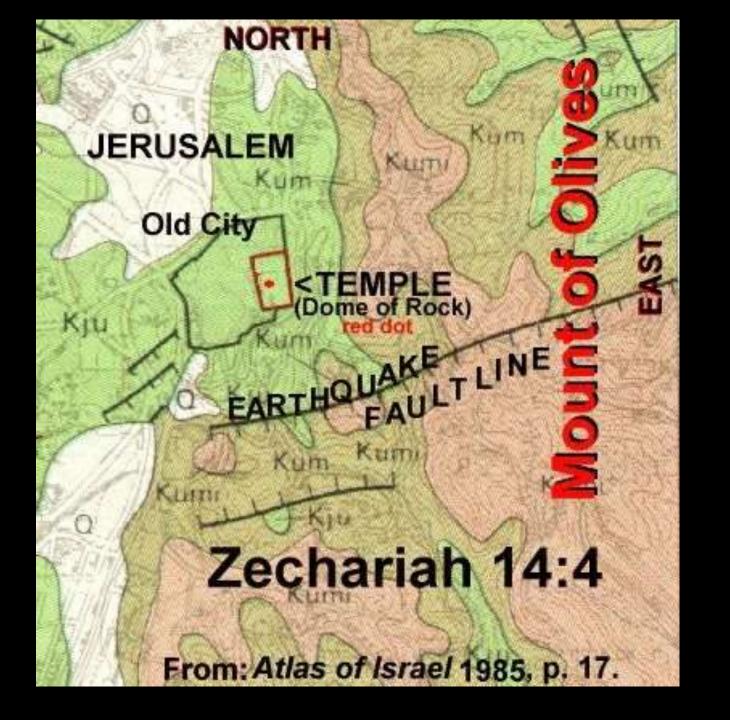
- "This is the *incurable insanity* of sin, which wars away in spite of defeat after defeat, against a holy God." (Newell)
- "The battle of Armageddon is the laughter of God against the climax of man's arrogance." (Barnhouse)
- Ref Zech 14:1-9

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

**Zechariah 14:4** 



Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

Ezekiel 47:1

Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revelation 19:20

Hell was not made for man, but for the Devil
 & his angels – Matthew 25:41

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

- Have we begun to understand just who He is?
- Matthew presents Jesus as the king of the Jews, the king of Israel...
- But He is also...
  - The King of the ages
  - The King of Heaven
  - The King of Glory
  - The King of Kings
  - The Lord of lords

- A Prophet before Moses;
  - A Priest after Melchizedek;
    - A Champion like Joshua;
      - An Offering in the place of Isaac;
        - A King from the line of David;
          - A wise Counselor above Solomon;
            - A beloved / rejected / exalted Son like Joseph;

And yet far more.....

- The Heavens declare His glory......
   and the firmament shows His handiwork...
- He who <u>is</u>,
   who <u>was</u>,
   and who <u>always will be</u>;
- The First and the Last,
   He is the Alpha and Omega
   the Aleph and the Tau
   the A and the Z;
- He is the first fruits of them that slept.

- He is the "I AM that I AM"
- The voice of the burning bush
- He is the Captain of the Lord's Host
- He was the conqueror of Jericho
- He is enduringly strong
- He is entirely sincere
- He is eternally steadfast
- He is immortally graceful
- He is imperially powerful
- He is impartially merciful

- In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily;
  - The "very God of very God";
    - He is our Kinsman Redeemer;
      - He is our Avenger of Blood;
        - He is our City of Refuge;
          - Our Performing High Priest;
            - Our Personal Prophet;
              - Our Reigning King;

- He's the loftiest idea in Literature;
- He's the highest personality in Philosophy;
- He's the fundamental doctrine of Theology;
- He's the biggest problem for the Atheists!
- He's the Miracle of the Ages;
- He's the superlative of everything good

We are the beneficiaries of a love letter;

It was written in blood;

on a wooden cross;

erected in Judea

2,000 years ago

He was crucified on a cross of wood;

....Yet He made the hill on which it stood;

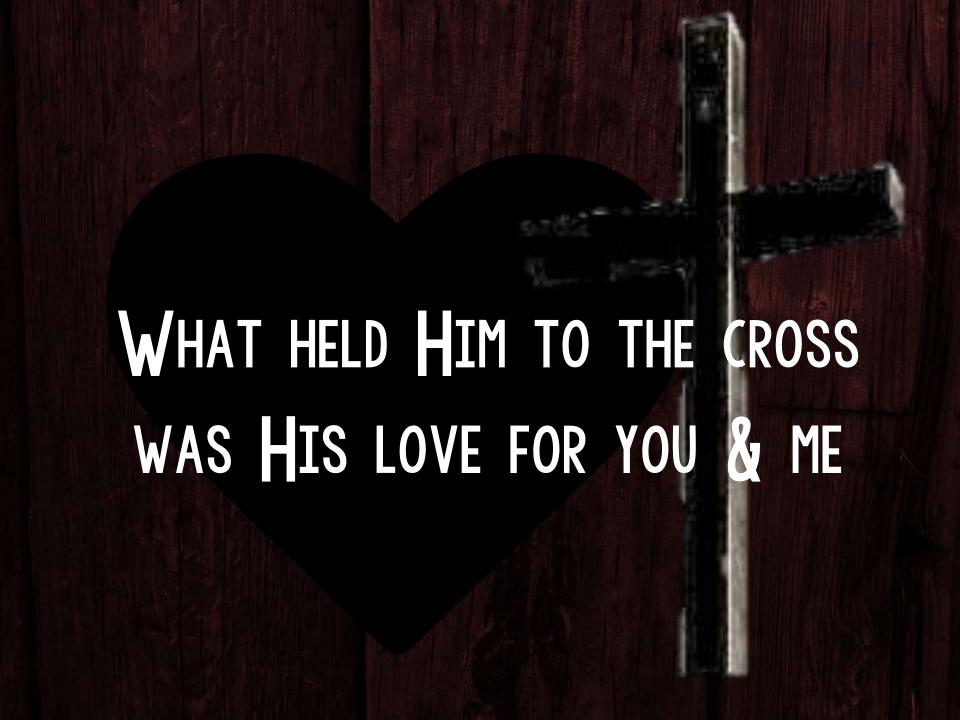
In fact.....

"By Him were all things made that were made";
"Without Him was not anything made that was made"
"By Him are all things held together"!

#### So a question:

What held Him to that cross? It wasn't the nails!

(At any time He could have declared - "enough" and called upon legions of Angels to come to His aid!)



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He was born of a woman so that we could be born of God;
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He humbled Himself so that we could be lifted up;

He became a servant so that we could be made co-heirs;

He suffered rejection so that we could become His friends;

He denied Himself so that we could freely receive all things;

He gave Himself so that He could bless us in every way.

He is available to the tempted and the tried;

He blesses the young;

He cleanses the lepers;

He defends the feeble;

He delivers the captives;

He discharges the debtors;

He forgives the sinners;

He franchises the meek;

He guards the besieged;

He heals the sick;

He provides strength to the weak;

He regards the aged;

He rewards the diligent;

He serves the unfortunate;

He sympathises and He saves!

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His Offices are manifold;
   His Reign is righteous;
       His Promises are sure;
           His Goodness is limitless;
               His Light is matchless;
                   His Grace is sufficient;
               His Love never changes;
          His Mercy is everlasting;
       His Word is enough;
   His Yoke is easy and His burden is light!
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He's indescribable;

He's incomprehensible;

He's irresistible;

He's invincible!

The Heaven of Heavens cannot contain Him

Man cannot explain Him;

The Pharisees couldn't stand Him; (But learned that they couldn't stop Him!)

Pilate couldn't find any fault with Him;
The Witnesses couldn't agree against Him;

Herod couldn't kill Him; Death couldn't handle Him;

The grave couldn't hold Him!

- He has always been and always will be;
- He had no predecessor and will have no successor;
- You can't vote Him out and He isn't going to resign!
- His name is above every name

That at the name of JESUS

Every knee shall bow

Every tongue shall confess

That: Jesus Christ is Lord!



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

To be continued...