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In our last podcast discussed the terrible reality that the Harlot lives deep within each of us, and it has created a serious identity issue for many "so-called" believers. But we are commanded to worship only God. We also discussed that it is the Spirit of God who brings forth the prophetic and that He is the evidence presented, or the testimony of Jesus. Now let's pick up with our first view of Jesus since *Revelation 1*.

EP161 Revelation 19 verses 11-12

The King on the Horse

Revelation 19:11-16

And I saw heaven caused to having been opening, and behold, a white horse, and He who **now** chooses to be sitting on it is caused to **now** being called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He **now** judges and **now** wages war.

His eyes as a flame of fire, and on His head many diadems; **now** having a name caused to having been written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He chose to having been clothed with a robe caused to having been dipped in blood, and His name is caused to have been called The Word of God.

And the armies, that which in heaven, had followed Him on white horses, had been, by choice, being clothed in fine linen, white and clean. From His mouth chooses to **now** come a sharp sword, so that with it He should strike down the nations, and He will in the future rule them with a rod of iron; and He **now** treads the wine press of wine of the wrath the furious anger of God the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh, He **now** has a name caused to having been written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Plan-A

This passage primarily addresses **what is** and **what has been** (as it is predominantly rendered in the *present* tense and the *perfect* tense). Only once are we pointed forward to what **will be** (*future* tense). In other words, all is ready, all has been prepared, and all is in place. Things have been done in the past, and certain things just are, even now, and soon what will be will also come to pass. Again, this points us to the reality of **Plan-A** evidenced in and revealed by the Spirit of prophecy.

There has always only been one plan. Nothing that is revealed in this *Revelation* is a reaction, there are no surprises, and there is no tit-for-tat based on what we as humans do or even what those who are filled with darkness does. No! It is all part of the plan, it has all been spelled out, so-to-speak. Everything

has been prepared in exact detail and will play out exactly as it has been communicated, in every little detail, and in some details we have yet to understand).

As the **First** and the **Last**, God has declared the end from the beginning, that which was predestined before the ages, and as He said In *Isaiah 46:9-19*, His purposes will be established, and He will accomplish all His good pleasure.

What Was and What Is

“And I saw heaven caused to having been opening ...” John does not just simply say, I saw into heaven, but he makes the point that his ability to peer into the heavenlies and see what was, what is, and what will be, was intentional, purposeful. In preparation for this moment, heaven was caused, by God, to being opened sometime in the past.

Perhaps John is making a throwback reference to the beginning of this narrative when he told us that a door had been standing open in heaven allowing him access to the heavenly realm.

Revelation 4:1

After these things I looked, and behold, a door which had been standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, like the sound of a trumpet **now** speaking with me, **now** saying, "You are commanded to come up here, and I will show you things which **now** must be hereafter."

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A White Horse

“...and behold, a white horse ...” The first thing John sees is a white horse, and the Spirit draws our attention to this horse by saying *“behold,”* which is a Greek interjection that functions as an *imperative*, a command. The Spirit wants us to pay attention to this horse and the fact that it is white. Why is this important? Shouldn't our attention be given to the rider and not so much the horse? As we have learned, the Spirit uses color as **Code** to communicate insights which unfortunately far too many tend to miss or choose to intentionally ignore.

It is uniformly understood and taught that this white horse provides us a picture of righteousness and purity, which is why the one sitting on it is Faithful, True, and in righteous He now judges and now wages war. The horse and the rider are a set, they match, and there is no incongruity in the picture.

This typology was first established for us back in *Revelation 6:1-2*: *“I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who chose to **now** be sitting on it is **now** having a bow; and a crown {a “stephanos,” a crown of victory} was caused to be given to him, and he went out **now** conquering and that he may conquer.”* When it comes to the horses and their riders, the colors of the horse and the deeds or the characteristics of the rider are a set, they match, there is no incongruity.

Yet, the modern teachers of **End Times fiction**, whose teachings dominate our cultural **End Times** narrative, summarily determined that the white horse of **Revelation 6:1-2** is the Antichrist, with white being a picture of religious deception. This conclusion stands in absolute contrast to the **Code**, to the color “white” as it is revealed across the **Codex**. It also stands in contrast to the practices of *Expositional Constancy* which these teachers tout though blatantly dismiss when it serves their positional purposes. Expositional Constancy is the principle that once symbols and idioms in the Bible are used consistently, they represent the same thing whenever they are used.

If our attention is drawn, “*behold*,” to the color of the horse, then it is significant. If it is a picture of religious deception in the first instance, then it would be the same in the second instance. But no one will say that this rider who is Faithful and True and both judges and wages war in righteousness is filled with duplicity, unrighteousness, and religious deception.

As we have learned, “white” is **Code** and it is an image that is identified with purity and righteousness. Throughout the book of **Revelation**, and in the entire **Codex**, there is **NEVER** ever a time where the color “white” speaks of deception, fraud, or duplicity. White is always a symbol representing purity and righteousness.¹ Therefore, according to the practice of *Expositional Constancy*, we must apply the **Code** correctly, just like we did with the white horse that came forth when the first seal judgment was opened.²

A Vision of Victory

This image of the rider on a white horse has a very specific historical context and it speaks of Jesus’ ultimate victory. When a Roman general would return from conquering his foes, he would ride through Rome on a white horse so everyone would know he had been victorious. In this instance, Jesus has not even started the fight and He is seen on a white horse. The implication is that He is already victorious. In other words, the fight is over before it even starts. He is victory; thus, everywhere He goes victory is accomplished. This will hardly be a war much less a fight. He just comes and with the breath of His mouth (with His words), He claims victory.

Jesus was the Victor, Jesus is the Victor, and Jesus will be the Victor when He steps from His throne and returns to earth.

The Rider Who is Faithful & True

Having established that the color of the horse is intended to be a statement about the one who is worthy of riding that horse, we are told, “... and He who **now** chooses to be sitting on it is caused to **now** being called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He **now** judges and **now** wages war.”³

The phrase “*caused to now being called*” may seem odd, but it is rendered in the *present passive participle*. The *present* tense means that even now He is being called faithful and true. The *passive* voice means that He did not make up this claim of being faithful and true, but a third party has said this about Him. The *participle* means that it is an ongoing claim: faithful and true is what others are now calling Him.

Why are the concepts of His being “*faithful and true*” connected with His righteous judgment and with

¹ **Revelation 3:4-5, 18, 4:4, 6:11, 7:9, 13-14, 14:14, 20:11**

² See **Revelation 6:1-2**

³ “sit” is rendered in the *present middle participle*; “called” is in the *present passive participle*; “judge” and “make war” are both rendered in the *present active indicative*

that of war? In the letter to the church of Laodicea, Jesus was identified as the “*faithful and true witness, the origin* {often translated as beginning} *of the creation of God...*”⁴ As the one who created all things and knows every detail, even the secret undisclosed aspects of all creation, there is no better *witness* as to why war is necessary.⁵ And since He judges in righteousness, we know He wages a just war.

Psalm 96:13

For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the people in His faithfulness.

Isaiah 11:1-5

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of **Yahweh** will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of **Yahweh**.

And He will delight in the fear of **Yahweh**, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Also, righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist.

Now Judges & Now Wages War

Since “*judges*” and “*wages war*” are both rendered in the *present* tense, we know that this passage is not just about the Second Coming of Christ and the judgment and war He wages upon His return. Rather, this is a layered passage, for even **now** He judges and even **now** He wages war.

This takes us back to the letters to the churches. By way of example, in the letter to the church at Pergamum, Jesus commanded the church to repent for they had members who held to the teaching, or to the apostasy of, **Balaam**, which is a euphemism for those driven by the “*lust of the eyes*,” in that they use spirituality to acquire what this world has to offer. They also had people who followed the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which Jesus said He hates. We learned in the letter to Ephesus that the teaching of the Nicolaitans is essential the apostasy of **Cain**, represented by the “*lust of the flesh*,” the lawless or unauthorized deeds of spirituality. The teaching of the Nicolaitans is a subtle and dangerous form of idolatry premised on the belief that Christians can do “good” and be “good” and offer up “good” works to God.⁶

In that regard, we have learned that being captive to the Harlot, those who cling to the religion of Christianity have become the largest peddler of “good works” that are lawless, licentious, and unauthorized by the Father; works which are motivated by *instinctual religious wisdom*, just as we studied

⁴ **Revelation 3:14**

⁵ **John 1:3, 10; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2**

⁶ **Jude 11; 1 John 2:16**

in **Jude** and saw so this clearly in **Revelation 18**. This resulted in Jesus saying to those in Pergamum:

Revelation 2:16-17

You are commanded to repent; or else I **now** choose to come to you quickly, and I will in the **future** *make war against them* with the sword of My mouth. He who is **now** having an ear, is commanded to hear what the Spirit **now** says to the churches.

Those at Pergamum gave themselves to demons who pose as gods and in so doing committed acts of immorality. And with a spoken word (the sword of His mouth), Jesus says that He will go to war against them to put down His enemies. This should not be read lightly, for Jesus will use whatever is necessary to carry out His battleplans.

Jesus now judges and Jesus now wages war.

The War which Jesus now wages is because His judgment is true. By way of example, consider what the Spirit said to believers.

James 4:4-6

You adulteresses, **adulteresses**, have you not known that friendship with the world **now** is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever may be caused to be willing to **now** be a friend of the world **now** is caused to make himself an enemy of God. Or do you **now** think that the Scripture **now** speaks to no purpose: "He **now** jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?

Using the language of immorality, the language of the Harlot, God declares that our desires for the world makes us hostile toward God, an enemy. *"For all that in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life now is not of the Father but now is of the world."* And since *"the whole world chooses to now lie in the wickedness,"* Jesus, in His jealousy, fights against us for us.⁷

Jesus now judges and Jesus now wages war.

His desire is to put down the enemy so that as He promised to those in Pergamum, *"To him who is **now** overcoming, to him I will give some of the manna I have been hiding, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name which I have been writing on the stone which no one knows but he who is now receiving it."*

Through this war, we gain the opportunity to overcome though our willingness to let God put down those parts of us that are committed to the Harlot, that are bound to the apostasy of Cain (the lust of the flesh), the apostasy of Balaam (the lust of the eyes), and the apostasy of Korah (the boastful pride of life).

Jesus now judges and Jesus now wages war.

It is up to us to choose whether we will let Him conquer us. Way back in the very beginning of this study, we discussed that the entire narrative is about a **Divine Conquest**, God's desire to be the Lord our

⁷ 1 John 2:16; 1 John 5:19

God Almighty. It is all so very personal. Yet, in this life, **Yahweh** does not force us to bow the knee to Him, but through war He breaks the chains by which the enemy has kept us bound allowing us to choose to bow the knee to Him or to run back to our captors. Sadly, it seems that most in His household love being captive and so they cling to the Harlot. But because Jesus now judges and now wages war, everyone in His household is given the legitimate opportunity to choose to live in unrestrained freedom, making Him their own Lord God Almighty, their **I AM**.

Jesus now judges and Jesus now wages war.

Faithful

“... and He who **now** chooses to be sitting on it is caused to **now** being called Faithful and True...” Let’s consider these attributes. Why is He “caused to now being called faithful”? Because everything He said He would do, He has done. He has not left anything undone. **Plan-A** is coming to full fruition. He is the one whose Word can be implicitly trusted. It has become abundantly clear from the first verse in **Revelation** that He has been to us everything that He promised He would be and everything that we would let Him be. He has lived up to His name as the great “**I AM**.” Even when we are not aware of His actions toward us, they are always faithful to His Word.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Psalms 36:5

Your lovingkindness, O **Yahweh**, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Psalms 89:8

O **Yahweh Elohe Sabaoth** (Lord God of hosts), who is like You, O mighty **Yahh**? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

Psalms 119:89-90

Forever, O **Yahweh**, your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations ...

True

In addition, He is called “*true*” because everything that He has said, everything He has done, and everything He has ever been about is without error, ruse, trickery, deception, or miscalculation. Hence, He alone is worthy to be sitting on that white horse.

The Spirit wants us to believe with our entire heart and minds that “*true*” is an adjective which describes **Yahweh’s** very personhood. As Jesus is faithful so He is true. Jesus once boldly proclaimed that

He is the way, the truth, and the life.⁸ Therefore, because He is true, the Spirit wants us to fully trust everything that He has said and everything He has promised.

The Spirit does not want us to get deceived by what we think is true based on our circumstances, how we see things through our eyes of flesh. Rather, He wants us to trust ourselves to Jesus fully convinced that He is the **Lord our God, the Almighty**—the one who delights in the details of our lives and guides each-and-every step.⁹

Accordingly, the Father wants us to follow the Lamb wherever He goes, and that means wherever. It does not matter through which dark valley He leads us or over what mountain He takes us. The Spirit wants us to follow Jesus trusting that He is true and therefore worthy of our following Him each-and-every step of the way.

WE CAN FOLLOW THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES BECAUSE HE IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE!

He Now Judges & Now Wages War Because He is Faithful & True

Jesus' character—His very nature—defines His actions. *“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.”*¹⁰ Thus, we know that every judgment He makes is, by definition, just and true. He does not just react to things in some mad crazy outburst of anger. He always knows the facts, from the beginning to the end, and His conclusions are always right.

Therefore, when He goes to war, His reasons are always intrinsically good. There is no darkness at all in any of His decisions or any of His ways.¹¹ Even His acts of war are about redemption, correction, and protection of His Chosen ones (His bride). This is the narrative of the entire **Codex** played out over-and-over again in each-and-every generation.

With “judges” and “makes war” being rendered in the *present* tense, we know that with the “now” of every generation, God has been bringing judgment and war in righteousness. In fact, the Father even now is bringing judgment according to each one's work.¹²

In the **Codex**, a woman named Hannah, who was the mother of the prophet Samuel, had this to say about God judging and making war.

1 Samuel 2:2-10

There is no one holy like **Yahweh**, indeed, there is no one besides You, nor is there any rock like our God. Boast no more so very proudly, do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; **for Yahweh is a God of knowledge, and with Him actions are weighed.**

⁸ **John 14:6**

⁹ **Psalm 37:23**

¹⁰ **Psalm 97:2**

¹¹ **1 John 1:5**

¹² **1 Peter 1:17.** Note, “judges” is rendered in the *present active participle*

The bows of the mighty are shattered, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full hire themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry cease to hunger. Even the barren gives birth to seven, but she who has many children languishes.

Yahweh kills and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up. **Yahweh** makes poor and rich; He brings low, He also exalts. He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles and inherit a seat of honor; for the pillars of the earth are **Yahweh's**, and He set the world on them. He keeps the feet of His godly ones, but the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; for not by might shall a man prevail.

Those who contend with **Yahweh** will be shattered; against them He will thunder in the heavens, **Yahweh** will judge the ends of the earth; and He will give strength to His king and will exalt the horn of His anointed.

Despite the intensity of this present reality, that He **now** judges and **now** makes war, He is always and forever fair in His judgment.

Psalm 96:10-13

Tell all the nations, " **Yahweh** reigns!" The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. *He will judge all peoples fairly.* Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise before **Yahweh**, for he is coming! He is coming to judge the earth. *He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with his truth.*

Here is a scary thought. It is through judgment and war that **Yahweh** now preserves humanity, for without His righteous intervention mankind would likely destroy itself. Sin is such a cancer and reproduces so quickly that if He were not acting on behalf of the righteous, the wicked would so corrupt and pollute this world that they would swallow up the righteous.

In the same way, it is how He preserves our very lives. To those who let Him (as only those who are the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** do), He will judge and go to war against everything within their being that stands in opposition to His rule and reign within their lives. As He expressed in His letter to the church at Laodicea, He will knock on every door, and every door that is opened He will come in and make that room a place of habitation and intimacy for Him. It is how He accomplishes His desire to transform us into His image. It is how He effects the **Design Point** and comes to live in-and-through our being. But it requires war and death to know His life and His victory. In short, as our Savior, He is willing, if we let Him, to save us from ourselves.

His Appearance

Revelation 19:12

His eyes as a flame of fire, and on His head many diadems; **now** having a name caused to having been written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

His Eyes

The description, “*His eyes as a flame of fire*” comes straight from John’s first view of the resurrected Christ in the opening chapter of **Revelation**.¹³ Therefore, we know that the one who was first described to us is the one who now has chosen to be sitting on the white horse.

The eyes as a flame of fire speak to us of His penetrating wisdom and divine knowledge. His eyes see all things and pierces every veil, as everything is naked and exposed before Him.¹⁴ This is the very reason He can judge in righteousness, for nothing escapes His gaze. In fact, God searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought of man.¹⁵ “*He alone knows the hearts of men.*”¹⁶ And that is because “*The eyes of Yahweh are in every place, watching the evil and the good.*”¹⁷ If you can imagine, the **Codex** tells us that He even knows what we are going to say before we say it.¹⁸ His eyes are as a flame of fire which penetrates all.

His Diadems

On His head are many diadems, or crowns indicating royalty. Unlike a “*stephanos*,” a crown of victory, a “*diadema*” describes a crown worn exclusively by royalty, in this instance, by the King. The implication is that His many crowns establish His authority over every other king, rule, power, authority, principality, dominion, and world or angelic forces. This is true whether such authorities exist and operate upon the earth or in some spiritual dimension. He is it, and He has the crowns to prove it. “He is the head over all rule and authority”¹⁹ bar none! Hence, He is called **King of Kings** and **Lord of Lords**. In the infamous words of King Nebuchadnezzar:

Daniel 4:34-35

For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

¹³ See **Revelation 1:14**

¹⁴ **Hebrews 4:13**

¹⁵ **1 Chronicles 28:9**

¹⁶ **2 Chronicles 6:30**

¹⁷ **Proverbs 15:3**

¹⁸ **Psalms 139:4**

¹⁹ **Colossians 2:10**

His Name: A Secret

“... **now** having a name caused to having been written on Him which no one knows except Himself.” Being rendered in the *present active participle*, this mysterious name is even now written on Him. The rider now and continually bears the name, but He has not shared it with any man; He has kept it to Himself.²⁰ We have learned that His memorial name to all generations is **Yahweh**, so this name must be extra special that He has yet to share it with humanity.

This is pure speculation, but given the context, this name might have something to do with His grand eclipsing of all power and authority. Perhaps this name His ultimate weapon, and He wants to keep it a secret until it is time to use it. After all, “At the **name** of Jesus every knee may bow, and every tongue may choose to confess that Jesus Christ Lord to the glory of God the Father.”²¹ Most have always assumed that this passage referred to “Jesus” as the name before which they will bow (or even before the name “**Yahweh**”). But it could also be read that at this mysterious name of Jesus, every knee will bow as His majesty and authority is recognized by all.

This name just might be the sword which comes from His mouth, the sword which He uses to conquer all His enemies. Remember, He but spoke and creation was set into motion. Therefore, all He will have to do is once again speak (perhaps just this name alone) and all who oppose Him will be decimated. After all, the **Codex** states that “with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.”²²

There is also a chance that this secret name is the new name spoken about in the letter to the church at Philadelphia. Jesus said that upon all who are now overcoming or are now being victorious, He “will in the **future** inscribe upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which is now coming down out of heaven from My God, **and My new name.**”²³ For those who are now overcoming, they will have both the name of the Father and this new name inscribed upon them. How cool is that?

A Shadow

This image is also similar to what Jesus said to the church at Pergamum: “To him who is **now** overcoming, to him I will give some of the manna I have been hiding, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name which I have been writing on the stone which no one knows but he who is **now** receiving it.”²⁴ So even in this mysterious name thing we share in Jesus’ experience; and, like Him, we will have a secret name known only to ourselves and to our God.

Let’s stop here and in our next podcast we will continue with this picture of warrior Jesus.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”

²⁰ “written” is rendered in the *perfect passive participle*; “knows” is rendered in the *perfect active indicative*

²¹ **Philippians 2:10**. See also **Romans 14:11**

²² **Isaiah 11:3**

²³ **Revelation 3:12**

²⁴ **Revelation 2:17**