

The Revelation of Jesus Christ
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Jesus the Divine Warrior is Coming Back

Revelation 19:11-21



Revelation 1:7



- **Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.**

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Turn Back To
Matthew 24
(Olivet Discourse)



Matthew 24:3

- As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “**Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”**”



Matthew 24:30

- Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**



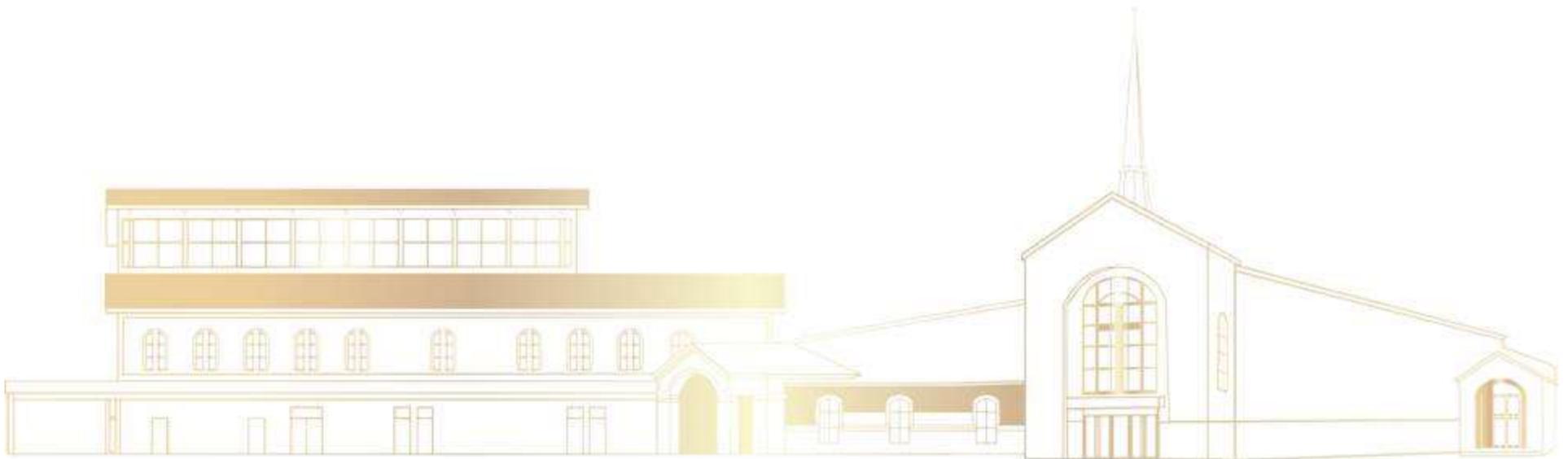
Matthew 24:31

- And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



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**Look @
v. 44-51**



44 Therefore you also must be ready, for **the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 45 “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.**



48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know 51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



John 14:3

- And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself**, that where I am you may be also.



Acts 1:11

- and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.**”



Revelation 19:11



• **Then I saw**

Some suppose that the words “then I saw” indicate a chronological order of events.

The problem with that interpretative methodology is that John has already told us about much of what is in this vision previously.

At this point, John is circling back to give us more information about the outcome of the final battle of Satan and mankind against God and His Christ.



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**What did we
look @ last
week?**



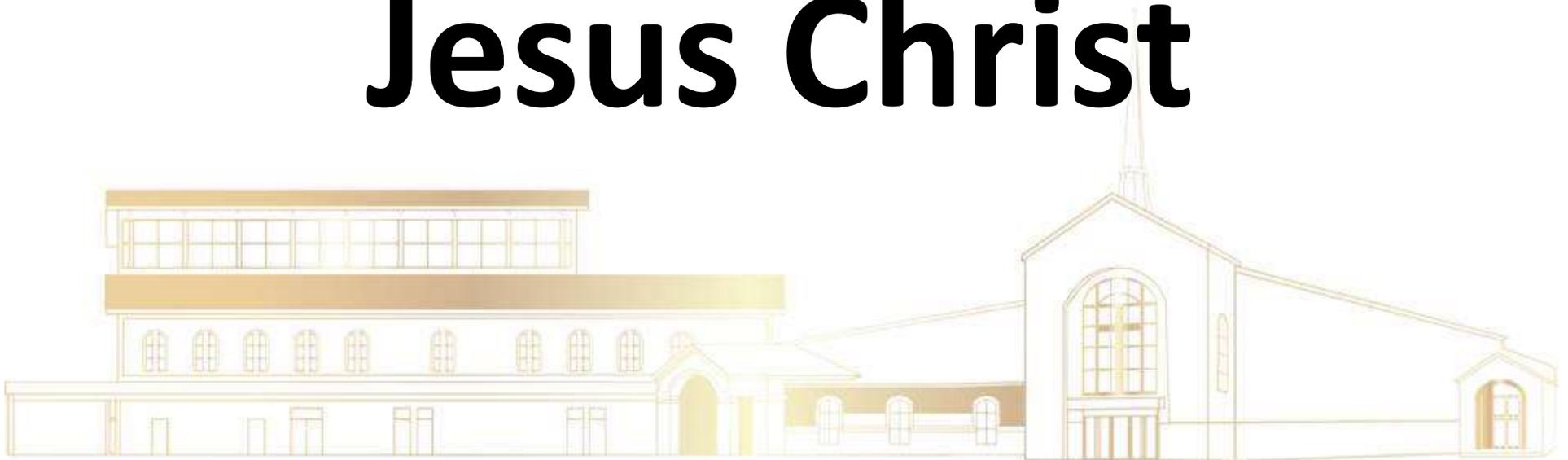
Let me say it like this:

- **We don't have a victory banquet and then go to war.**
- **The feast and celebration occurs after the war is won.**
- **I showed you last Sunday that at the wedding supper of the Lamb death is swallowed up (Isaiah 25).**



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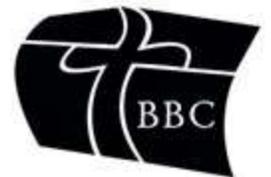
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- Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse!
- The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

Jesus judges and makes war in a way that can only be described as righteous.

There is NOTHING unjust about this war.

God's creation is making war on their creator. They deserve to die.



Revelation 19:12



- His eyes are like a flame of fire,

Literal or Symbolic?

Flaming eyes are symbolic of seeing everything.

This is why his judgment is true and righteous because he knows everything; he has no need of witnesses or testimony.



Revelation 19:12



- and on his head are many diadems [crowns],

Diadems represent authority.

Many represents lots of authority.

Revelation 19:12



- and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

What is the point of stating Jesus

‘has a name written that no one knows but himself’?

And then calling him the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and Word of God.



Revelation 19:13



- He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood,

literal or symbolic?

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Turn Back to Isaiah 63:1-6





Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? “It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.”² Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress?³ “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; **their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.⁴ For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come.⁵ I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me.⁶ I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”**



How are we to understand this language?

Is God wearing garments?

Is real blood being splashed on God?

NO! The author is painting a picture with language his reader can understand and relate to.

Revelation 19:13



- and the name by which he is called is

The Word of God.

By 'word' we mean:

**Jesus is the perfect and
complete revelation of God.**

He is the 'logos' of John 1.



Revelation 19:14



- **And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.**

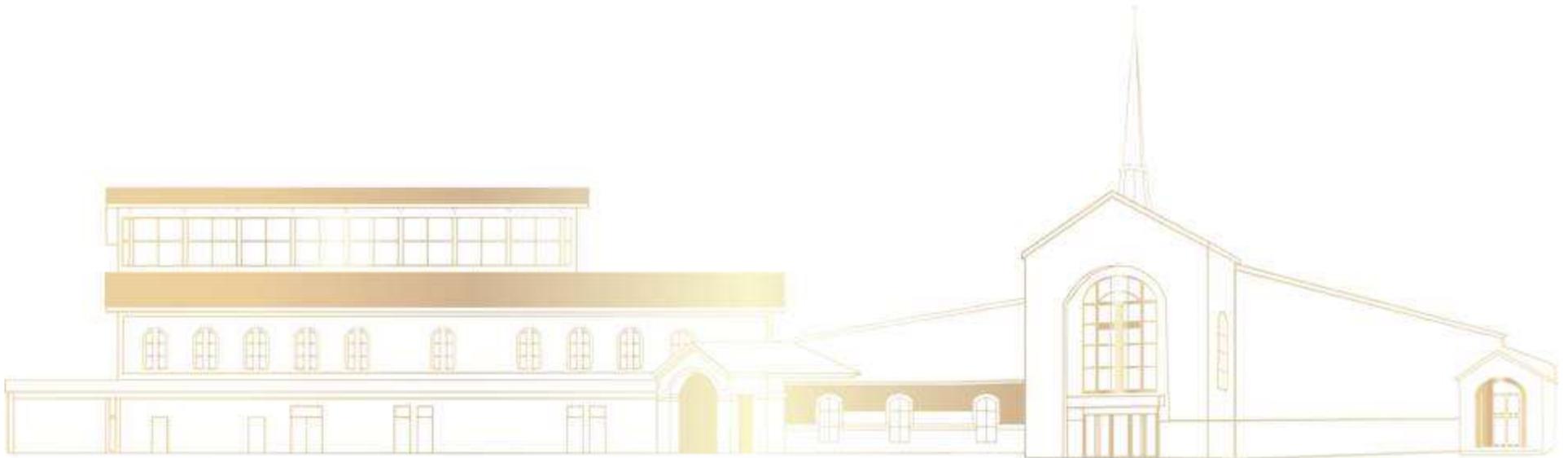
The armies of heaven includes both angels and all the saints of God.

We are returning with Christ because He is coming back to establish His kingdom on the earth.



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Notice what Paul Teaches Us



1 Thessalonians 3:13

- so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.**



1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

- For the Lord himself **will descend from heaven** with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.



Some teach that certain NT passages make reference to the coming of Christ to rapture the church and some NT passages make reference to the coming of Christ wherein He establishes His Kingdom on this earth.

I don't subscribe to that interpretation.

I see unity between Christ, Paul and John's references to the coming of Christ.



REFERENCES TO ANGELS & TRUMPETS AT THE COMING OF JESUS

Matthew 24:31	And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call , and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
1 Cor 15:52	in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet . For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
1 Thess 4:16	For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel , and with the sound of the trumpet of God . And the dead in Christ will rise first.
Rev 11:15	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."

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Let me Show You
A Reason to Get
Saved



2 Thessalonians 1:7–8

- when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire,
- inflicting vengeance **on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus.



When Jesus returns to establish His Kingdom on this Earth He will:

- 1) Bring back all the saints of God who have died**
- 2) Raise the dead such that each soul gets a spiritual body**
- 3) Rapture all the saints of God who are alive and change their bodies into a spiritual body**
- 4) Destroy His enemies and establish His Reign on earth**



Revelation 19:15



- **From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron.**

Is the sharp sword coming from Christ's mouth symbolic or literal?

Why am I asking the question?

Your default setting cannot be literal when it comes to such apocalyptic literature.

Paul says, Christ 'will kill them with the breath of his mouth.'



2 Thessalonians 2:8

- And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus **will kill with the breath of his mouth** and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.



Our Eschatological Theology must come from:

1.Christ (Olivet Discourse/gospels)

2.John (Revelation)

3.Paul (1 Cor., 1 & 2 Thess.)

4.Peter (2 Peter)

5.The Old Testament (Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel)

Not commentators and movie series.



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More Symbolic Language v. 15



Revelation 19:15



- **He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.**

**Is Jesus really
'treading a winepress' ?**

The Winepress of the Wrath of God in Revelation

14:19	So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
16:19	The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath .
19:15	From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

Revelation 19:16



- On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, **King of kings and Lord of lords.**

Did someone give Jesus a tattoo in heaven?

Does he have a name embroidered on this robe?

Perhaps He does.

But if He doesn't we will all understand that this is John's way of describing Christ's sovereign authority over all the earth and all the kingdoms of man.

He is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.



Revelation 19:17



- Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead,

We will come back to this reference to birds.

Now I want you to see the language (the words) that the angel uses.

In stark contrast to the ‘marriage supper of the Lamb’ is the great supper of God.

At the marriage supper of the Lamb the people of God are united with their God.

But at the supper of God. The birds eat the flesh of the enemies of God. Notice the reference to horses does NOT require that all modern forms of warfare are eliminated and humanity returns to fighting on horseback. These enemies of God are NOT afforded even a proper burial—the birds eat their flesh like road kill. This doesn’t have to be literal.



Revelation 19:17b-18



- **“Come, gather for the great supper of God, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.”**

Revelation 19:19



- **And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.**

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Look Back @

Rev 17:12-14



12 And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast.

13 These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.

14 They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”



Revelation 19:20



- **And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.**



Revelation 19:21

- And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

2nd reference to birds

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Turn Back To Ezekiel 39



One of the most pressing question yet to be answered from our study of Revelation is:

Is the Battle of Armageddon separate and distinct from the Battle of Gog and Magog?



**Earlier I gave you 5 sources for our Eschatology:
Christ, John, Paul, Peter & the OT.**

**Now we have a question from John's writings
that isn't clear.**

**Is John describing a new and distinct battle in
Revelation 20 or is John circling back to tell the
story again with more details?**

Can Ezekiel help us?



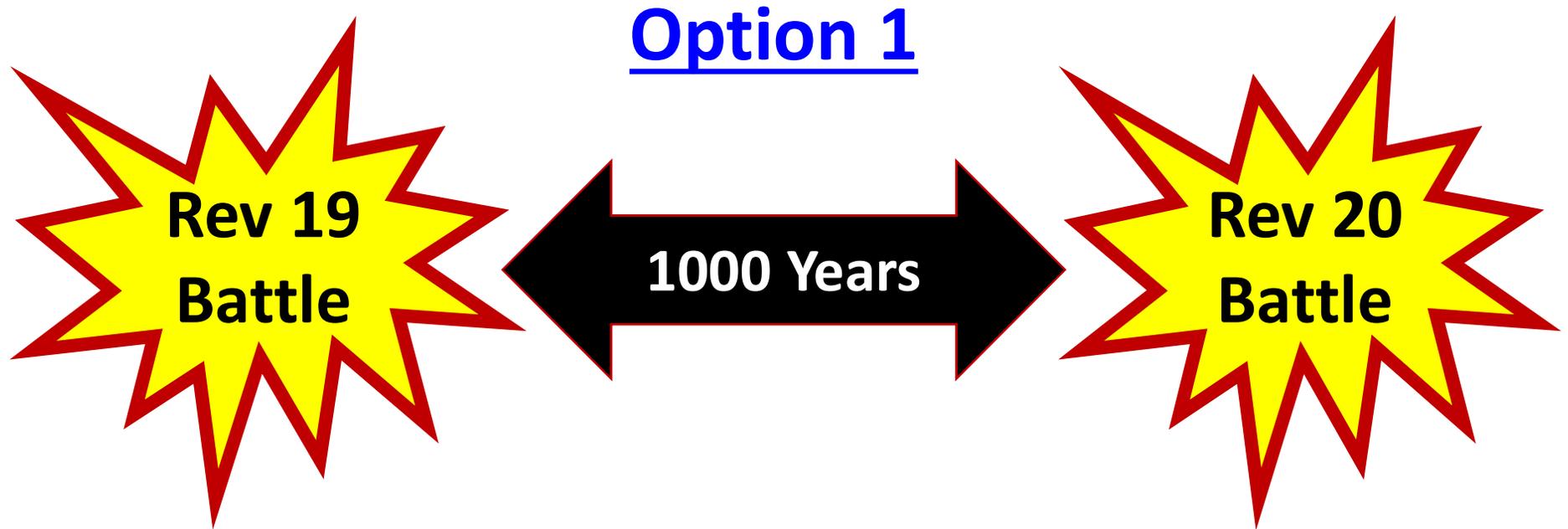
Four References to the Final Battle when Jesus Returns in Revelation

6: 16-17	calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”
16: 14,16	For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.
17:14	They will make war on the Lamb , and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”
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Revelation 20:8



- **and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.**



Option 2

John is not introducing a new, separate and distinct battle in Revelation 20 and I must interpret my understanding of the 1000 years in the same chapter a different way.



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20 And you shall be filled at my table, with mighty men	19:18 to eat the flesh of mighty men

Revelation 20:9



- **And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,**

2 Thessalonians 1:7–8

- and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.



Nothing about option 1 or option 2 changes the reality that when Jesus returns he is inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

