



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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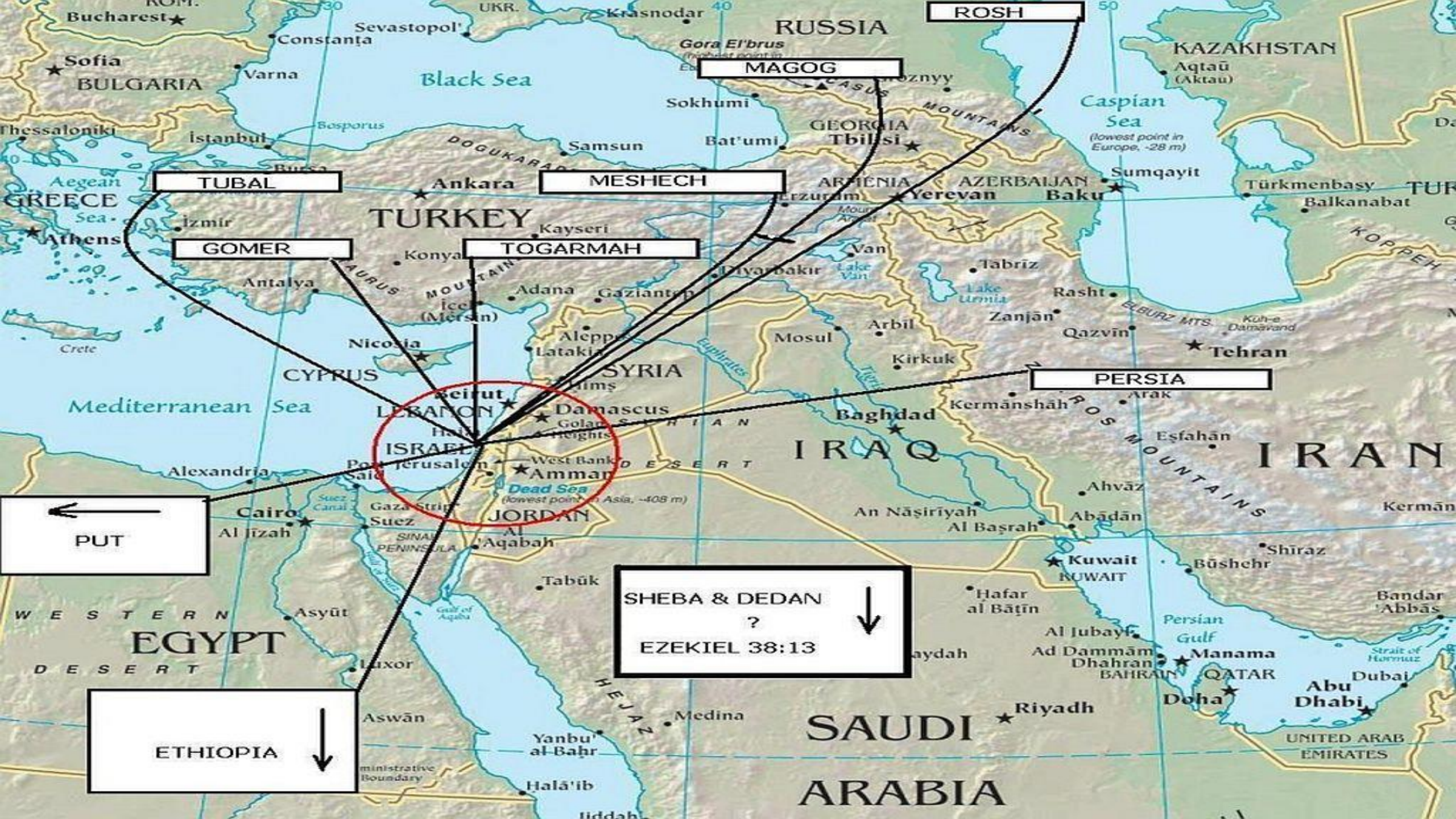
# Chapter 19

- **Some of what we study in this lesson will be preparatory for next week's lesson, and some of today's content simply spans both lessons.**
- **When we are talking about the end times, the subject of Armageddon may well be the most written about, and spoken about with respect to that period of time.**
- **So, while chapter 19 is not necessarily mentioned repetitively, the events of the chapter, Armageddon in particular, is.**

**For a few moments, let's review some slides we saw when we studied chapter 16.**

# Chapter 16

- **13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; 14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.**
- **Then John sees three evil spirits coming out of the mouths of the false trinity – they are able to perform signs and wonders that are seen as evidence of their power.**
- **Their purpose? To draw the armies of the world to the valley of Megiddo.**



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EZEKIEL 38:13



# Chapter 16

- **In the end, the world's leaders and their armies come to the valley of Megiddo because they've been lured there by the father of lies, by the prince of deception, the Dragon himself.**
- **Consider this – by this time the outlook for any sort of future for anyone is bleak at best.**
- **It's dark, water is in very short supply, all sea life is gone, and all animal life is about to thirst to death – the world is all but done for, unless a miracle occurs or a savior appears.**

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- **Matt 13:24** For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. **25** Behold, I have told you in advance. **26** So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe them.
- The deceptive work of Satan goes on until the end and he is very effective at convincing men that he can be their god.
- **John 8:44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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- **15 (“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.”) 16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Armageddon.**
- **While the kings of the Earth may not fully understand Satan’s plan – ultimately, what is happening is that Satan is looking for help from mankind in his 2<sup>nd</sup> to last stand against God.**
- **And this stand involves the attempted annihilation of God’s people, Israel.**



# Chapter 16

- **Some perspective – we will see more details of Armageddon in today's lesson, but the events of the 7 bowls and Armageddon are already set, and possibly passed by, on the chronological time line.**
- ***Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: "The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever."***
- **Talk about the "fog of war" – the events have already passed in Rev 11:15, or were so sure that God could speak of them as already done.**

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- **Psalm 2:1** Why do the nations rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and distress them in his great displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD has said unto me, You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O you kings: be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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- **I want you to imagine a world where there are no wars, where crime is not tolerated, where no injustice is allowed, where food is plentiful, and where disease is a thing of the past.**
- **Given our present circumstances, it is difficult to do because war, crime, injustice, starvation, and disease are the things our world faces everyday.**
- **But the world I asked you to imagine is exactly the world God has promised, and the one that He will deliver via the one called “Faithful and True”.**

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- **There are actually 2 feasts in this chapter – the first one, which we already studied, is for the Bride of Christ as she enjoys the marriage supper of the Lamb.**
- **The second one is for the vultures and birds of the air to feast on the flesh of those who dared to challenge the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.**
- **Their bodies will lie unburied in the valley of Megiddo after having encountered the brightness of His coming according to 2 Thes 2:7-8.**

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- **"When our Lord was on earth the first time He told His disciples of a great feast to which all men were bidden to come freely. Love set the table and compassion was there to serve. Grace sat as host and joy poured the wine. For almost two thousand years the Lord has sent out His servants, crying the invitation to one and all, and for almost two thousand years, men for the most part have flouted the love that invited them and despised the grace that pleaded with them. Still, they bring forth the flimsy excuses of a newly married wife, of an unseen field, of an unproven yoke of oxen, still the carnal mind thus proves itself at enmity against God. The Lord is the God of patience but patience will not be mocked forever. The day of wrath must come. And those who have refused the call of grace to the banquet of love must be themselves the victims at another great supper, where their flesh will be picked clean by the fowls of the air."** Donald Grey Barnhouse

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- **"This tells an awful story. It tells of the greatest of manmade food for vultures, of kings and leaders, strong and confident, devoured in the field with no one to bury them, of those who thought to conquer heaven's anointed King rendered helpless even against the timid birds. The great Conqueror comes down, He rides on the bright horse and flies upon the wings of the wind. Smoke goes up from His nostrils and devouring fire out of His mouth. He moves amidst storms and darkness from which the lightning howls its bolts and hailstones mingled with the fire. He roars out of Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem till the heavens and the earth shake. He dashes forth in the fury of His own incensed greatness amid clouds of fire and smoke. The sun frowns, the mountains melt and split at His presence. The hills bound from their place and skip like lambs. The waters are dislodged from their channels. The sea rolls back with howling fear. The sky is rent and folds upon itself like a collapsed tent. It is the day for executing an armed world, a world in covenant with hell to overthrow the authority and the throne of God and everything in terrified nature joins to signal the deserved vengeance,". Seisse**

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- **11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.**
- **Okay, so here we are at phase 2 of the second coming of Jesus Christ – the glorious appearance. (Titus 2:11)**
- **He comes riding a white horse – the horse of a military general, the horse of a conqueror. A far cry from the foal of donkey that He rode into Jerusalem on Good Friday.**

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- **Was He really riding a white horse? Well, that is what John describes, but this is one of those times in John's prophecy that we should probably think "symbol" and not literal.**
- **The same can be said for His eyes being like flames, his army riding white horses, and Him having a sword in His mouth.**
- **All of those are important, and I do not wish to minimize them, but it is hard to imagine all of them as literal.**



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- **This is not the first time John records that “heaven was opened”.**
- **The in chapter 15 John sees heaven opened and he records seeing the ark of the testimony and the angel carrying the seven last plagues, or the bowl judgments.**
- **So the fact that heaven is opened and out comes Jesus in full war mode ready to judge sin, should not surprise us, for He is coming to judge and to wage war.**

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- **Armageddon is not a fair fight – not even close for this is the omnipotent God coming in His full glory to take back the earth, judge sin, and set things right.**
- **The Church has been praying for 2,000 years for His kingdom to come, and as it turns out, God is going to answer that prayer with precision.**
- **Jesus emerges from heaven ready to “wage war” – far different from the “gentle Jesus meek and mild” that most of our world is familiar with.**

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- **12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.**
- **Rev 2:18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze says this: 19 ‘I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.**
- **Just as He could see the deeds of the church at Thyatira, so too he sees the deeds of all men – and He is the judge.**

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- **“on his head are many diadems” or crowns – previously we saw Satan and the Anti-Christ wearing crowns and the beast had seven heads and 10 crowns.**
- **When Jesus comes back in His glorious appearing He is wearing all the crowns.**
- **It was customary in ancient times for a conquering king to wear his own crown AND the crown of the king he had just conquered. This imagery was not wasted on John.**

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- **“and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself”. (John could see something written, but either could not see it clearly, or had no idea what the letters meant)**
- **This is one of those questions that continues to be asked, but the answer is in the text – no one, but Jesus, knows what the name is that is written on Himself.**
- **Verse #16 records that Jesus has a name written on His robe and on His thigh (King of Kings), but I see no connection between verses #12 and #16 that would make me think the name is known.**

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- **13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. (John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.)**
- **It is unlikely that we are to understand this blood in verse #13 as His own from Mt Calvary, but probably more likely to be understood as this being not his first battle, but His last.**
- **God has been busy throughout history defeating the enemies of Israel and then the enemies of the church. (Pharaoh's army, the Middianites, the Philistines, etc..)**

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- Remember what Paul wrote, “2<sup>nd</sup> Thes 1:6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”

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- **14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.**
- **So who are the armies in heaven – Rev 19:8 tells us this about the bride, “It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”**
- **It is no stretch at all to see that those following Jesus on white horses is us, the church. (and perhaps angels too)**



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- **Matt 25:31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.**
- **The angels may not be on horses, but they are clearly part of the force that comes with Jesus.**
- **By the way, this is when the “sheep and goats” judgment takes place.**

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- **15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”**
- **Psalm 45:3 Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, In Your splendor and Your majesty! 4 And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome things. 5 Your arrows are sharp; the peoples fall under You; Your arrows are in the heart of the King’s enemies.**

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- “He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.”
- Here we see the energy behind the judgment is none other than Jesus, Himself – *John 5:22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, 23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father.*
- Isaiah 63:1 Who is this who comes from Edom, with garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, this One who is majestic in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength? “It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” 2 Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press? (Because all judgment has been given to the Son)

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- **16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”**
- **So the horses, the iron rod, the sword, are probably all symbolic, but verse #16 is as real as real can be.**
- **Jesus is coming back as someone we can scarcely imagine – a King so powerful that all other rulers of all other times must bow and give way to Him – it will be a day of reckoning like no other.**

# Questions