

## The Return from Heaven and Armageddon

*At some unknown point just prior to the last 7 years, Satan had been finally cast out of Heaven and was heavily involved in persecuting the Saints at the 5<sup>th</sup> Seal and the Laodiceans at the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal but the faithful are safe and protected from the 3½ year Great Tribulation either in the Petra area, or the Bride, in Heaven, Revelation 12:14, 14:1-5.*

*After the marriage to Christ in Heaven, and 3½ years of preparation and teaching, just as the disciples received from Christ, their time in Heaven and the Great Tribulation draws to a close, and our final task will be to learn to ride a warhorse as part of the armies of heaven, in the coming Battle of Armageddon.*

‘Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for **the marriage** of the Lamb has come, and his Bride **has made herself ready**; it was granted her to clothe herself **with fine linen, bright and pure**’— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.’ *Revelation 19:7-8.*

‘And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for **her grapes are fully ripe**. So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into **the great winepress of the wrath of God**.”’ *Revelation 14:18.*

‘For **then** there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved [alive]. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.’ *Matthew 24:21-22.* (This is the 7th Seal).

“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” *Revelation 11:3.*

‘**Then** I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous: **seven angels having the seven last plagues**, for in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, **and those who have the victory over the beast**, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, **standing on the sea of glass**, having harps of God....’ *Revelation 15:1-2....*

.....‘**After this** [42 months after 1st Resurrection and start of Great tribulation] I looked, and the temple—the tabernacle of the Testimony—was opened in heaven. And out of the temple came the **seven angels with the seven plagues**, dressed in clean and bright linen and girded with golden sashes around their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave **the seven angels seven golden bowls** full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.’ *Revelation 15:5-7.*

‘And when they [the 2 Witnesses] have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. **But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.**’ *Revelation 11:7-11.*

‘Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.’ *Revelation 11:12.*

‘Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness **He judges and makes war.** His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.’ *Revelation 19:11-12.*

‘And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and white:** for the fine linen is **the righteousness of saints.**’ *Revelation 19:8.*

‘And **the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean,** followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself **treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath** of Almighty God.’ *Revelation 19:14-15.*

(“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)

And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon.**’  
Rev16:15.

‘And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a **mighty and great earthquake** as had not occurred since men were on the earth.’ *Revelation 16:18.*

‘And every island fled away, and **no mountains were to be found.** And great hailstones, about **one hundred pounds each,** fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.’ *Revelation 16:20-21.*

‘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.... Then the **LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.**  
*Zechariah 14:4,... 5*

‘On that day the LORD will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the LORD, going before them. And on that day **I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**’ *Zechariah 12:8-9.*

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, **when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him**, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. *Zechariah 12:10.*

‘And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.’ *Zechariah 14:12.*

‘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. 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 19:19-20.*

But after that there is one last task for Christ.....

“For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens [*When Satan was cast out with his angels, Rev. 12:9*] behold, it descends for judgment **upon Edom**, upon the people I have devoted to destruction.” *Isaiah 34:5.*

‘.....For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, a great slaughter in the land of Edom.’  
*Isaiah 34:6*

“For I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a horror, a taunt, a waste, and a curse, and all her cities shall be perpetual wastes.” *Jeremiah 49:13.*  
**WHY?**

‘Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because he pursued his brother [Jacob] with the sword and cast off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever. So I will

send a fire upon Teman [Now called Wadi Musa, walking distance to Petra], and it shall devour the strongholds of Bozrah.” *[the district] Amos 1:11-12.*

“I will surely gather all of you, Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. **The One who breaks open the way** will go up before them; they will break through the gate [of the ‘sheepfold’ of Bozrah] and go out. **Their King** will pass through before them, **the LORD** at their head.” *Micah 2:12-13.*

“Who is this coming from Edom, [says the watchman on the gates of Jerusalem] from Bozrah with crimson-stained garments?

Who is this robed in splendour,  
marching in the greatness of His strength?”

“It is I, proclaiming vindication,  
**mighty to save.**”

“Why are Your clothes red,  
and Your garments like one who treads the winepress?”

“I have trodden the winepress alone,  
and no one from the nations was with Me.

I trampled them in My anger  
and trod them down in My fury;  
their blood spattered My garments,  
and all My clothes were stained.

For the day of vengeance was in My heart,  
and the year of My redemption had come.” *Isaiah 63:1.* [Christ’s rescue of those Saints recently held captive by Edom in Petra/Wadi Musa]

‘Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”’ *Revelation 11:15.....*

‘saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and **begun to reign.**’ *Revelation 11:17.*

‘I saw in heaven another great and marvellous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because **with them God’s wrath is completed.**’ *NIV. Revelation 15:1.*

‘Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”’ *Revelation 16:1.*

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