

## Revelation 19

- Introduction
- "After these things..."
  - Revelation 4-18 dealt primarily with the events of the Great Tribulation.
  - Now, beginning in chapter 19 there is a noticeable change. The Great Tribulation has come to its end and the spotlight focuses on the second coming of Christ.
  - For the saints and angels it is a time of rejoicing and victory.

### I. Alleluia Choruses.

1. The alleluia of the great multitude.
  - A. For the saints and angels it is a time of rejoicing and victory.
  - B. *Alleluia* means: "Praise the Lord".
    1. In the Hebrew it is *Hallelujah*
      - a. *Hallelujah* is used often in the OT, but only here in the NT.
    2. The judgment of Babylon is a great triumph!
  - C. God has put an end to corruption on the earth.
    1. He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication...
      - a. Like wicked neighbors being finally arrested.
    2. Judged for her mistreatment of God's people.
      - a. He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."
        - i. Rev. 18:20 Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!
  - D. This is a permanent judgment against corruption.
    1. Babylon's judgment is eternal. We won't see her again!
2. The alleluia of the twenty four elders.
  - A. God is setting things right.
    1. How many of us have had experiences where we said "that's just not right"? God has now judged sin and rebellion and is going to bring in everlasting righteousness.
3. (5-6) A voice from the throne saying "praise God *all you his servants*"
  - A. The response is mighty thundering of *Alleluia*.
  - B. Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!
    1. Omnipotent means "all powerful"
    2. All of heaven is worshiping and praising God for He is reigning over the earth.
      - a. Psa. 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

- b. Psa. 47:2 For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.
- c. Rev. 11:15-17 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!" And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.
  - i. The rule of God is absolutely right, good, and wonderful.

## II. Marriage of the Lamb.

1. Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory for the marriage of the Lamb has come.
  - A. This is something to really be excited about!
    1. In some cases the wedding day is the most memorable day in one's life!
  - B. This wedding is announced in the name of the Groom.
2. The *Marriage* of the lamb has come.
  - A. In Scripture, marriage is often used to describe the relationship of saints to God.
    1. Israel as wife: Ezekiel 16
    2. Church as bride: Parable of the ten virgins.
3. ...And The Bride Has Made Herself Ready....
  - A. She has become the bride *as result of Christ's righteousness*, but it has been granted for the bride to be arrayed because her works of righteousness.
  - B. These are the righteous acts of a bride as she awaits her groom.
    1. What are the righteous acts that a bride awaiting her groom?
      - a. She would be keeping herself pure.
        - i. 2Cor. 11:2 I have betrothed you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
      - b. John 3: 3 we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
    2. She would be watching for the groom to be coming.
      - a. Parable of the ten virgins.

- i. Matthew 25 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
  - b. Have you stopped to consider that you could see *His face today*?
- 3. She would be keeping her love alive as she waits for him.
  - a. Rev. 2:4 (*Ephesus*) I have this against you, that you have left your first love.
  - b. The heart of the bride could go after other things.
    - i. Better looking – more money – bigger house – career.

#### 4. The marriage supper

A. Weddings in the first century normally included these stages:

- 1. (*Phase 1*) The arrangement of the marriage by the parents of the groom and of the bride.
- 2. (*Phase 2*) The groom would come to claim his bride (his coming would be unannounced and a great surprise, so the bride had to be ready)
- 3. (*Phase 3*) The wedding supper which was a several-day feast (illustrated in John 2).
  - a. *Here it is the wedding feast in view.*

5. Why the symbolism of marriage is used?

A. Marriage speaks of Love.

- 1. Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it.
- 2. Jer. 31:3 Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.
- 3. 1Peter 1:8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

B. Marriage speaks of Friendship and companionship.

- 1. James 2:23 Abraham believed God... And he was called the friend of God.
- 2. John 15:15 I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- 3. John 15:14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
- 4. John 14 ... 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.
- 5. John 12:26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also.
- 6. Rev. 14:4 These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

C. Marriage speaks of Commitment.

1. 1 Thes. 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
2. Eph. 2:7 That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

D. Finally: A shared life.

1. Matthew 26:29 I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."
  - a. Family photo albums tell the story of a shared life.

E. John falling at the angles feet only emphasizes the awesomeness of what he has just herd.