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Every Eye Shall See Him

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Once the King Has Come



The skies overhead may well have been clear. There was no way to know for sure because the smoke from the explosives had turned the landscape from a lush hillside into a desert of debris, and formed a haze that obscured even the sun. The sounds of bombs exploding became more chilling. Screams of men, women, boys and girls filled the air. It became evident that the targets themselves were not brick and mortar, but flesh and blood. And flesh and blood were everywhere. They said it was only a "peacekeeping mission," but the peace wasn't being kept. And as the casualties mounted, it seemed a whole lot like the real thing to those who viewed the carnage.

A nervous private shook with fright as he viewed death from a vantage point he never dreamed he would ever experience. He turned to the sergeant in command of the battalion and said, "S-s-s-i-r-r-, I've never been in a war before," to which the seasoned old sergeant replied, "That's okay son, war hasn't been declared yet!" And so, it is with our lesson today.

The last time we got together, we journeyed through the pages of Scripture for a foxhole view of the first $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of that time in history we have come to know as the tribulation period. What we saw was bloodshed, violence, betrayal, destruction, and death. And like that nervous private, most of us turned to our Commander in Chief in our hearts and said, "Lord, we didn't know the war could be this bad," to which our Lord has lovingly replied, "You haven't seen anything yet. The war hasn't been declared!"

In this lesson, our parade of prophecy continues to march into the future as we explore the final $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of that period. It is a time in history in which war will be declared. While we thought the bombs were falling with enough intensity, what we are about to see is really war.

The forces of evil will finally realize that their days are numbered. The righteous God will have exercised His patience

far beyond our capacity to understand it, and it will be high noon at last. Satan will muster every weapon in his arsenal and God will counter by releasing a tiny fragment of His awesome power. The end result will be victory at last! Peace at last! The troops will be coming home at last! The war will be over.

If you want a vivid way to view that time in history in your mind, just imagine Satan and God in hand-to-hand combat on planet earth, with the same intensity they have been battling with spiritually for all of these years. You see, the struggle has been taking place on the battlefield of the human heart for centuries, and it will now be enacted on the battlefields of this world. Little Israel, the one nation in history to which God has entrusted His name, will become His heart where the combat will take place. That, you see, is why they are back in the land! God has supernaturally caused them to return to set the stage for a real homecoming! God is coming home at last!

But those final few years will not be pleasant years. The enemy won't give up without a struggle, a struggle that God will allow in order for His long-awaited judgment on this earth to come to pass. The world is about to explode in a cosmic revolution that will literally cause its foundations to tremble. And in a moment, at the last possible moment when all hope is gone, the King will come and every eye shall see Him.

Every eye! The eyes of those ruthless dictators who for so long have denied that God exists. The eyes of those humanistic, self-righteous fools who staked their lives on the fact that this life was all there was. The eyes of those Jews who long ago abandoned hope that Messiah would ever come. The eyes of those faithful martyrs who gave their lives in the belief that one day He would. Every eye shall see Him and every knee shall bow!

Beloved, you can rest all the weight of your faith on that promise! God will return and His kingdom will be established on earth at last. So, don't get discouraged! I've read the last chapter of the Book! The story has a perfect ending. But, between now and the conclusion, there comes an explosion or two that has to take place, and that's what we will look at in the first part of this lesson.

Let's begin then, our journey into darkness, a journey which will end when "Every Eye Shall See Him." That's the title for this lesson.

- I- Intermission Time: When Man Has Cause to Worry
- II- War Resumes: The Second Half of the Story
- III- Victory at Last: Our King Descends in Glory

When our video journey into the vistas of the near tomorrows faded into the "pause" mode in our last lesson, we were taken on a Scriptural journey into the first half of that seven-year period known as the tribulation. Some of us looked in horror, as those $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of devastation unfolded and we began to acknowledge that though the church would be gone, there is a reason for the unbelieving world to be concerned about what would happen when the lights go out on planet earth.

As we concluded our look at those first 3½ years, we found that God seemed to have placed in the center of that time frame, a momentary time out, an intermission, a segment of time separating the first half from the last. We could only sense that what we had seen was nothing compared to what we were about to see. War was going to be declared at last. Speaking of time, in the next few minutes we're going to look at incidents that span more than ten chapters of the book of Revelation. So, you can see that we will not stop to discuss any of the various chronological alternatives or interpretations. But rather, we're going to seek to just look at a mountaintop view of some of the things that Scripture says will happen. Our objective will not be so much information, but expectation based on anticipation—anticipation of that day when every eye shall see Him.

INTERMISSION TIME: WHEN MAN HAS CAUSE TO WORRY

Part one of our study is entitled, Intermission: When the World Has Cause to Worry, and the world does. The Christian, we are told in Philippians 4, never has cause to worry, because the things that would normally bring us anxiety are intended to bring us to prayer. But the world has cause to worry—the unbelieving world. As the curtain parts and the screen lights up, we can see that at no time in history have they had more time to worry than they will at this time. Let's briefly look at the events that most Bible scholars seem to attach to this period in history. And we can just imagine at least, what this old world may be going through during what some people call "intermission time."

1- The first incident is referred to in Ezekiel 38 and 39, and many authorities believe that it will take place at this point in

history between the first and last portions of the tribulation. It's the invasion of what could be called Palestine. Now, we don't know for sure, but many scholars place the nations listed there in today's geographical context as perhaps Russia, Iran, parts of Africa, East Germany and Turkey. They say these may be the nations who will be involved in this invasion. We don't know for sure, of course. But, if we were to imagine it, and take a composite view of how some scholars view what's to take place, it would look something like this:

- a- Based on Daniel 11 and Ezekiel 38, Egypt attacks Palestine from the south.
- b- Russia invades Israel from the north.
- c- Russia double-crosses Egypt and occupies Egyptian territory.
- d- Russia responds to some kind of an unexpected event, perhaps the resurrection of the Antichrist, and invades Palestine.
- e- Russia is defeated in the mountains of Israel, according to Ezekiel 38, assuming that it's Russia, as God exercises tremendous power. Some of the ingredients of this conquest include in verse 19, a mighty earthquake, some kind of mutiny that takes place within the ranks in verse 21, a plague in verse 22, floods, hail, fire and brimstone.

Regardless, the Scripture says that as a result of this conflict, whatever this army is (and we will assume it to be Russia for the sake of this context), 83% of their army will be destroyed according to Ezekiel 39:2. One commentary said, "The angry menace of communism, if that be the case, will be dissolved instantly in a sea of horror at the hands of the God it denied existed." Seven months it will take just to bury the dead.

2- The second major event that will take place at what we call "intermission time," will be the final ministry and martyrdom of the two witnesses. These are two special saints who return to earth to prophesy for two hundred and threescore days according to Revelation 11:3. Many people feel it will be Elijah and Enoch, because Scripture says *it is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment* (Hebrews 9:27), and these are the two who were translated into heaven without tasting death.

Still others believe that perhaps it would be Elijah and Moses,

because they appeared together on the Mount of Transfiguration and because of the statement in Jude 9, about Satan doing battle with God over the body of Moses. It is also noted by some scholars, that Elijah's ministry of preventing rain on the earth and Moses' ministry of turning the water into blood will both be repeated during the tribulation period by these two men. We don't know who they will be, but we know they will be sent by God for a specific ministry.

Here in capsule form then, is what their ministry will be like according to Revelation 11.

- a) They will prophesy in sackcloth, calling men to repentance (vs. 3).
- b) Their enemies will try to destroy them, but until their time has come, they will be indestructible (vs. 5).
- c) They will prevent rain for 3½ years and turn the waters into blood. They will smite the earth with plagues (vs. 6).
- d) The Antichrist will finally be allowed to put them to death (vs. 7).
- e) Their dead bodies will be put on display for the whole world to mock (vs. 9).
- f) Then verses 11-13 describe an incredible experience. It says a great voice will call them from heaven. A great fear will fall upon all the people. A great earthquake will level one-tenth of Jerusalem and kill 7,000 people, and God will call the two witnesses back to heaven.

John Phillips writes a fictional account of what this might be like. He says, "Picture the scene, the sun-drenched streets of Jerusalem, holiday crowds flown in from the ends of the earth for a first-hand look at the corpses of these detested men. Troops in the beast's uniform. Temple police everywhere. And there they are, these devilish men from every kingdom under heaven; they've come to have a feast and to dance at the triumph of the beast. And then it happens! Crowds strain to peer curiously at these two dead bodies, and then there comes a sudden change. They arise! The crowds fall back."

John says:

And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. (Revelation 11:12 NKJV)

But the Scripture goes on to say that all of the earth's evil men will not repent. Do you remember Luke 16, from our last lesson?

"If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead."

(Luke 16:31 NKJVb)

Two will be raised from the dead, but repentance will not come. Their hearts will be hardened. In fact, Revelation 11 indicates that at their death—the death of these two men—the world will stop and celebrate a hellish kind of Christmas and even exchange gifts. Yet, at their resurrection, there will be no repentance.

- 3- The third major event will be the martyrdom of 144,000 Jewish evangelists, which we talked about in our last lesson. The scope of their ministry will have been unprecedented according to Revelation 7. According to Revelation 14, they will be slain for the sake of the gospel and called home to be with God.
- 4- The fourth major event will occur when God casts Satan out of heaven once and for all.
- 5- The fifth event is the destruction of the false church by the Antichrist who brought it into being. What a time in history! It will be a time for man to worry!

WAR RESUMES: THE SECOND HALF OF THE STORY

That brings us to the second part of our lesson, the final $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of the tribulation. And we'll call that, The Second Half of the Story. It is during this abbreviated parenthesis in history that the battle between Satan and God finally reaches its level of intensity. And we will see acted out on the stage of life, the drama that has been enacted in the hearts of men for all these years.

For the sake of time, we are only going to touch on the key events and their significance. For the sake of transmitting a mental image to you, I am going to ask you to give me the liberty to paint a word picture for you, taking all of the Scriptures, molding them together, and giving them to you in story form rather than just listing facts. So, the times and the color will be fictitious, but I will try not to tamper with or take liberties with the information itself. Bear with me now as we walk together through those last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Let's imagine the scene takes place in 1993, okay? The world is in a state of shock. The defeat of Russia in the hills of Israel has left the nations in the Middle East confused and yet more hostile than ever. The media has an answer. They say, "An unfortunate series of setbacks beyond Russia's control took place." "Nature," as the London Times puts it, "seems to be on the side of little Israel." The Russian government has toppled, and the entire nation has been humiliated.

The story of the murder of these two Jewish fanatics has heightened tensions as a worldwide celebration of their deaths is followed by something for which there is no explanation. These two men have been reported to disappear, or to be resurrected, as one commentator put it. But the media sets it aside as a Jewish propaganda feat and pretends it didn't happen. Anti-Jewish sentiments reach a fevered pitch worldwide, recalling the days of World War II. The murder of 144,000 Jewish preachers has been lauded by governments around the world as the greatest act of justice ever known to man.

Meanwhile, page one of the newspapers around the globe has been filled with stories about this prominent dictator, who is now president of the newly formed United League of Peace. He has denounced suddenly, his World Church of Unity, an ally of his just a few months ago. With a vengeance that surprises his most ardent followers, he forbids the church to hold meetings, has the troops smash their world headquarters, and all of his other allies follow suit. Suddenly, the church is dead overnight.

All over the world, he is applauded for his cunning and his courage. From Berlin to Stockholm, from Havana to Mexico City, newspapers herald the Messiah-like characteristics of this power-hungry maniac. Blinded to reality, it is like the whole world system is united behind his leadership looking for a Messiah—looking for a kingdom on earth. His most cunning act of all, is his newly formed peace alliance with Israel, and relocating the international headquarters of his movement in Jerusalem in the very shadow of the temple itself. Tiny, little Israel, the key to world peace, has been brought under the banner of this charismatic figure whose very name sends shock waves throughout the world.

Meanwhile, natural disasters continue to abound. It would seem as though the world is coming apart at the seams, were it not for the mesmerizing speeches of this man among men, promising

not only peace, but the cessation of cosmic disturbances, as though he was God.

Then it happens! The New York Times calls it "Black Sunday." With millions looking on, this revered world leader is delivering his most famous speech of all, when suddenly, just outside the gates of the walled city, there lurks a figure and a shot rings out! In a split second, this leader slumps over the rostrum, blood pours from his chest, and pandemonium breaks loose in all Jerusalem and in all the world.

The world is plummeted into darkness. Here's the man who mankind believed would restore order and peace. Here's the man who was to be the Messiah at last, and he is dead, the victim perhaps of a Jewish assassin. Schools are closed. A day of mourning is called throughout the world. Man reaches despair.

The funeral is broadcast via satellite across the globe. Perhaps presidents, kings, prime ministers and diplomats gather together in tiny, little Israel to pay their respects to this fallen monarch. As millions look on, the camera zooms in at the corpse of the man who was to have delivered the world.

Suddenly, his body moves. The cameraman notices it first. Is this a prank? Is someone trying to steal his body? Then, in an eerie puppet-like motion, he begins to raise himself up from the casket, and the crowd begins to shout, "He is risen! He is risen!" A smile breaks across this ruthless dictator's face and he waves his arms. "Death cannot hold me," he shouts. "The world is ours. Peace is ours. The kingdom has come." The world falls into a frenzied state of hero worship. The very world that 2,000 years before had scoffed at the real resurrection of the Prince of Peace, now falls down in a catatonic stupor at the feet of the great deceiver. Within hours, newspapers around the world begin calling him "the god of the new age." His entourage of puppets flock to Jerusalem where he set up his headquarters in the temple of Jehovah itself, mocking the Israelites.

His supposed treaty with Israel is called off and martial law is declared. In the state of Israel, all reference to Jehovah is removed from the temple, and this dictator's phony minister of religion designs and builds a statue of the new "god" of this age, the dictator himself. And he sets it up in the Holy of Holies. Word goes out through the press that this incredible statue made of the world's most costly jewels and gems, can talk.

The New United League of Peace convenes in Israel at the gate of the temple. Its leaders bow before the statue of this leader as they gather for what they consider to be the most important meeting in history. From that meeting comes the unanimous acknowledgment that their hero is God manifest in the flesh, and that only by worshipping him, can peace on earth, goodwill to men be accomplished. And so, they enact the universal law of the sixes, as it came to be known, and pass it unanimously, requiring that every man, woman, boy and girl have his mark—an insignia designed around three 6's—stamped either on their forehead or their right hand. Those refusing to comply can no longer buy or sell, hold office, or work in any job in any nation. Every nation scurries to comply, every nation but Israel.

Suddenly, it's as though a blindfold has been removed from the Jewish eye. In a fit of rage, the devil's dictator raises Satan's knife in one last effort to annihilate the Jew. The streets of the holy city run once again with blood. The hand of death falls on Israel again and a remnant flees to the caves of Petra to hide from their pursuers.

Still others pay the price of compromise, and like the children of Israel of old, would rather yield to idolatry than face martyrdom. So, Israel is fragmented, tortured, and crushed beneath its blows. A third of the nation lies huddled in caves, pleading with God to deliver them. This time, their pleading is not in vain.

Suddenly, the world is gripped by a parenthesis of silence. It's as if a loving God is waiting one last time for the world to repent before judgment finally comes. But once again, repentance does not come. Even as the world seems to live in the eye of the storm for a few minutes, the wrath of God is preparing to come upon planet earth.

John wrote of this deadly beginning in Revelation 8, when he said,

The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

(Revelation 8:7 NKJV)

It's as though God releases this protective shield from around the earth and the ovens of heaven send forth heat that destroys all of the grass and a third of the trees. Scientists run to their computers to see why, but they can't find an answer.

Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. (Revelation 8:8,9 NKJV)

Suddenly, a great star falls from heaven and a third of the earth's water is contaminated. Mankind is baffled suddenly by changes in the sun, the moon, and the stars. A third of the day is without light. A third of the night is without the moon. A third of the stars are gone and the light of the world is withdrawing from the world in stages. Amos prophesied,

"And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord God, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;" (Amos 8:9 NKJV)

The earth is reeling under the judgment of God, but it has not yet felt the full impact of His wrath. God is prepared now to release from the bottomless pit, a horde of demonic hosts to torment man. What irony that God needs to allow Satan to free his own, in order to destroy his own? But Satan has always been self-destructive.

Like a sea of locusts freed to torment, they flow through the earth. They don't touch the plant life. Their objective is to destroy man. For five months, they ruthlessly swarm across the planet, disease in their wake. They are ambassadors of the Antichrist, allowed by our sovereign God, but limited by our sovereign God, according to what they could touch and what they could do. They could not touch God's own, and they could not kill. That's interesting. Many unbelievers in this period of time attempt suicide, but they cannot die. God will permit Satan to torment his own. But for a season, He will not allow death to open to them even though beyond that death there lies an even greater torment, hell itself, where the fire never ceases and the worm never dies (Mark 9:48).

Another trumpet sounds and an army of demonic destruction, 200 million in number, swarm the earth for thirteen months. A billion people die. Two-thirds of mankind is gone and still the remnant shakes its fist in the face of God and refuses to bow down. Revelation 9 says,

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that

they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

(Revelation 9:20,21 NKJV)

There is another interlude of silence on planet earth. You can read about it in Revelation 10. It's as though God was in heaven amassing His armies to prepare for His final return, when an angel announces the greatest news ever heard in the history of man. It says,

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15 NKJV)

This angelic announcement heralds the movement of the clock of history to 11:59! The second-hand is beginning its final sweep. Like the spectators at a race as the winner turns the curve, the crowd's reaction can only be measured by who they were expecting to win. The angels in heaven no doubt, and the saints of the ages, break out in a chorus of hosannas, singing "Holy, Holy," or perhaps a scriptural rendition of "The King Is Coming!" Does Satan hear? Do the angry rebels living on planet earth understand the triumph that is about to take place?

So much is happening meanwhile, in heaven. The temple of God in the heavenlies is opened. The 144,000 martyred saints, the Scripture says, break forth in song. Three special angels deliver last-minute messages, and what messages! The first one declares in a loud voice,

"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (Revelation 14:7 NKJV)

The second voice follows,

"Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His

indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

(Revelation 14:8-11 NKJV)

God's last fire and brimstone message is preached from the pulpit of heaven by an angel. And with that, there ushers forth the scepter of a righteous God, the final visitation of judgment on planet earth. At first, a horrendous plague of sickness and sores comes upon everyone who wears the mark of the beast. The seas are overtaken with corruption. The rest of the rivers turn into blood. The rest of the creatures in the deep perish. The stench of it all defies description according to Scripture. A special dispensation of disease pours out from the heavens on those nations that have gathered together under the banner of the enemy. Men are ravaged with pain, realizing they are under the judgment of God, and yet, they still shake their fists in utter blasphemy at His name. But Revelation 16 says, still they will not repent (Revelation 16:9,11).

Then God does another incredible thing. He reaches down and dries up the River Euphrates, preparing the way for the nations of the world to congregate in a place called Armageddon. By now, the world knows it's in mortal conflict, not with man, but with God, Himself. But God is not finished.

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because

of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great. (Revelation 16:17-21 NKJV)

The clouds overhead have now darkened upon mankind until man can take no more. In an angry rage, the devil's dictator, the Antichrist, calls all of the armies of men to do battle against the King of Glory. The final veil of spiritual conflict is torn asunder. Man now declares war on God. In utter defiance, the rebellion that began in the garden in the heart of man, blooms to its final ugly state as man declares war against the Creator of heaven and earth. But it is the mind of a sovereign God who is orchestrating this grand finale, because the Word says,

And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. (Revelation 16:16 NKJV)

On a battlefield 100 miles long and some 200 miles wide, the armies of the earth begin to assemble. At the center of this incredible landscape lies the city of Jerusalem. Nations flow there from every direction. Blinded by bitterness, deceived by their leader, and poised for what is to be the most ridiculous matchup of power in history, they come. Some say they may be some 400 million in number. Who knows? The Scripture indicates that an uncanny stillness fills the air. "Will the God of Israel even show His face?" they laugh in derision. "Will there be any conflict at all?" Angry, fallen man awaits his encounter with destiny. Suddenly, there is the crash of thunder, a mighty wind, sounds and sights such as man has never seen or heard before. The Scripture says,

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken." (Matthew 24:29 NKJV)

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken." (Luke 21:25,26 NKJV)

I don't know what it would be like to be on the plains of Armageddon at this moment. But I believe suddenly, these brave warriors are realizing just who it is they have challenged to a battle to death. And I believe millions of men, petrified with fear

and paralyzed with no place to run, stand in utter fear.

VICTORY AT LAST! OUR KING DESCENDS IN GLORY!

The Scripture says, just then, the heavens begin to emit an awesome light. Brighter and brighter it glows, until mankind is blinded by the very power of it. It is ten trillion times the light of the sun, a light so intense we cannot but stagger at the thought of it. And then in the midst of that light, comes the most incredible sight ever known to the eyes of man. The heavens open like a crystal volcano erupting from above, and in the midst of that light...let John describe it.

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True...

(Revelation 19:11 NKJV)

Let Matthew describe it.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, 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 24:30 NKJV)

Paul describes it.

and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

(II Thessalonians 1:7 NKJV)

Listen to John one more time.

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, (Revelation 1:7a NKJV)

Every eye! Eyes blinded to the truth, that have fastened the doorposts of their hearts in the closed position as He came as a loving Savior, will now see Him as the Righteous Judge. Eyes opened to truth that have been bathed in the blood of the Lamb, will see Him as He is, the Lord of lords. But as He descends, every eye will see Him.

On the fields of Armageddon, men poised on the battlefield for the conflict of the ages will fall in instant defeat. There will be no conflict. No shots need to be fired. No atomic blasts. No cannons roaring their puny thunder in the face of God. John describes it.

> His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And He has on His robe and on His thigh, a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

(Revelation 19:12-16 NKJV)

Guns, bombs? None need to be fired. Our God will simply speak. He will open His mouth and the Sword of the Spirit will slay His enemies with a WORD!

Power? Man doesn't even understand power! All God did to bring this world into being was speak a Word. He has held it together for all these centuries by the breath of His mouth. All He will have to do in that day is speak a Word, and every eye will see Him. Then every ear will hear Him. Then every life that has been lived in defiance of His Lordship will fall down before Him, but it will be too late. The King has come! The battle is over!

Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Revelation 19:20)

You say, "Wow!" What an end to the story!" No, beloved, that's not the end of the story, it's the beginning of glory! In the next lesson, Lord willing, we will travel the roads of the real new age and view a thousand years of peace on earth. And we'll witness with John that momentous time when the New Jerusalem comes down from God out of heaven and all things become new.

At last, the finger of God will turn the page of history, and an era marked by rebellion and bitterness will give way to life as it was meant to be.

And I'm going to be there! And you're going to be there, if you've given your heart to Christ. Praise God! What a day!

And it will all begin that fateful day at Armageddon, when the armies of men in open rebellion challenge the Host of heaven

in what has been called the "conflict of the ages." But I remind you, beloved, there will be no conflict. God has no fear of what man can do. God has no fear of what Satan can do. Nor need we! Because one precious morning just as the skies seem to have darkened until man can no longer see, the heavens will open and the Light of the world will descend in glory and every eye will see Him!

EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM

Yes, every eye shall see Him When He returns in power Not an eye will miss His coming In that soon unfolding hour!

Some will view His victory Paralyzed through eyes of fear As the veil is lifted, showing That the judgment time is near.

All their works they'll see as worthless All their lives but as a sham All the world will be in terror Those who've not beheld the Lamb.

All the weeping, all the anguish As man sees he's made a choice Choosing not to take God's mercy Now condemned, they hear His voice.

Yes, every eye shall see Him As Judge, He'll bring but fright But the eye of those who know Him Will see such a different sight!

As in glory, He's descending All His saints in power to bring Every eye that thus beholds Him Will but shout, "Here comes the King!"

Coming now to conquer evil Coming now in love to reign Coming now to gather by Him All who've ever named His name!

One way or another, every eye will see Him King or Judge, what will it be? When He comes, you too, will see Him I just ask, "What will you see?"

It is not too late, beloved You can still be cleansed of sin You can still behold the King of kings When Jesus comes again.

Ask Him now to be your Savior He has vowed to leave you never And you shall see Him as He is Forever and forever.

Dear Lord, Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

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