

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 6/20-21/2022 *Revelation Chapter 19:1-10*

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OPENING PRAYER

Revelation Chapter 19 – The Triumphal Return of Christ the King!

Heaven Exults over Babylon – (vs. 1-10); Christ on a White Horse – (vs. 11-16); The Beast and His Armies Defeated – (vs. 17-21)

Preview:

- **This is one of the greatest chapters in the entire Bible!** It deals with three of the most important events in our lives. 1) **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb**; 2) **The return of Christ with His Church**; and 3) **The final triumph over the Antichrist and the False Prophet**. The climax of the entire Revelation is reached in this dramatic and exciting chapter in which Christ returns as the King of kings!
- **Revelation 19 is probably the most dramatic chapter in the entire Bible. It is the final capstone to the death and resurrection of Christ.** In chapter 19 the living Savior returns to earth to crush all satanic opposition to the truth! He establishes His kingdom on earth in fulfillment of the Old

Testament prophecies and of His own promise to return. (**Mat 24:3**) *Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"*

- **Jesus responded, (Mat 24:29-30)** *"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. [30] 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.*
- **The return of Jesus Christ is a twofold event.** It marks both the final defeat of the Antichrist and the final triumph of Christ. It is the glorious advent of the Son of God! Without Him, there is no hope of a better future. He is the central figure of the world to come! It is His kingdom, and we are His Bride! Oh, what a day that will be!

Rev 19:1 *After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Alleluia! - Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!*

- **Hallelujah!** We see four Alleluias in chapter 19! (**Rev 19: 1,3,4,6**)

HANDEL'S MESSIAH – (HALLELUJAH CHORUS) – George Frideric Handel -1742 - (1:59_4:06)

PART 1: *Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah*

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The kingdom of this world Is become The kingdom of our Lord, And of His Christ And of His Christ

And He shall reign forever and ever And He shall reign forever and ever (And He shall reign forever and ever)

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- **After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Alleluia!** Chapter 19 opens with a heavenly chorus, a **“great multitude” singing the praises of God!** We have moved back to the heavenly scene. *After these things* is a great marker in the Book of Revelation. It is a huge thing! “We are now after these judgments! **They are complete!**
- **This marker could be thought of as “after these things,” including everything in the Scriptures between the fall in Genesis chapter 3 and the end of Revelation, chapter 18!**
- **A great multitude”** – Who all are included in the great multitude in verse one, who gives this praise to God? Many believe it refers to those described in (**Rev 7:9-12**) *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10] and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! [11] All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12] saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."*
- **However, whether or not this includes the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures, is a question** in that they are not introduced here, responding with the addition of “Amen! Alleluia!” until (**Rev 19:4**) *And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"*
- **Alleluia is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew word (halal – lu - jah) and it is, praise the LORD, praise ye the LORD.** *Hallel* is praise; *lu*, the, *Jah* or Yahweh; Praise the Lord. This is the first time, of four times, the word *Alleluia* is used in the New Testament. It is used quite frequently throughout the Psalms because, of course, they were in Hebrew. But now this Greek word, *Alleluia*, the transliteration of Hebrew word, *Hallelujah*, praise the Lord!

- ***(The) Salvation and (The) glory and (The) honor and (The) power belong to the Lord our God!***
The message of praise, which the multitude gives a fourfold stanza.
 - ✓ ***The Salvation*** - Praise for the Salvation that belongs to the Lord our God! (**Acts 4:12**) ***Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Tit 2:11-13) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, [12] teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, [13] looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.***
 - ✓ ***The glory*** - Praise for the Glory - His glory! (the outward, brilliant, display!) that He alone possesses and deserves! – (**Psalm 24:7-10**) ***Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. [8] Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. [9] Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. [10] Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. (1Co 2:7-8) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, [8] which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (Jesus, the Lord of glory!); (John 17:5) And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.***
 - ✓ ***The honor*** - Praise for the honor which He alone should receive – A recurring theme throughout the Bible; - (**Rev 4:9,11; 5:12,13; 7:12; 21:24,26 – 7x**) ***Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, [11] "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."***
 - ✓ ***The power*** - Praise for the Power which He has – We will really know His power then, won't we? – (**Rev. 4:11, 7:12, 15:8**) ***"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." [7:12] saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."***
 - ✓ ***Alleluia!*** - ***Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!***

Rev 19:2 For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication;

(Rev 15:3) They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

(Rev 16:7) And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

(Deu 32:43) "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people."

- ***True and righteous are His judgments.*** It is interesting to me how throughout the Book of Revelation, which is a book that deals with God's fierce judgments that He is going to meet out upon the earth, that all the way through these judgments there is the recognition, the acknowledgement, the declaration of the faithfulness of God's judgments. True and righteous are His judgments. There are some people who challenge the judgments of God. There are often times an insinuation by the question—the insinuation that God is not fair. How could a God of love? Why would a God of love? Whenever you get questions like that, there is an undertone of a challenge of the fairness of God. We do not really put much trust in the judgments of man or in the fairness or in the righteousness of the judgments of man.
- ***We have all read some judgments, and we say, surely justice is blind.*** We cannot believe some of the judgments that are meted out by man. ***But I am absolutely certain that what God does is right!*** Whatever God does is right! All the way through there is the attesting to the fairness of God, the righteousness of God in His judgments! No one can say that they got a bum rap from God. When God judges us, it will be according to righteousness!
- ***Because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her (the false church) the blood of His servants shed by her.*** This false religious system that has suppressed the gospel, which has held people in bondage, which has been as Lenin described,

“The opiate of the people bringing them into a blind stupor,” causing them to trust in the system rather than in the living God.

- **True and righteous are His judgments.** We see the righteous worship and praise is on the basis of the truth and righteousness of the judgments of God. The redeemed have long known **that salvation from sin is by the work of the Lord.** They have been redeemed from the penalty and power of sin. But now they see that they are to be redeemed from the presence of sin! The corruption of sin is to be rooted out of the earth, put down forever, cast off into outer darkness. Truly salvation, glory and power are from God. The enemy is judged, and we are freed from the great harlot forever!

Rev 19:3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

- **Alleluia.** As mentioned, we have four of them here in the 19th chapter. Again, they said *Alleluia*. Now you say, but it says *Alleluia*. In the Greek, there is a little sort of backwards apostrophe at the beginning of vowels, the “a” and the “e” that give to them a “h” sound. Therefore, it is really correctly pronounced in the Hebrew “Hallelujah.”
- **Her smoke rose up for ever and ever,** which is the smoke of the judgment of God upon this great system. As long as the Godhead is to endure and so long as the believers are to reign with Him in glory, so long must the wrath of God be poured upon those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no evidence in the Bible that the lake of fire will ever turn one heart toward God or cause one guilty sinner to relax in the slightest, the enmity against God that typifies their carnal mind. (*Mar 9:44, 46, 48*) where *'THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.'*

Rev 19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying,

(Rev 4:4,6,10) Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones, I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. [6] Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. [10] the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

"Amen! Alleluia!"

- **These two terms were used when King David brought the ark** from Kirjath Jearim to Jerusalem in (*1Ch 16:36*) *Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.*
- **Now we read that the saints join in the praise of heaven.** The twenty-four elders who are the leaders of the church and Israel, join in the chorus which the angel hosts have started. The company of the cherubim join in this worship. Note that these two groups fall down and worship before they take up the Hallelujah. For us, the believers out of this world, it is understandable that the destruction of “the world” that hated us because it hated Christ, calls forth the deepest praise and devotion from redeemed hearts! The worship of the cherubim can be better understood when it is realized that Lucifer was originally of their number and that he fell, dragging down a great number of the hosts of Heaven. Surely these cherubim who remained faithful to God will have every cause to be thankful that they did not follow the deceiver, but that they remained forever as the symbols of God’s power and authority.
- **The four living creatures are the cherubim that are around the throne** worshiping God. It is interesting in the worship of God, these twenty-four elders, representative of the church, are always falling down and worshiping God. In the fourth chapter as the cherubim are saying, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which is, which was, which is to come, the twenty-four elders fell on their faces, casting their golden crowns on the glassy sea, saying, You are worthy, oh Lord, to receive the glory and honor!” Again, we find them now falling on the ground as they worship God responding to the worship of the people as they say, *Amen*, so be it!
- **And the twenty-four elders.** We were introduced to them back in chapter four representing the church. This is the last appearance of the twenty-four elders. They apparently become the Bride. Notice the *Amen*, which speaks volumes.
- **Amen! Alleluia!** Note that in the praise of the church there is another word added which speaks loudly. For their word is not merely *Alleluia*, but ***Amen, Alleluia!*** These are both Hebrew words

which have become universal. Amen is the word that was so frequently and so solemnly upon the lips of the Lord Jesus when He was here on earth.

- **Every time we read that Christ said, “Verily, verily, or Truly, truly, I say to you, it is, in the original tongue, “Amen, Amen, I say unto you”** This solemn assertion of truth is most striking. The church now takes the word in praise to God! Is there not, in this brief word on the lips of the believers in Heaven, this triumphant testimony to the Word of God in all its power and truth?

Rev 19:5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants (doulos – bond slaves) and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

- ***Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great! Here is*** encouragement if we needed it. Calling on all to praise God. In the Psalms we are constantly being exhorted to praise, and we are given different things for which we should be praising the Lord. We are shown the different ways by which we should be praising the Lord. Praising Him with instruments! Praising Him with our voices! Praising Him for His mercy endures forever! Praising Him for His goodness! Praising Him for so many things and thus, again we are here exhorted to praise the Lord, this voice from the throne of God!
- ***All you His servants (doulos – bond slaves) and those who fear Him!*** This call to praise is addressed to all His bondslaves, those that fear Him, the small and great. Bondslaves are very different from ordinary slaves. When through difficulties, a Hebrew became a bondsman of another, this slavery was not permitted by the Mosaic law to endure more than six years. In the seventh year the bondman was to be freed. The Lord made provision, however, for those who were so kindly treated that they did not wish their freedom. ***(Deu 15:16-17) And if it happens that he says to you, 'I will not go away from you,' because he loves you and your house, since he prospers with you, [17] then you shall take an awl and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise.*** So, this call of God, addressed to the universe, reaches the ears of all the hosts of Heaven, angels, and saints, all of them bondslaves, **who delight in their submission to God**, rejoicing that now there is to be, but one will in all the universe! That is the will of God! The will of rebellion is about to be broken forever!
- ***All in the universe who fear Him, both small and great are call upon to praise Him.*** We are told in ***(Isa 55:8-9) "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. [9] "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. God is absolutely perfect!*** This perfection is such that God could never deteriorate nor could He improve. He could never learn anything new for He is all knowledge. He is the eternal, absolute God!
- ***For this reason, it would be wrong for Him not to call for universal worship.*** Every gifted human being is aware of the gifts he possesses. It would be impossible for a champion runner not to know that he was always first at the tape. If this be so with human beings, how much more is it so with God who knows that all fullness dwells in Himself. He knows that for any creature to be satisfied with anything other than God or for a creature not to praise Him is a mark of imperfection in the creature. And imperfection is sin, and all sin is to be removed from the universe. Now that Babylon is destroyed and Satan is in full retreat and about to go into the bottomless pit, God calls upon all Heaven from which every sinning angel has now been banished and from which, all sin will be removed forever, to join in the Alleluia.

Rev 19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia!"

- ***Alleluia!*** This is the fourth and last of the Alleluias. It comes from hearts that are delighted to be a one with His divine will. The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns! The Lord Jesus sat at the right hand of the Father, until the moment came to make the enemies His footstool! Now the time of victory is here! ***(Psa 110:1) The LORD said to my Lord, " Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."***

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

(Rev 11:15) 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!"

(Rev 20:6) Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

(Rev 22:5) There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

- **The time has come. The earth has been languishing under the reign of Satan** for almost six thousand years. It was approximately six thousand years ago when Adam forfeited the right and the title to the earth over to Satan, where Satan began his deadly rule over the earth, his destructive rule. The world has suffered all of the sickness, all of the maladies, all of the suffering that we see in the world. You can trace back to Satan's reign, his ruling over the earth. All of the wars, all of the bloodshed, all of the strife, all of the jealousies, all of these things that make life miserable, can be traced back to the rule of Satan.
- **The Lord God, Omnipotent** (*pantokratōr* - the all ruling, that is, God as absolute and universal, sovereign, Almighty) **reigns!** No wonder they are saying praise the Lord because the time has come when He is going to now establish His kingdom upon the earth! The time has come when He is going to rule over the earth, and thus the rejoicing in heaven because the time has come when the Lord God omnipotent will again reign over all, over the earth!

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

(Mat 25:10) And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

- **The marriage of the Lamb!** A further reason for the glory and praise is the announcement that the marriage of the Lamb has come, and that His wife has made herself ready! There has been a great deal of discussion among commentators as to the identity of this one who is called the Lamb's wife. It seems there may be another company seen in the ninth verse who is evidently distinct from the bride. For there we find mention of **those who are called** to the wedding. Who are these? The bride and the guests, as is used in *(Mat 22:2-3) "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, [3] and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.*
- **The terms, bride, and the guests, as ordinarily used, would seem to indicate a designed distinction** between them. Christ has other relationships than that to the Church. The figure of marriage is used in references to Christ and Israel. We surely cannot press the figure of marriage to mean more than the unity implied therein between Christ and the redeemed, whether they be Israel or the Church. If Israel, as distinct from the Church, is to be brought into such unity with Christ, there is justification for the use of such figurative language in reference to Israel. In view of this we cannot be positive of the identity of the company that here constitutes the bride. The Church, unquestionably, is the body of guests at the great supper as seen in Luke 14.
- **We know from many passages of Scripture that Israel** is to be brought into eternal relationship with the Lord which is prefigured by the symbol of marriage, such as is given to us in *(Hosea 2:14-23)*. If both Israel and the Church are seen in this relationship with each other as the delighted guests, the symbolism will be complete and all the passages on this may be understood without difficulty.
- **Throughout the New Testament the figure of a husband and wife is used** to depict the relationship of Christ to His church. Paul said in *(2Co 11:2) For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*
- **Whenever you get into the symbolisms or the analogies of the husband and the wife,** there is to be a full and complete and single devotion unto the husband, unto Jesus Christ. Our worship is to be directed to Him. Our love for Him must exceed all other loves. If there develops in our life a love for something or some experience that exceeds our love for the Lord, we are committing adultery. Because our first love is to be to Him and for Him. If your first love is directed toward anything else that it constitutes spiritual adultery.
- **Throughout the New Testament, you notice that the false religious system,** the false church, was called the great harlot. Why? Because she was entertaining other gods. The gods of power, the gods of wealth. She was embracing those gods seeking to exercise power over the earth and exercising and

using her wealth. She was worshiping those things, thus coming under judgment because her first love was not for the Lord.

- **Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.** Over and over again as Jesus talked about His second coming, He was telling them that they needed to be watching and they needed to be ready. For in such an hour as you think not, He said, I am coming. So, His bride, His wife has made herself ready, ready for the marriage.
- **Video “Before the Wrath”** – a 2020 documentary video, showing a Galilean wedding, which can be rented or purchased from Amazon, of which Jesus and His disciples would have been so familiar, as they were all Galileans. It demonstrates **that only the Father of the groom knows the hour and date** of the Rapture of the church, as Jesus said, (*Mat 24:36*) *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.* It is a very helpful documentary, giving timing and detail of the coming Rapture of the Church. Also, **the reason we know why Jesus is indeed coming back, which is to marry, to receive, His bride.** (*Joh 14:3*) *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

Rev 19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright,

(Rev 19:14) And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- **Paul when he was writing to the Philippians talked about the righteousness** that he was seeking to achieve through the law. (*Php 3:3b-7*) *If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: [5] circumcised the eighth day of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; [6] concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. [7] But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.*
- **Here was Paul on his way to Damascus.** We are told that he was breathing out threats of murder, hating these, Christians. He was so zealous for the law. These Christians were worshiping Jesus. It incensed him! He was breathing out murders, what he was going to do when he got hold of them. He was commissioned. He had papers from the high priest that empowered him to imprison those in Damascus, the church that was worshiping the Lord.
- **But on the road to Damascus Paul met Jesus about noonday.** There was this bright light that was brighter than the sun and a voice, speaking to him, saying, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It has been hard for you to kick against the goads. Paul said, who are You, Lord, that I might serve You? He said I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.
- **Jesus began to reveal to Paul the righteousness that He provided** through His death. He fulfilled the law completely. *God made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God through Him.*
- **The Lord began to reveal to Paul the righteousness which is of faith.** Paul began to see the Old Testament in a new light. Looking back at Abraham, he realized that God said that Abraham’s faith was accounted to him for righteousness! It was a whole new revelation that I do not have to work to be righteous! I have to believe. I have to believe in Jesus Christ!
- **One day they asked Jesus what work must we do in order to do the work of God?** Jesus responded, this is the work of God, just believe on Him whom He has sent. God has made righteousness something that is available for all of us. Even a child can believe in Jesus and be accounted righteous.
- **We thank God for this new and living way!** When Jesus took the cup, He said this is a New Covenant, a covenant whereby you can relate to God, a covenant whereby you can become a child of God. This is a New Covenant. It is in My blood. It is shed for the remission of sins. God has established through Jesus Christ a New Covenant, a way by which I can approach God, a way by which I can come to God. It is through the righteousness of Jesus Christ that is imputed to me by my faith in Christ!
- **So, the bride adorned in the beautiful gown the righteousness of Jesus Christ.** Paul said, (*Php 3:9-11*) *and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith [10] that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to*

His death, [11] if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. to be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law but the righteousness, which is of Christ, through faith.

- **For the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.** Not Christ's imputed righteousness granted to believers at salvation, but the practical results of that righteousness in believers' lives, which is the outward manifestation of His imputed inward virtue, in every believer!

Rev 19:9 *Then he (the angel) said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!"*

- **Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!** Here, we have the fourth blessing of seven promised blessings in Revelation! The word blessed means oh, how happy! I cannot even imagine the rapture and the joy that we will experience when we are there in heaven clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ! We hear the invitation to come because the marriage of the Lamb, the bride has made herself ready, clothed in righteousness. And there we stand, clothed in the righteousness of Jesus with exceeding joy! He is going to present us to the Father! (**Jud 1:24-25**) *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. [25] To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.*
- **Exceeding joy. I think you need to sort of stretch it out!** Exceeding joy! Far beyond anything you have ever experienced here on earth! Far beyond the greatest experience that you have ever had of elation and joy will be the joy of that moment when that time has come when we are to be accepted as the bride of Jesus Christ. "Oh, how happy are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." Then, because it is so absolutely beyond our capacity to imagine, it sounds like a wonderful dream!
- **The marriage supper of the Lamb.** Throughout all the different groups of saints throughout the history of the world will no doubt retain their distinct identities in the ages to come, they will all be at the great marriage supper, for all will be in the presence of the Lord forever! In fact, the ultimate eternal home of the saints, the New Jerusalem, is even called "the bride, the Lamb's wife (**Rev 21:9-10**) *Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." [10] And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.*
- **Who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!** Those who are called. This is not the bride (the church) but the guests. The bride does not need to be invited. She is the one who she invites. Likely, who is being called here are those saved before Pentecost, all the faithful believers saved by grace through faith up to the birth of the church at Pentecost. Though they are not the bride, they still are glorified and reign with Christ in the millennial kingdom. It is more of a difference in imagery rather than in reality. The guests also will include the tribulation saints and believers alive in earthly bodies in the kingdom. The church is the bride, pure and faithful—never a harlot, like Israel was demonstrated in Hosea. The church is the bride during the presentation feast in heaven, then comes to earth for the celebration of the final meal! During the millennium?? After that event, the new order comes, and the marriage is consummated.
- **She is inscribed with both the names of the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles of the Lamb (**Rev 21:12, 14**)** *Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*
- **[14]** *Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb,* indicating that both the pre-Calvary saints in Israel and the post Calvary saints of the Gentile age will be a part of the bride, dwelling in the Holy City.
- **The only requirements of being at the great supper are:** (1) Responding to His invitation and putting on the garments of salvation (Mat 22:1-14), and (2) Assuming the right attitude of heart and life toward the Bridegroom and His revealed will (Mat 25:1-13).

And he (the angel) said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

(Rev 22:6) *Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.*

- ***These are the true sayings of God.*** Throughout the Bible whenever you get to those things that are so wonderful and so spectacular, there is often that little affirmation that this is God's Word, and it shall come to pass. My true words are of God! Being true, it is plain they are of God, and being of God, it is certain they are true; for He is the God of truth, and cannot lie; therefore, His sayings may be depended upon! When God affirms the truth, it just bolsters that much more in your heart! Glorious things! *Oh, how happy are those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God!*

Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!

- ***See that you do not do that! Worship God!*** Only God is to be worshipped. To "worship" means, literally, "to bow down to the will of the one being worshipped," and it is God's will with which we must be concerned, not that of any creature of God. The sin of the devil was his desire to be worshipped and obeyed as God.
- ***This will be repeated again in (Rev 22:8, 9) Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. [9] Then he said to me, See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!***

For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

(Luk 24:27) And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

- ***The testimony of Jesus.*** In Revelation alone, is this phrase found. It is used four time – ***(Rev 1:2,7; 12:17; 19:10.) The Spirit of prophecy.*** This is the only place where the phrase "***the Spirit of prophecy***" appears.
- ***Thus, a true prophet, inspired by the Holy Spirit, will testify that God was indeed incarnate in the man, Jesus! (1Jn 2:22) Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. (1 John 4:1-3) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. [2] By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, [3] and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. Therefore, Jesus is God and is to be worshipped! He and He, alone, are to be worshipped!***
- ***Jesus is the spirit of prophecy!*** The spirit of prophecy is Jesus. **All of prophecy centers around the person of Jesus.** All of the Old Testament prophecies centered around the person of Jesus. They were **prophesying the Messiah that is to come, would be** the conditions that would be going on around Israel and so forth, because that is where the Messiah would be. Now, the prophesies that we have today are still centered in Jesus, but **they are centered in the second coming of Jesus** and the world circumstances as they relate to Jesus and the second coming. **For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy!**

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN TOLD IN CHAPTER 19:1-10?

- ***"After these things"*** All the multitude in heaven, including the heavenly hosts, the church and Tribulation saints are crying out with a loud voice, *Alleluia* – four times!
- ***The twenty-four elders (the church) and the four living creatures are adding "Amen" – so be it! Alleluia!***
- ***Be glad, rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come!*** His wife has made herself ready, arrayed in fine linen, for the righteous acts of the saints!
- ***Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!***
- ***Worship God! Not man or anything else!***
- ***The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy!***

WHAT DOES THIS PROPHECY MEAN TO US, NOW?

- We need to watch, pray and be ready!
- Be the witness He wants us to be – to both believers and especially unbelievers!
- We thank Him for these insights into the future.
- We are so glad that we are on Your side, surrendering our lives even now acknowledging that Jesus is King. He is Lord. The King of our lives! We crown You now! To You be all glory!
- Even though today the world is gathered together against You. The Antichrist is already preparing the hearts of man in rebellion against You, but Lord, Your kingdom shall stand!
- We are so thankful that You have called us to be a part of Your glorious kingdom!
- You warned us that in these last days (*Mat 24:12*) *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.* Lord do not let our love grow cold!
- Keep us ever fervent in our pursuit of You and in our love for You!

CLOSING SONG:

HANDEL'S MESSIAH – (HALLELUJAH CHORUS) – George Frideric Handel -1742 (2:12_4:07)

*PART 2: King of kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)
And lord of lords (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)
King of kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)
And lord of lords (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)
King of kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)
And lord of lords King of kings and lord of lords
And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign)
And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign)
King of kings forever and ever And lord of lords hallelujah hallelujah
And he shall reign forever, forever and ever
King of kings and lord of lords King of kings and lord of lords
And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign forever and ever)
Forever and ever, forever and ever (King of kings and lord of lords)
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah*

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and meditate over *Chapter 19:11-21!* Christ on a White Horse – (vs. 11-16); The Beast and His Armies Defeated – (vs. 17-21) - What a great chapter!

NEXT WEEK WE WILL NOT BE MEETING IN THE CLASSROOMS, ZOOM ONLY!

SO, IF THE RAPTURE DOESN'T OCCUR, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ONLINE THEN!