

## ~TRIBULATION (743)

[Greek, *thli'psis*]

- Marriage Brings Tribulation In The Flesh
- Faithfulness Under Tribulation
- The Great Tribulation

- The Greek word *thli'psis*, usually rendered, tribulation, basically means, **distress, affliction, or suffering resulting from the pressures of circumstances**. It is used with reference to the affliction associated with childbirth.
- A woman, when she is giving birth, has grief, because her hour has arrived, but when she has brought forth the young child, she remembers the **tribulation** no more because of the joy that a man has been born into the world. (**John 16:21**)
- Persecution,
- Then people will deliver you up to **tribulation** and will kill you, and you will be objects of hatred by all the nations on account of my name. (**Matthew 24:9**)
- Consequently those who had been scattered by the **tribulation** that arose over Stephen went through as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, but speaking the word to no one except to Jews only. (**Acts of Apostles 11:19**)
- Except that from city to city the Holy Spirit repeatedly bears witness to me as it says that bonds and **tribulations** are waiting for me. (**Acts of Apostles 20:23**)
- For we do not wish you to be ignorant, brothers, about the **tribulation** that happened to us in the district of Asia, that we were under extreme pressure beyond our strength, so that we were very uncertain even of our lives. (**2 Corinthians 1:8**)
- Sometimes while you were being exposed as in a theater both to reproaches and **tribulations**, and sometimes while you became sharers with those who were having such an experience. (**Hebrews 10:33**)
- I John, your brother and a sharer with you in the **tribulation** and

kingdom and endurance in company with Jesus, came to be in the isle that is called Patmos for speaking about God and bearing witness to Jesus. (**Revelation 1:9**)

- **Imprisonment,**
- Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have **tribulation** ten days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. (**Revelation 2:10**)
- **Poverty and other adversities common to orphans and widows,**
- The form of worship that is clean and undefiled from the standpoint of our God and Father is this. To look after orphans and widows in their **tribulation**, and to keep oneself without spot from the world. (**James 1:27**)
- **Famine,**
- But a famine came upon the whole of Egypt and Canaan, even a **great tribulation**, and our forefathers were not finding any provisions. (**Acts of Apostles 7:11**)
- **Punishment for wrongdoing.**
- **Tribulation** and distress, upon the soul of every man who works what is injurious, of the Jew first and also of the Greek. (**Romans 2:9**)
- Look! I am about to throw her into a sickbed, and those committing adultery with her into great **tribulation**, unless they repent of her deeds. (**Revelation 2:22**)
- The **tribulation** mentioned at;
- For out of much **tribulation** and anguish of heart I wrote you with many tears, not that you might be saddened, but that you might know the love that I have more especially for you. (**2 Corinthians 2:4**)

- **Apparently refers to the distress felt by the apostle Paul because of the wrong conduct of the Christians at Corinth and because he had to correct them with severity.**

### **· Marriage Brings Tribulation In The Flesh**

- **When recommending singleness as the better course, the apostle Paul observed; But even if you did marry, you would commit no sin. However, those who do will have **tribulation** in their flesh.**

- **But even if you did marry, you would commit no sin. And if a virgin person married, such one would commit no sin. However, those who do will have **tribulation** in their flesh. But I am sparing you. (1 Corinthians 7:28)**

- **Marriage is attended by certain anxieties and cares for husband, wife, and children.**

- **Indeed, I want you to be free from anxiety. The unmarried man is anxious for the things of the Lord, how he may gain the Lord's approval. (1 Corinthians 7:32)**

- **But the married man is anxious for the things of the world, how he may gain the approval of his wife. (1 Corinthians 7:33)**

- **And he is divided. Further, the unmarried woman, and the virgin, is anxious for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in her body and in her spirit. However, the married woman is anxious for the things of the world, how she may gain the approval of her husband. (1 Corinthians 7:34)**

- **But this I am saying for your personal advantage, not that I may cast a noose upon you, but to move you to that which is becoming and that which means constant attendance upon the Lord without distraction. (1 Corinthians 7:35)**

- **Sickness can bring burdens and stresses on the family. For Christians, persecution may arise, families may even be driven from their homes.**

- **Fathers may find it hard to provide lifes necessities for their households. Parents or children may be separated by imprisonment, suffer torture at the hands of persecutors, or even lose their lives.**

## •• Faithfulness Under Tribulation

- **Tribulation** in the form of persecution can have a weakening effect upon the faith of an individual. Christ Jesus, in his illustration of the sower, indicated that certain persons would actually be stumbled on account of tribulation or persecution.
- Yet he has no root in himself but continues for a time, and after **tribulation** or persecution has arisen on account of the word he is at once stumbled. (**Matthew 13:21**)
- Yet they have no root in themselves, but they continue for a time, then as soon as **tribulation** or persecution arises because of the word, they are stumbled. (**Mark 4:17**)
- Being aware of this danger, the apostle Paul was very much concerned about the newly formed congregation at Thessalonica. Those associated with that congregation had embraced Christianity under much **tribulation**.
- And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, seeing that you accepted the word under much **tribulation** with joy of Holy Spirit. (**1 Thessalonians 1:6**)
- They now journeyed through Amphipolis and Apollonia and came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. (**Acts of Apostles 17:1**)
- But the Jews, getting jealous, took into their company certain wicked men of the marketplace idlers and formed a mob and proceeded to throw the city into an uproar. And they assaulted the house of Jason and went seeking to have them brought forth to the rabble. (**Acts of Apostles 17:5**)
- When they did not find them they dragged Jason and certain brothers to the city rulers, crying out; These men that have overturned the inhabited earth are present here also. (**Acts of Apostles 17:6**)
- And Jason has received them with hospitality. And all these men act in opposition to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king, Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 17:7**)
- They indeed agitated the crowd and the city rulers when they

heard these things. (**Acts of Apostles 17:8**)

- **And first after taking sufficient security from Jason and the others they let them go. (**Acts of Apostles 17:9**)**
- **Immediately by night the brothers sent both Paul and Silas out to Beroea, and these, upon arriving, went into the synagogue of the Jews. (**Acts of Apostles 17:10**)**
- **And continued to experience such. The apostle therefore sent Timothy to strengthen and comfort them, that no one might be swayed by these **tribulations**.**
- **Hence, when we could bear it no longer, we saw good to be left alone in Athens. (**1 Thessalonians 3:1**)**
- **And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's minister in the Good News about the Christ, in order to make you firm and comfort you in behalf of your faith. (**1 Thessalonians 3:2**)**
- **That no one might be swayed by these **tribulations**. For you yourselves know we are appointed to this very thing. (**1 Thessalonians 3:3**)**
- **That is why, indeed, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to know of your faithfulness, as perhaps in some way the Tempter might have tempted you, and our labor might have turned out to be in vain. (**1 Thessalonians 3:5**)**
- **When Timothy brought back news that the Thessalonians had remained firm in the faith, Paul was greatly comforted.**
- **But Timothy has just now come to us from you and given us the Good News about your faithfulness and love, and that you continue having good remembrance of us always, yearning to see us in the same way, indeed, as we also do you. (**1 Thessalonians 3:6**)**
- **That is why, brothers, we have been comforted over you in all our necessity and **tribulation** through the faithfulness you show. (**1 Thessalonians 3:7**)**

- Doubtless the apostles efforts in preparing them to expect **tribulation** also helped the Thessalonians to continue to be faithful servants of God.
- In fact, too, when we were with you, we used to tell you beforehand that we were destined to suffer **tribulation**, just as it has also happened and as you know. (**1 Thessalonians 3:4**)
- I have said these things to you that by means of me you may have peace. In the world you are having **tribulation**, but take courage! I have conquered the world. (**John 16:33**)
- Strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to remain in the faith and saying; We must enter into the kingdom of God through many **tribulations**. (**Acts of Apostles 14:22**)
- Although **tribulation** is unpleasant, the Christian can exult while enduring it, since he knows that faithfulness is approved by God and will ultimately lead to the realization of his grand hope.
- And not only that, but let us exult while in **tribulations**, since we know that tribulation produces endurance. (**Romans 5:3**)
- Endurance, in turn, an approved condition, the approved condition, in turn, hope. (**Romans 5:4**)
- And the hope does not lead to disappointment, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which was given us. (**Romans 5:5**)
- Rejoice in the hope. Endure under **tribulation**. Persevere in prayer. (**Romans 12:12**)
- The **tribulation** itself is but momentary and light in comparison with the everlasting glory to be received for remaining faithful.
- For though the **tribulation** is momentary and light, it works out for us a glory that is of more and more surpassing weight and is everlasting. (**2 Corinthians 4:17**)
- While we keep our eyes, not on the things seen, but on the things unseen. For the things seen are temporary, but the things unseen are everlasting. (**2 Corinthians 4:18**)

- **The Christian can also rest assured that God's loyal love will never waver, whatever **tribulation** may come upon the faithful believer.**
- **Who will separate us from the love of the Christ? Will **tribulation** or distress or persecution or hunger or nakedness or danger or sword? (**Romans 8:35**)**
- **Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long, we have been accounted as sheep for slaughtering. (**Romans 8:36**)**
- **To the contrary, in all these things we are coming off completely victorious through him that loved us. (**Romans 8:37**)**
- **For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor governments nor things now here nor things to come nor powers (**Romans 8:38**)**
- **Nor height nor depth nor any other creation will be able to separate us from God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (**Romans 8:39**)**
- **In writing to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul pointed to yet other factors that would help the Christian to endure **tribulation**. He stated;**
- **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort. (**2 Corinthians 1:3**)**
- **Who comforts us in all our **tribulation**, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of **tribulation** through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God. (**2 Corinthians 1:4**)**
- **For just as the sufferings for the Christ abound in us, so the comfort we get also abounds through the Christ. (**2 Corinthians 1:5**)**
- **Now whether we are in **tribulation**, it is for your comfort and salvation, or whether we are being comforted, it is for your comfort that operates to make you endure the same sufferings that we also suffer. (**2 Corinthians 1:6**)**

- The precious promises of God, the help of his Holy Spirit, and his answering the prayers of those experiencing **tribulation** are a source of comfort to Christians.

- On the basis of their own experience, they can encourage and comfort still others, their example of faithfulness and expressions of conviction inspire fellow Christians likewise to remain faithful.

- Paul himself appreciated the comfort given to him by fellow believers as he endured **tribulations**. He commended the Philippian Christians for this:

- Nevertheless, you acted well in becoming sharers with me in my **tribulation**. (**Philippians 4:14**)

- Being genuinely interested in Paul, who was imprisoned at Rome, they helped him to bear his **tribulation** by assisting him materially.

- In fact, you Philippians, also know that at the start of declaring the Good News, when I departed from Macedonia, not a congregation took a share with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. (**Philippians 4:15**)

- Because, even in Thessalonica, you sent something to me both once and a second time for my need. (**Philippians 4:16**)

- Not that I am earnestly seeking the gift, but that I am earnestly seeking the fruitage that brings more credit to your account. (**Philippians 4:17**)

- However, I have all things in full and have an abundance. I am filled, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the things from you, a sweet-smelling odor, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. (**Philippians 4:18**)

- In turn, my God will fully supply all your need to the extent of his riches in glory by means of Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 4:19**)

- Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (**Philippians 4:2**)

- There are times, however, when certain persons become fearful on account of the **tribulation** experienced by others. With this in mind, Paul encouraged the Ephesian Christians;

- Wherefore I ask you not to give up on account of these **tribulations** of mine in your behalf, for these mean glory for you. (**Ephesians 3:13**)
- The persecutions or **tribulations** experienced by Paul resulted from his ministering to the Ephesians and others. For this reason he could speak of them as **tribulations in their behalf**. His faithful endurance under such tribulations meant **glory** for the Ephesian Christians, since it demonstrated that what they had as Christians, including God's sure promises and their precious relationship with Yehowah God and his Son Christ Jesus, was worth enduring for.
- I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for you, and I, in my turn, am filling up what is lacking of the **tribulations** of the Christ in my flesh on behalf of his body, which is the congregation. (**Colossians 1:24**)
- If Paul, as an apostle, had given up, it would have meant disgrace for the congregation. Others could have been stumbled.
- In no way are we giving any cause for stumbling, that our ministry might not be found fault with. (**2 Corinthians 6:3**)
- But in every way we recommend ourselves as God's ministers, by the endurance of much, by **tribulations**, by cases of need, by difficulties. (**2 Corinthians 6:4**)

### •• The Great Tribulation

- When answering the question of his disciples concerning the sign of his presence and the conclusion of the system of things, Jesus mentioned a **great tribulation** such as has not occurred since the world's beginning until now, no, nor will occur again.
- While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying; Tell us, When will these things be, and what will be the sign of your presence and of the conclusion of the system of things? (**Matthew 24:3**)
- For then there will be **great tribulation** such as has not occurred since the world's beginning until now, no, nor will occur again. (**Matthew 24:21**)

- **As a comparison of**
- **Therefore, when you catch sight of the disgusting thing that causes desolation, as spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in a holy place, let the reader use discernment. (Matthew 24:15)**
- **Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains. (Matthew 24:16)**
- **Let the man on the housetop not come down to take the goods out of his house. (Matthew 24:17)**
- **And let the man in the field not return to the house to pick up his outer garment. (Matthew 24:18)**
- **Woe to the pregnant women and those suckling a baby in those days! (Matthew 24:19)**
- **Keep praying that your flight may not occur in wintertime, nor on the Sabbath day. (Matthew 24:20)**
- **For then there will be **great tribulation** such as has not occurred since the world's beginning until now, no, nor will occur again. (Matthew 24:21)**
- **In fact, unless those days were cut short, no flesh would be saved, but on account of the chosen ones those days will be cut short. (Matthew 24:22)**
- **Furthermore, when you see Jerusalem surrounded by encamped armies, then know that the desolating of her has drawn near. (Luke 21:20)**
- **Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains, and let those in the midst of her withdraw, and let those in the country places not enter into her. (Luke 21:21)**
- **Because these are days for meting out justice, that all the things written may be fulfilled. (Luke 21:22)**
- **Woe to the pregnant women and the ones suckling a baby in those days! For there will be great necessity upon the land and wrath on this people. (Luke 21:23)**

- And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the appointed times of the nations are fulfilled. (Luke 21:24)
- Reveals, this had initial reference to a **great tribulation** to come upon Jerusalem. The fulfillment came in **70 C.E.**, when the city was besieged by the Roman armies under General Titus.
- This resulted in severe famine conditions and much loss of life. The Jewish historian Josephus relates that 1,100,000 Jews died or were killed, whereas 97,000 survived and were taken into captivity. [The Jewish War, VI, 420, ix, 3] Such a **great tribulation** has not occurred again or been repeated upon Jerusalem.
- Jesus also referred to this **tribulation** in connection with his coming in glory;
- 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 heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Matthew 24:29)
- And then the sign of the Son of man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will beat themselves in lamentation, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (Matthew 24:30)
- And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will gather his chosen ones together from the four winds, from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity. (Matthew 24:31)
- The term, **immediately**, in this passage does not rule out the possibility of a lapse of a considerable period between the **tribulation** upon Jerusalem in **70 C.E.** and the events that were to follow.
- Writes Greek scholar **A. T. Robertson**: This word, common in Marks Gospel as *euthus*, gives trouble if one stresses the time element. The problem is how much time intervenes between the tribulation of those days and the vivid symbolism of;
- 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 heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Matthew 24:29)

- The use of *en tachei*, **shortly**, **in**;
- A revelation by Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place. And he sent forth his angel and presented it in signs through him to his slave John. (Revelation 1:1)
- Should make one pause before he decides. Here we have a prophetic panorama like that with foreshortened perspective. The apocalyptic pictures in;
- 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 heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Matthew 24:29)
- Also call for sobriety of judgment. Literalism is not appropriate in this apocalyptic eschatology. [Word Pictures in the New Testament, 1930, Vol. I, pp. 192,193]
- Others have made like observations concerning the use of the Greek word rendered, **immediately** at;
- A footnote on this text in *The Westminster Version of the Sacred Scriptures* reads: **Straightway, immediately, is probably here a term of prophecy, not of history, and so does not imply immediate sequence, which indeed in any case is not always to be pressed. Similar terms are common in apocalyptic literature to introduce a new scene in a rapidly changing series of visions.**
- The second woe is past. Look! The third woe is coming quickly. (Revelation 11:14)
- Look! I am coming quickly, and the reward I give is with me, to render to each one as his work is. (Revelation 22:12)
- **Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible states: It is usual, in the prophetic style, to speak of things great and certain as near and just at hand, only to express the greatness and certainty of them. A thousand years are, in God's sight, but as one day, [1976, Vol. III, p. 205]**

- However, let this one fact not be escaping your notice, beloved ones, that one day is with Yehowah as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. (**2 Peter 3:8**)
- Biblical evidence indicates that the **tribulation** upon Jerusalem in **70 C.E.** pointed forward to a far **greater tribulation**. About three decades after Jerusalem's destruction, the apostle John, with reference to a great crowd of persons from all nations, tribes, and peoples, was told; These are the ones that come out of the **great tribulation**.
- And in response one of the elders said to me; These who are dressed in the white robes, who are they and where did they come from? (**Revelation 7:13**)
- So right away I said to him; My lord, you are the one that knows. And he said to me; These are the ones that come out of the **great tribulation**, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (**Revelation 7:14**)
- Earlier, the apostle John had seen **four angels** holding back destructive winds so that the sealing of the **144,000** slaves of God might be completed. This sealing evidently links up with the gathering of the chosen ones that Jesus foretold would follow the **tribulation** upon earthly Jerusalem.
- And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will gather his chosen ones together from the four winds, from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity. (**Matthew 24:31**)
- Accordingly, the **great tribulation** must come after the chosen ones have been gathered and their sealing is completed and when the four angels release the four winds to blow upon the earth, sea, and trees.
- Stephen prophesied about the **tribulation** that came upon Jacob's family in the days of Joseph as food administrator of Egypt as a **great tribulation**.
- Therefore the **great tribulation** upon all the earth in Joseph's days serves as a prophetic type of the **great tribulation** in the Last Days, during which time the final anointed sons of God are gathered down into the Greater Egypt to the Greater Joseph, Jesus Christ. [See

Also "Revealing The Sons Of God," For more detailed information regarding this drama.]

- And he delivered him out of all his **tribulations** and gave him graciousness and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And he appointed him to govern Egypt and his whole house. (**Acts of Apostles 7:10**)
- But a famine came upon the whole of Egypt and Canaan, even a **great tribulation**, and **our forefathers were not finding any provisions**. (**Acts of Apostles 7:11**)
- After this I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding tight the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow upon the earth or upon the sea or upon any tree. (**Revelation 7:1**)
- And I saw another angel ascending from the sunrising, having a seal of the living God, and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea. (**Revelation 7:2**)
- Saying; Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until after we have sealed the slaves of our God in their foreheads. (**Revelation 7:3**)
- And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel. (**Revelation 7:4**)
- The fact that a great crowd comes out of the **great tribulation** shows that they survive it. This is confirmed by a similar expression at;
- And the family heads became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. But God was with him. (**Acts of Apostles 7:9**)
- And he delivered him out of all his **tribulations** and gave him graciousness and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And he appointed him to govern Egypt and his whole house. (**Acts of Apostles 7:10**)
- God was with Joseph, and he delivered him out of all his **tribulations**. Joseph's being delivered out of all his **tribulations** meant not only that he was enabled to endure them but also that he survived the afflictions he experienced.

- It is noteworthy that the apostle Paul referred to the execution of God's judgment upon the ungodly as **tribulation**. He wrote,
- This takes into account that it is righteous on God's part to repay **tribulation** to those who make **tribulation** for you. (2 Thessalonians 1:6)
- But, to you who suffer **tribulation**, relief along with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels. (2 Thessalonians 1:7)
- In a flaming fire, as he brings vengeance upon those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus. (2 Thessalonians 1:8)
- The book of Revelation shows that Babylon the Great and the wild beast have brought **tribulation** upon God's holy ones.
- And I saw one of its heads as though slaughtered to death, but its death-stroke got healed, and all the earth followed the wild beast with admiration. (Revelation 13:3)
- And they worshiped the dragon because it gave the authority to the wild beast, and they worshiped the wild beast with the words; Who is like the wild beast, and who can do battle with it? (Revelation 13:4)
- And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given it, and authority to act forty-two months was given it. (Revelation 13:5)
- And it opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his residence, even those residing in heaven. (Revelation 13:6)
- And there was granted it to wage war with the holy ones and conquer them, and authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. (Revelation 13:7)
- And all those who dwell on the earth will worship it, the name of not one of them stands written in the scroll of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered, from the founding of the world. (Revelation 13:8)

- **If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (Revelation 13:9)**
- **If anyone is meant for captivity, he goes away into captivity. If anyone will kill with the sword, he must be killed with the sword. Here is where it means the endurance and faith of the holy ones. (Revelation 13:10)**
- **And upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery. Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots and of the disgusting things of the earth. (Revelation 17:5)**
- **And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the holy ones and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. Well, on catching sight of her I wondered with great wonderment. (Revelation 17:6)**
- **It therefore logically follows that the **tribulation** to come upon Babylon the Great and the wild beast is included in the **great tribulation**.**
- **Be glad over her, O heaven, also you holy ones and you apostles and you prophets, because God has judicially exacted punishment for you from her! (Revelation 18:20)**
- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (Revelation 19:12)**
- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is, **The Word of God**. (Revelation 19:13)**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (Revelation 19:14)**
- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (Revelation 19:15)**

- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)**
- **I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. (Revelation 19:17)**
- **That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. (Revelation 19:18)**
- **And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (Revelation 19:19)**
- **And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. (Revelation 19:20)**
- **But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (Revelation 19:21)**