

THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE

And the Kings of the Earth (Handout 1)

The Contradiction:

A LAMB Upon A Throne

The Sermon on the Mount

The Example of Jesus Himself

Faithful and True:

Revelation 2.13—I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

Revelation 19.11-21—Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a WHITE HORSE! Its RIDER is called Faithful and True, and in RIGHTEOUSNESS HE JUDGES and makes WAR. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems [crowns]; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in A ROBE DIPPED IN BLOOD, and his name is called The Word of God. And the ARMIES OF HEAVEN, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. FROM HIS MOUTH comes a sharp SWORD with which to STRIKE DOWN THE NATIONS, and he will REIGN OVER THEM with iron SCEPTER [rather than rod]; he will TREAD THE WINE PRESS OF THE FURY OF THE WRATH OF GOD THE ALMIGHTY. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses and their riders—flesh of all, both free and slave, both small and great.” Then I saw the BEAST and THE KINGS OF THE EARTH with THEIR ARMIES gathered to make WAR against THE RIDER ON THE HORSE and against HIS ARMY. And the BEAST was captured, and with it the false PROPHET who had performed in its presence 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. And the rest were KILLED by the SWORD of the rider on the horse, THE SWORD THAT CAME FROM HIS MOUTH; and ALL THE BIRDS WERE GORGED WITH THEIR FLESH.

Psalms 45.3-6—Gird your SWORD on your side, you mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. In your majesty RIDE FORTH VICTORIOUSLY in the cause of TRUTH, HUMILITY and JUSTICE; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds. Let your sharp arrows PIERCE THE HEARTS OF THE KING’S ENEMIES; let the NATIONS FALL BENEATH YOUR FEET. Your throne, O God, will last FOR EVER AND EVER; a scepter of JUSTICE will be the scepter of your KINGDOM.

Psalms 98.9— [New Song]He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

“They follow the Lamb wherever he goes . . .” Revelation 14.4

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Psalms 96.10– [New Song] Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Psalms 58.1–Do you rulers indeed speak justly? Do you judge people with equity? No, in your heart you devise injustice, and your hands mete out VIOLENCE on the earth.

2Corinthians 10.4–The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Ephesians 6.12–For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Revelation 12.7-9–And there was WAR in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Isaiah 11.4–But with righteousness he will JUDGE the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the ROD of his MOUTH; with the breath of his LIPS he will slay the wicked.

Revelation 2.16–Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the SWORD of my MOUTH.

Psalms 2.1-9–Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.” I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will BREAK them with a ROD of iron ; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

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He has an army with him in Revelation 19

Robert E. Lee

“I smell myself daily and the smell disgusts me. I have had enough of blood. The gutters of the city are running with blood, there are flecks of blood in the loaves of bread, blood feeds the roots of the apple trees where stinking dead men hang among the apples. You may not believe me now, but a killer by trade who has had enough of blood is a good founding member for a community based on kindness and freedom as yours is to be. A.S. Byatt; Babel Tower p. 30.

Isaiah 63.1-6—Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength?

“It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.”

Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress?

“I have trodden the winepress ALONE; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing. It was for me the day of vengeance; the year for me to redeem had come. I looked, but there was NO ONE TO HELP, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm achieved salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me.

Ezekiel 39.17-20—As for you, mortal, thus says the Lord GOD: Speak to the birds of every kind and to all the wild animals: Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth—of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. You shall eat fat until you are filled, and drink blood until you are drunk, at the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you. And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with warriors and all kinds of soldiers, says the Lord GOD.

Psalms 59.7—See what they spew from their mouths—the words from their LIPS are SHARP AS SWORDS, and they think, “Who can hear us?”

Job 5.15—He saves the needy from the SWORD IN THEIR MOUTH; he saves them from the clutches of the powerful.

Isaiah 49.2-5—He made MY MOUTH LIKE A SHARPENED SWORD, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver . . . to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him

Hebrews 4.12—For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Psalms 149.6—May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-

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edged sword IN THEIR HANDS,

Revelation 2.16—Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with THE SWORD OF MY MOUTH.

Revelation 1.16—In his right hand he held seven stars, and COMING OUT OF HIS MOUTH WAS A SHARP, DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 19.15—Coming out of HIS MOUTH is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will REIGN OVER THEM with an iron SCEPTER.” He treads the WINEPRESS of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Psalms 2.7-9—I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make THE NATIONS YOUR HERITAGE, and the ends of the earth your POSSESSION. You shall BREAK them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

REIGN OVER—Poimaino; to Shepherd

Luke 17.7—Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or TENDING sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’?

1Corinthians 9.7—Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who TENDS a flock and does not get any of its milk?

Matthew 2.6—And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a RULER who is to SHEPHERD my people Israel.

John 21.16—A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “TEND my sheep.”

Revelation 2.26,27—To everyone who is victorious and continues to do my works to the end, I will give authority over THE NATIONS; to REIGN OVER [shepherd] them with an iron SCEPTER . . .

Revelation 3.21—To the one who victorious I will give a place WITH ME on MY throne, just as I myself was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

“Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?”—Abraham Lincoln



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THE MILLENNIUM, GOG, & THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

And A Lake of Fire Which is the Second Death (Handout 1)

Revelation 19.21—And the rest were destroyed by the sword of the rider on the horse, the SWORD THAT CAME FROM HIS MOUTH . . .

3 and a half—Reign of the Beast and His image.

1000—Reign of those who did not bow to the image.

Revelation 20.1-3—And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the ABYSS and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the DRAGON, that ancient SERPENT, who is the DEVIL, or SATAN, and bound him for a THOUSAND YEARS. He threw him into the ABYSS, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from DECEIVING THE NATIONS anymore UNTIL the thousand years were ENDED. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Exodus 20.4-6—You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION of those who hate me, but showing love to A THOUSAND GENERATIONS of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Revelation 20.4-6—I saw THRONES on which were seated those who had been given authority to JUDGE [Reign, see Psalms 96 & 98]. And I saw the SOULS of those who had been beheaded because of their TESTIMONY about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had NOT worshiped the BEAST or his IMAGE and had not received his MARK on their foreheads or their hands. THEY CAME TO LIFE and REIGNED with Christ A THOUSAND YEARS. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. THE SECOND DEATH HAS NO CLAIM OVER THEM, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign WITH him for A THOUSAND YEARS.

Revelation 6.9,10—When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the SOULS of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and vindicate our blood?”

Daniel 7.9-14—“As I looked, “THRONES were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of FIRE was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times

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ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and THE BOOKS were opened. Then I continued to watch because of the BOASTFUL words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until THE BEAST was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.) In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a SON OF MAN, COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and SOVEREIGN power; ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF EVERY LANGUAGE WORSHIPED HIM. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Hebrews 2.14,15—Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy THE ONE WHO HAS THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

Acts 2.24—But God RAISED HIM UP, having freed him from death, because it was IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE HELD IN ITS POWER [CLAIM].

Revelation 11.11—But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them.

John 14.30—I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no CLAIM over me;

Revelation 3.21—To those who are victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on MY THRONE, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Daniel 7.18—But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Daniel 7.21-22—I looked, this horn made war with the holy ones and was prevailing over them, until the Ancient One came; then judgment [reign, soveriegn power] was given to THE HOLY ONES of the Most High, and the time arrived when THE HOLY ONES gained possession of the kingdom.

Daniel 7.26-27—“But the court will sit, and his [the beast’s] power will be TAKEN AWAY, CONSUMED and completely DESTROYED forever. Then the SOVEREIGNTY, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over TO THE HOLY PEOPLE of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and ALL RULERS WILL WORSHIP AND OBEY HIM.’

Daniel 7.14—He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF EVERY LANGUAGE WORSHIPED HIM. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

