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Sermon Ten: Armageddon - Open War Against God,

Revelation 16:13-16; 19:11-21

Setting The Stage, Revelation 16:13-16

Christ, The Victor Prepares For Battle, Revelation 19:11-16

- The Rider Of This White Horse is known as being “Faithful” and “True”
- In righteousness, He both judges and wages war. It is important to remember that all of God’s actions are right; they are correct.
- He is described as having “eyes, a flame of fire” wearing multiple crowns. In verse 12 His eyes are as a flame of fire, a term previously used to describe Christ in 1:14 and 2:18. This speaks of His righteous judgment upon sin. The eyes like blazing fire suggest not only judgment put penetrating knowledge. His head is crowned with many crowns, or diadems, the symbol of sovereignty.
- He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood. While I have to tell you that before my study of

this passage, I took this to mean His own blood, which was shed for us. However, all the leading scholars I have read point to this being the blood of his enemies whom He will vanquish in the coming war.

- This Victor is identified by three different names: A name no one knows (vs. 12) - indicating there are things about God that are still withheld and suggests that He is the indescribable One; The Word Of God (vs. 13) - His incarnation—the Word became flesh; KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (vs. 16) - The title speaks of Christ's sovereignty, for all kings and lords must submit to Him.
- Christ the Victor will assemble an army to accompany Him upon His return.
- From His mouth, He will strike down all His enemies. Interesting, that He spoke creation into existence and with His mouth He will slay.
- Christ will rule with total control and authority, “rule them with a rod of iron” vs. 15.
- Christ becomes the instrument of God in applying the fierce wrath of the Almighty, vs. 15.

The Destruction Of The Wicked, Revelation 19:17-19, 21

The Doom of the Beast and the False Prophet, Revelation 19:20