

SERMON 7

The Real Alien Invasion

(Revelation 19:11-16)

INTRODUCTION

A few months ago, Barack Obama, former president of the United States was trending on social networks and in the news for some statements given in the television program *The late show*. It turns out that the host of the show—known as James Corden—asked him if he had any theories about the existence of aliens. In a joking manner the president replied:

When it's about aliens, there's some things I just can't tell you on the air. But the truth is that when I came into office, I asked, right, I was like alright, "is there the lab somewhere where we're keeping the alien specimens and spaceship?" And you



know, they did a little bit of research, and the answer was no.

However, in another program the former president was approached with the same topic and, in a more serious tone, replied that investigations have been done and, if true, many things would change; he even added that “new religions would emerge.”

Unsurprisingly, these statements made by one of the most influential leaders in recent years triggered conspiracy theories that we are on the verge

of an alien invasion. Many people began to speculate that before long we would be invaded by supposed inhabitants of other planets!

It is important that you understand that these are conspiracy theories and that they have no basis whatsoever. However, the book of Revelation tells us about the true invasion of aliens. It will be the greatest invasion in history, but it is not beings from other planets invented by the human imagination, but Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who will return to the earth in the company of his angels and in fulfillment of his promise.

DEVELOPMENT

Let us go to the book of Revelation, chapter 19, verses 11 to 16, and let's read together the description of the greatest invasion in history:

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses, and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down

the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh, he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Awesome scene! The great General of generals comes at the head of a powerful army, all his soldiers also, riding white horses. His name is "Faithful and True." With this name he identified himself when he opens the book of Revelation, and now, before closing it, he identifies with it again.

In ancient times, the great Roman generals who ruled the world in the days when Revelation was written used to enter Rome after its great battles and conquests, riding at the head of its armies. They were dressed in elegant clothes and wore on their heads a crown, a symbol of victory; in addition, hanging from their shoulders they wore a wide ribbon on which their name and military rank were displayed.

The apostle John presents Jesus as a triumphant general who comes dressed in red —a symbol of his own blood, which was shed for the forgiveness of our sins—and on his head brought not a crown, but many crowns, as his victories have been many. The name and military rank He has written on himself does not

say "Augustus Cesar, maximum general of Rome", but "Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords".

Could you imagine what it would be like if Revelation had been written in our times? How would you describe the return of our Lord Jesus Christ? Well, I leave this to your imagination. What I do want to tell you is that there are no words that can describe the greatness of that day when Jesus manifests himself a second time in glory.

Although we cannot accurately describe the event of the Second Coming, the Bible reveals at least five truths that describe how Jesus will return:

1. JESUS WILL COME LITERALLY

The second life of Christ is not, as some teach, simply a spiritual or symbolic return; on the contrary, the second coming will literally be an event. When Jesus ascended to heaven after his resurrection, two angels spoke to the disciples saying, "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11).

Jesus will return personally. The second coming will be a literal apparition,

just as He promised. The same Jesus who performed the great miracles, who died and rose again, will come to seek us, and take us with him.

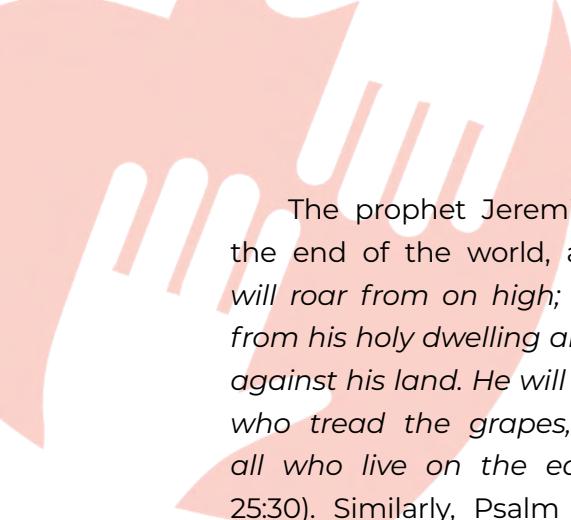
2. JESUS WILL COME VISIBLY

Revelation, chapter 1, verse 7, leaves no room for doubt in our minds as to what the coming of our Lord will be like: "*Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the people on earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.*"

Jesus himself described his second coming as a visible event: "*Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.*" (Matthew 24:30).

3. JESUS WILL COME AUDIBLY

The Bible is clear in teaching that we will not simply see Jesus' return, but we will also hear Him: "*For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*" (1 Thessalonians 4:16).



The prophet Jeremiah, referring to the end of the world, adds: “*The Lord will roar from on high; he will thunder from his holy dwelling and roar mightily against his land. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, shout against all who live on the earth.*” (Jeremiah 25:30). Similarly, Psalm 50:3 says, “*Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.*”

Just in case there was room for doubt, the apostle Peter also referred to the immense sound: “*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare*” (2 Peter 3:10). It is clear that the second coming of Christ will be thunderous! There will be screams and trumpets, and all kinds of intense sounds.

4. JESUS WILL COME WITH AN ARMY OF ANGELS

When Jesus returns, He will not be alone. The Bible says that angels will accompany him: “*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne*” (Matthew 25:31). Notice that it is not about some angels, but about all of them. Daniel 7:10 gives this description of

the angels in heaven: “*Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.*” That really is a lot of angels, and they will come with Jesus!

5. JESUS WILL COME AND SHOCK THE EARTH

Christ’s return will also shake the very foundations of the earth, as if a global earthquake were demolishing the planet:

I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. (Revelation 6:12-14).

Wow! An earthquake strong enough to crush mountains would also activate every volcano on the planet and trigger stunning global tsunamis. Can you imagine it? Vanishing islands and large land masses being torn apart by giant waves.

Dear young people, the second coming of Christ is an imminent event! Sooner than you can imagine we will see Jesus returning with his holy angels! Jesus is coming!

CONCLUSION

But there is one more characteristic that the return of Christ has, do you want to know what it is? *That it will be a decisive event.* And when Jesus comes the world will be divided into two groups: the saved and the lost. Revelation 6:15-16 describes the group of the lost as follows:

Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us[a] from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

For many it will be a very sad day, or for others it will be the best day of their lives! The prophet Isaiah describes the group of the saved in the following words: "*In that day they will say, Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.*" (Isaiah 25:9).

Oh! How glorious that day will be for the saved! It will be a day of rejoicing and happiness. It will be a day of indescribable joy. Christ is coming! Christ is coming very soon!

This was the hope that filled Luis' heart. As a teenager he heard the me-

ssage that Jesus would return for the second time, but, like many, he did not pay attention to it.

One day he was invited to some youth conferences and, to his surprise, the theme that the preacher presented that night was the second coming of Christ. Luis listened carefully to every word of the preacher, but at the time of the call he did not make his decision.

He left the church on his motorcycle and was unexpectedly hit by a vehicle coming in the opposite direction. Miraculously God preserved his life! He was taken to the hospital semi-unconscious; on the way, while the paramedics were doing everything to save his life, Luis raised a prayer to God and asked him to preserve his life. Thank God the miracle was performed!

While in the hospital, Luis made the decision to give his life to Jesus. Months later he was baptized and today he is a believer in the gospel and looks forward with joy to the second coming of Christ.

Dear Young People, the aim of this message is not to cause fear. On the contrary, our purpose is to bring you hope! Today God wants to give you a new chance! Today is the best day to give your life to God and prepare for the

true alien invasion: The second coming of Christ in glory and majesty!

REFLECTION AND STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1.** How does Revelation 19 describe Jesus' return?
- 2.** How many will see Jesus coming in glory?
- 3.** Who will accompany Jesus at His Second Coming?
- 4.** What will happen to the earth when Christ comes a second time?
- 5.** What will the saved say when they see Jesus coming in glory?

