

Who Is Going to Be Following Christ in His Army?

Scripture reading: Revelation 19:11-14

Let us go to Daniel's prophecy in Daniel 12:1 and 2, "*And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*" This prophecy tells us that there is going to be a resurrection, and this resurrected army will be with Jesus.

Daniel tells us of the end of the matter when the antichrist will be defeated and who it is that is going to reign and rule. There will be no doubt after we read this. Daniel 7:25-27, "*And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*"

I want you to notice that he talks about "*the people of the saints of the most High,*" and then he talks about "*him.*" This "*him*" simply means that they will be one in Christ and Christ will be one in them. This will be a one-man company. It is as if you start a conversation with one saint and finish it up with another saint. They would be on the same wave length saying the same thing: one people, one mind.

At this time, "*Christ in us*" (the church) will not just be "*the hope of glory,*" but it will be "*the glory.*" The glory which Jesus Christ asked the Father for in the 17th chapter and the 5th verse of John's gospel He gave to the church in verse 22. "*And the glory which thou gavest me I have given THEM; that they may be one, even as we are one.*" Now this is the glory come home to the church. This is what we are seeing in Revelation 19:14 - the church and Christ. Christ in the church functioning as God in the earth. The church in Christ - absolutely, permanently, completely absorbed, made one. Therefore, humanity will be put aside completely forever, and divinity (the gold alone) will show.

The earth will see "*The Word of God*" in human flesh walking to and fro. If this is not accomplished then Jesus' death on the cross would not have accomplished fully what God had intended - that we should become like Him and that God should have other sons on earth that "*should be like him.*" Romans 8:29, "*He (was) the firstborn among many brethren.*" John 17:22, "*And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.*" Verse 21 shows the oneness and verse 22 shows the glory that will be the oneness.

Revelation 6 is a summary chapter. Verses 10 and 11, "*And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*" We see a special group of martyrs in the heavenlies (verse 10) and they are crying to the Lord asking when the judgment will be on the earth. "*And white robes were given unto every one of them.*"

In Revelation 19:14 we read that "*the armies*" were "*upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*" A white-robed throng is coming. What are they coming for? They are coming to judge and to rule the earth. The "*white horses*" and the "*white robes*" are related to judgment. The moment one student in a class gets the lesson and passes the exam, it is a judgment against all the other students who heard the teacher teach the lesson. Here we are. The judgment of the world is the "*white robes*" that the children of God receive who have attained excellence in God.

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Thought for today: Let us press for the glory that we be part of the resurrected army of Christ.