A BIBLE STUDY WORKBOOK

Revelation 19

CHAPTER NINETEEN

The King Returns for His Throne

A guided walk through the return of the King — His coming in glory on a white horse, the defeat of the Antichrist and Satan, and the rescue of Israel — with insights from David Guzik and Amir Tsarfati.

OBSERVE · INTERPRET · COMPARE · APPLY

Capture the Scene *What do I see?*

REFLECT **Before you read this chapter, write in a paragraph or two what comes to your mind when you think about the second coming of Christ. How would you describe it? Later, at the end of the chapter, you'll have another chance to write your thoughts in case your views have changed.**

ANSWER When I think of the second coming of Christ, I picture Jesus returning to earth in power and glory. The first time He came as a baby in a manger to save us. This time He comes as King to rule. He will come down from heaven with all His angels and saints, defeat the Antichrist and Satan, rescue Israel, and set up His kingdom. Everyone on earth will see Him. It will be a day of judgment for the wicked and a day of rescue for God's people.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says Jesus returns as the Conquering Lord on a white horse, with eyes like fire and many crowns on His head. The first time He came in humility; this time He comes as a Warrior King. He wins the battle easily by the word of His mouth.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati teaches that Jesus returns at the end of the seven-year Tribulation. His feet touch down on the Mount of Olives, He defeats the Antichrist at Armageddon, and He sets up His kingdom. Israel finally recognizes Him as Messiah. We need to be ready.

> *To understand Revelation 19, we must read it alongside other passages that teach about Jesus' return to earth. Jesus Himself said that the Old Testament prophets spoke of Him (Luke 24:44), so let's begin there.*

READ **Read Zechariah 9:10-17**

ZECHARIAH 9:10-17 (NASB1995)

“I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you. For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; And I will make you like a warrior’s sword. Then the LORD will appear over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning; And the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, And will march in the storm winds of the south. The LORD of hosts will defend them. And they will devour and trample on the sling stones; And they will drink and be boisterous as with wine; And they will be filled like a sacrificial basin, Drenched like the corners of the altar. And the LORD their God will save them in that day As the flock of His people; For they are as the stones of a crown, Sparkling in His land. For what comeliness and beauty will be theirs! Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.”

ANSWER Jesus is coming back to bring peace to the whole world. He will rule from sea to sea. He will defeat Israel’s enemies, save His people like a shepherd saves his sheep, and bless them with good food, safety, and joy.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik points out that this chapter shows both comings of Jesus. Verse 9 shows Him riding a donkey (first coming). Verses 10-17 show Him returning as a warrior King (second coming).

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this is about Jesus coming back to rescue Israel at Armageddon and bringing the promised peace after the Tribulation.

READ Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

JEREMIAH 31:31-34 (NASB1995)

"Behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD, I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

ANSWER God promises a new and better agreement with Israel. Instead of writing His law on stone, He will write it on their hearts. They will all know Him personally. He will forgive their sins and never bring them up again.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this new covenant was made possible by Jesus' blood. Christians enjoy it now, but Israel as a nation will fully receive it when Jesus returns.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this is Israel's spiritual rebirth. When Jesus comes back, they will finally see Him as their Messiah.

READ Read Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26-27

EZEKIEL 11:19 (NASB1995)

"And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh."

EZEKIEL 36:26-27 (NASB1995)

"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."

ANSWER God promises to take out their hard, stubborn hearts and give them soft, willing hearts. He will put His own Spirit inside them so they can actually obey Him. This is something only God can do – He changes people from the inside.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is the same new birth every Christian experiences. When Jesus returns, Israel will experience it as a whole nation.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says the Jewish people are already returning to the land physically. Their spiritual return – getting new hearts – happens when they see Jesus.

1 What specific geographical location do the following passages have in common?

a. Ezekiel 11:23

EZEKIEL 11:23 (NASB1995)

"The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city."

b. Acts 1:11

ACTS 1:11 (NASB1995)

"They also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.'"

c. Zechariah 14:1-4

ZECHARIAH 14:1-4 (NASB1995)

"Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south."

ANSWER The Mount of Olives, just east of Jerusalem. God's glory left from there. Jesus went up to heaven from there. And Jesus will come back to that exact same spot.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik notes that Jesus leaves from the Mount of Olives and returns to the Mount of Olives. Same place, both times.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this is a real, physical location. When Jesus' feet touch the mountain, it will split open to make an escape path for the Jewish people.

2 What specific spiritual event do the following passages have in common?

a. **Jeremiah 31:31-34 (quoted above)**

b. **Ezekiel 36:26-27 (quoted above)**

c. **Ezekiel 11:19 (quoted above)**

ANSWER God giving people a new heart and a new spirit. This is spiritual rebirth – being made new on the inside so you can love and obey God.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is Israel's national salvation when Jesus returns.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says this happens when Israel looks at Jesus and realizes He is the One they rejected.

3 What specific event is mentioned in both of the following passages?

ANSWER The passages aren't listed, but the common theme in this section is Jesus coming back to earth to judge the wicked and save His people.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik sees Revelation 19 as the event the Old Testament prophets kept pointing to.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati uses Revelation 19 as the main chapter that pulls all the prophecies together.

Analyze the Message *What does it mean?*

1 When will this great event take place (Matthew 24:29-30)?

> **MATTHEW 24:29-30 (NASB1995)**
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> *"But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory."*

ANSWER Right after the Tribulation. The sun goes dark, the moon stops shining, and the stars fall. Then Jesus shows up in the sky for everyone to see.

> **Insights from David Guzik**
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> Guzik says this is after the Tribulation, with big signs in the sky.

> **Insights from Amir Tsarfati**
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> Tsarfati says this happens after the full seven years of Tribulation, and everyone on earth sees it.

2 Describe what Jesus will do to the Antichrist (the lawless one).

a. 2 Thessalonians 2:8

> **2 THESSALONIANS 2:8 (NASB1995)**
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> *"Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming."*

b. Revelation 19:20

> **REVELATION 19:20 (NASB1995)**
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> *"And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone."*

ANSWER Jesus kills him just by speaking. Then He throws the Antichrist and the False Prophet alive into the lake of fire.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says Jesus defeats the Antichrist with just a word. No real battle.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it happens in an instant at Armageddon.

3 Describe what Jesus will do to Satan.

a. Revelation 20:2

REVELATION 20:2 (NASB1995)

"And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years."

ANSWER Jesus has an angel chain Satan up and throw him into a pit for 1,000 years, so he can't deceive anyone during that time.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this keeps Satan from tricking people during the 1,000-year kingdom.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says Satan is locked away so the millennial kingdom can begin.

4 Describe what Jesus will do to the nations that will come to attack Jerusalem.

a. Zechariah 12:2-3

ZECHARIAH 12:2-3 (NASB1995)

"Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it."

b. Zechariah 14:12-14

> **ZECHARIAH 14:12-14 (NASB1995)**
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> *"Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth. It will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another. Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance."*

ANSWER God hits them with a terrible plague – their flesh, eyes, and tongues rot while they're still standing. He also makes them panic and fight each other. Then all their gold and silver gets collected.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says this is God's supernatural judgment at Armageddon.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it's the final defeat of the enemies of God's people when Jesus returns.

5 The physical reason the nations will gather to attack Israel is because they want to destroy her. But what is the underlying spiritual reason (Zechariah 2:8-9; 14:2)?

> **ZECHARIAH 2:8-9 (NASB1995)**
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> *"For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye. For behold, I will wave My hand over them so that they will be plunder for their slaves." Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me."*

> **ZECHARIAH 14:2 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city."*

ANSWER Israel is "the apple of God's eye" – very special to Him. When you touch Israel, you're touching God. Behind the scenes, Satan is driving the nations to attack because he wants to wipe out the Jewish people and stop God's plan. But God is using it to gather them for judgment.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says the nations think they're destroying Israel, but they're really walking into God's trap.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it's a demonic setup, but it leads to Jesus returning and winning.

6 Describe what Jesus will have His angels do when it comes to the elect of God who have been faithful through the tribulation (Matthew 24:31).

MATTHEW 24:31 (NASB1995)

"And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."

ANSWER Jesus sends His angels with a loud trumpet to gather up His faithful people from everywhere on earth. Nobody gets left behind.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says these are the believers who came to faith during the Tribulation and survived.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says it's the big homecoming before the kingdom starts.

7 Will Jesus' return to the earth be a visible or invisible event (Revelation 1:7)?

REVELATION 1:7 (NASB1995)

"BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen."

ANSWER Visible. Everyone on earth will see Him – including the Jewish people who rejected Him. You won't miss it.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says it's a public, worldwide event. Don't trust anyone who says Jesus came back secretly.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says the rapture is sudden and private, but the second coming is seen by the whole world.

Compare with the Rest of Scripture *Is this supported elsewhere?*

> *Do we who comprise the church really return with Christ at the second coming? Yes. Two groups come back with Jesus: the angels and the saints (all believers, including the church).*

1 **Check the following passages of Scripture and, from each one, write the phrase that speaks of the return.**

a. **Zechariah 14:5**

> **ZECHARIAH 14:5 (NASB1995)**
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> *"You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!"*

ANSWER "The LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!" Jesus doesn't come back alone.

b. **Matthew 25:31**

> **MATTHEW 25:31 (NASB1995)**
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> *"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne."*

ANSWER "All the angels with Him." The angels come with Jesus.

c. **1 Thessalonians 3:13**

> **1 THESSALONIANS 3:13 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints."*

ANSWER "At the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints." The church comes too.

d. Jude 14

> **JUDE 14 (NASB1995)**
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> *"It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, 'Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones.'"*

ANSWER "The Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones." A huge crowd comes with Him.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says Jesus comes back with both the angels and all the believers.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says the church (already raptured) comes back with Jesus as His army – but He does all the fighting.

2 What specific events will occur when Jesus returns to the earth?

a. Zechariah 14:4

> **ZECHARIAH 14:4 (NASB1995)**
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> *"In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south."*

ANSWER Jesus' feet land on the Mount of Olives and the mountain splits in half, creating a big valley.

b. Zechariah 14:9

> **ZECHARIAH 14:9 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one."*

ANSWER Jesus becomes King over the whole earth. Only Him.

c. Zechariah 14:10

> **ZECHARIAH 14:10 (NASB1995)**
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> *"All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses."*

ANSWER The land gets flattened into a plain, but Jerusalem gets raised up higher.

d. Zechariah 14:16

> **ZECHARIAH 14:16 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths."*

ANSWER People from the nations that survive come to Jerusalem every year to worship Jesus the King.

e. Matthew 24:30

> **MATTHEW 24:30 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory."*

ANSWER A sign appears in the sky, people on earth cry, and Jesus comes down on the clouds with great power and glory.

f. Matthew 24:31

> **MATTHEW 24:31 (NASB1995)**
>
> *"And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."*

ANSWER Angels gather up God's people from all over the earth.

g. Isaiah 11:4

ISAIAH 11:4 (NASB1995)

"But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked."

ANSWER Jesus judges fairly and kills the wicked just by speaking.

h. Zechariah 12:2-5

ZECHARIAH 12:2-5 (NASB1995)

"Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it. In that day, declares the LORD, I will strike every horse with bewilderment and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God.'"

ANSWER God confuses the attacking armies – their horses go blind and their riders go crazy. Meanwhile God protects Judah.

i. Amos 9:14-15

AMOS 9:14-15 (NASB1995)

"Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them, says the LORD your God."

ANSWER God brings Israel back, they rebuild their cities, and they stay in their land forever – never kicked out again.

Insights from David Guzik

Guzik says everything changes when Jesus returns – the land, the government, the worship, even the weather.

Insights from Amir Tsarfati

Tsarfati says all the promises God made to Israel finally come true.

Execute *So what? How does this affect my life?*

1 **Thank Jesus for preparing a place for you, for accepting you as His betrothed, and for providing you with the peaceful assurance that you are protected from the wrath that is to come.**

ANSWER Jesus, thank You for coming back for me. Thank You for getting my home in heaven ready. Thank You that I'm part of Your bride. And thank You that I won't have to go through the wrath that's coming on the world. Help me to live ready for You. Amen.

2 **If Revelation 19 scares you, prayerfully evaluate your heart and your relationship with Jesus.**

ANSWER If you belong to Jesus, this chapter is good news, not scary news. The One coming back is your Savior and Friend. If it does scare you, don't ignore that feeling – it's a chance to make sure you really know Jesus. Trust Him today. You don't have to face that day unprepared.

3 **List people whom you know who need to hear about Jesus' return for His bride (the rapture) and Jesus' return to bring judgment to the inhabitants of the earth. Then pray for opportunities to speak to them.**

ANSWER Write down the names of family, friends, and coworkers who don't know Jesus. Pray for them every day. Ask God to open doors for you to share the good news. Jesus is coming back soon – people need to hear.

Insights from David Guzik & Amir Tsarfati

Both teachers say: live every day like Jesus could come back today. Guzik focuses on worship and holy living. Tsarfati focuses on watching for the signs and sharing the gospel, especially keeping an eye on Israel.