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## Warrior Jesus - Continued (19:11-16)

- D. Christ's penetrating eyes are fiery (19:12, cf. 1:14, 2:18), able to see the heart and mind. Christ is irresistible, delivering an unshakeable kingdom. He embodies an all-consuming fire (cf. Hebrews 4:25-29).
- E. Contrasting Satan (12:3, 13:1), Christ has all authority, with many diadems (19:12).
- F. Old Testament prophecy (Isaiah 62:2-3, 65:15) refer to a "new name" for Messiah, which coincides with the new name of His followers (Revelation 2:17). This name is beyond human comprehension, but will be a great future exposing of Christ's character through His new name (9:12)
- G. The "clothing dipped in blood" highlights the title "Word of God," with heavy military overtones (9:13). Victory comes from the blood of the Lamb (12:11), but here probably refers to the "sharp sword" (19:15), by virtue of Jesus Christ, the Word of God (cf. Hebrews 4:12-13, John 1:1, 14).
- H. Christ comes to fight for His bride with the Host of Heaven (19:14) and God's people (cf. 17:14), although the only "justice warrior" who actually fights seems to be Jesus Christ Himself (19:15).
- I. The fourth and final title of this section declares Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Warrior Jesus is truly God Almighty (19:16, cf. Deuteronomy 10:17, Daniel 2:37, 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:15)!

Notes

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**F**or the **Word of God** is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the **thoughts** and **intentions** of the **heart**.

**A**nd **no creature is hidden** from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:12-13 (ESV)

# Revelation 19:9-16

## Excited To Be Invited (9:9-10)

- A. As the "Hallelujah Chorus" explodes through the heavens (9:6-8), the 'mighty angel' (18:21) commands John to write the "true words" of open invitation to the "marriage supper" (modernly, wedding reception) for Christ and His Church (19:9).
- B. Like a modern wedding/reception, there is an understood honor and intimacy in attending the wedding supper of the Lamb (cf. 3:20, 17:14).
- C. The "open invitation" to intimate fellowship and the affirmation these are the "true words of God" is an extraordinary reminder of God's Gospel invitation for all people!
- D. Misinterpreting the angel as the source of the message (19:9), John falls to worship and is sharply commanded (19:10, "See Do Not!") to "Worship God!"
- E. As a co-bondservant, both humanity and angels serve God (cf. 7:14-15, 22:3), proclaiming the "testimony of Christ" which is the "spirit of prophecy" (19:10, cf. 12:11).

Notes

- A. In a book of extraordinary imagery, the next sections challenge the limitations of both writer and reader, as the much-anticipated return (parousia) of the One worthy of worship FINALLY arrives (19:11-16).
- B. In literary slow-motion, our attention is drawn to the skies (cf. 4:1, 11:19, 15:5), as the heavens open to reveal a majestic white horse with One riding who is called "the Faithful One" and "The True One," names which reveal Jesus Christ (19:11, cf. 1:5, 2:10, 3:14, 12:11, 14:12).
- C. As Jesus approaches, He comes as a Warrior-Redeemer (9:11). The emphasis on justice is prominent (cf. 16:7, 19:2), as He "rightly" judges and "rightly" makes war. Jesus comes to fight "holy war" against God's enemies, those who oppose/destroy God's Kingdom!

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Warrior Jesus Comes For His Bride (19:11-16)

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