

The Book Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter Nineteen

The Second Coming of Christ

Focus Verses: **Revelation 19:11**

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

I. Lesson Introduction - 1 Peter 1:8

For a Born-Again Christian, this portion of Revelation is the sweetest! All of the passages in the Bible that talk about the “love of God” for us sinners were fulfilled when we turned to Jesus Christ and got saved. But now, the Christian who has grown in grace comes to realize how much he or she too loves God, and specifically, loves the Lord Jesus Christ! At the Marriage of the Lamb, not only will the group of believers be WITH Jesus, but Jesus will be with US in the most precious and wonderful of ways! The Bible compares it to a MARRIAGE made in Heaven. He who told us He loved us, and went away to prepare us a place (Jn 14:1-3), will have come again for us, and OH WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!!!

II. Lesson - The Second Coming

A. The _____ of The Lamb (19:1-10)

1. Rejoicing In Heaven (19:1-3)

a. After WHAT things:

- 1) Chapter 19:1 follows the destruction of literal Babylon at the end of the Tribulation
- 2) Chapter 18:1 Shows that this is a sequence of events

b. Huge rejoicing – _____; that vengeance has been served

c. Notice **When** Heaven Rejoices:

- 1) When sinners _____ (Luke 15:7) - these are they that have become His bride!
- 2) When Satan is _____ out of heaven (Rev 12:12)
- 3) When God _____ His judgements (Ps 48:11)
- 4) When the Lord _____ to judge the earth (Ps 96:11-13)
- 5) And when Jesus Christ _____ His Bride (19:7)!!!

d. Notice **How** Heaven Rejoices:

- 1) By _____ honour to the Lord: Salvation, glory, honour, and power came from and belongs to the Lord God! No one else!

QUESTION: Do you give to the Lord? If you do, do you give just money? Notice that money is not even mentioned in the list here!

- 2) By _____ the Lord: Alleluia (Greek), Hallelujah (Hebrew). Means “*praise ye the Lord*”.

QUESTION: Do you know HOW to “praise the Lord”? Did you know this involves “flattering His greatness!”?

NOTE: Did you notice the word used in heaven in verses 1,3,4, and 6? Did you notice what Paul said in Acts 26:14 about the language he heard Jesus speak to him in? I wonder what language we will be speaking in heaven? Probably HEBREW

- 3) By _____ the Lord.

QUESTION: What does it mean to “worship God?” Did you know that this means DELIGHTING in Him, as in adoring Him like a wife does her husband when they first get married!

PRINCIPLE: The reason for our lack of JOY in our lives is plainly because we don't GIVE TO, PRAISE, and WORSHIP our God. We like to think that we do, don't we?!

- e. Notice **Why** Heaven Rejoices:
- 1) God's judgments are true and righteous
 - 2) GOD has finally judged the "great whore" (religious whore). Spiritual and Literal Babylon has been JUDGED (19:1-3)
 - 3) The fruit of the whore's work:
 - a) Spiritually _____ the whole earth! Corrupted people's way to God
 - b) Physically _____ God's servants
 - 4) Because God reigns like He always has (19:6)
 - 5) Because the Marriage of the Lamb has finally come (19:7-9)
- f. The smoke of burning Babylon is more than just literal, physical smoke from the fire (18:9,18)
- 1) There is a burning that is _____
 - 2) Just like in Rev 14:11
 - 3) Just as with the burning of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:28; Jude 1:7)
2. Readyng the Bride (19:4-9)
- a. Everyone around the throne started worshipping God and praising Him for destroying the great whore
- 1) You have 24 elders
 - 2) And the four archangels
 - 3) And then more people in heaven are encouraged to join in the praise
- b. Everyone in unison, sounding like the crashing of many waters, and many simultaneous thunderings, said:
- 1) Alleluia
 - 2) The Lord God omnipotent (_____) reigns
 - 3) Let us be glad and rejoice
 - 4) Let us give God the honour He is due
- c. Because not only has the source of all false religion been finally destroyed...
- d. But the Church, the Lamb's bride has made herself ready
- e. Types of the Marriage
- 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____ - The Song of Solomon
- f. The Time of the Marriage - The **END** of the Tribulation
- 1) Note that "His wife hath made herself ready" at the Judgement Seat of Christ (1Cor 3:10-16; 2Cor 5:10,11; Rom 14:10-12). She now is without spot or wrinkle (Eph 5:27).
 - 2) This is the longest engagement in history (2Cor 11:2)!
- g. The Attire of the Marriage - Her OWN Righteousness (19:8)
- 1) A person is saved by the righteousness of Jesus Christ
 - 2) How has she become ready, and for what?
 - a) What you do AFTER your salvation for Christ makes up your OWN righteousness (Ps 7:8,17; 18:20-24)
 - b) Your own works (Eph 2:10) are proved at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 3:10-4:5).
 - 3) Properly clothed in clean and white fine linen
 - 4) It is only earned by righteous living

- 5) Christians CAN end up in heaven _____ (2Cor 5:1-3)
- h. The Attendants of the Marriage (Luke 22:16-30; Matt 22:1-14; Matt 25:1-10; Matt 9:15):
- 1) The Bridegroom - The Lamb, _____
 - 2) The Bride - _____ Born-Again believers throughout the world
 - 3) The Friend of the Bridegroom - John the Baptist (John 3:29) and all Old Testament prophets
 - 4) Bridesmaids - People saved during the Tribulation; The five virgins of Matthew 25:1-10.
 - 5) Guests - All Old Testament saints
- i. The Activities of the Marriage. What is the Marriage Supper?
- 1) Incredible rejoicing and shouting
 - 2) An actual ceremony conducted by God the Father
 - 3) The wedding has not been described, but evidently it has also, already happened
 - 4) A Marriage Feast (supper) that is now following the marriage itself
 - 5) A great send-off for the honeymoon!!! A trip to their Father's new kingdom. At this point, Jesus will have just inherited the kingdoms of this world (Cf Luke 19:12).
- j. She is now ready for her marriage (19:9)
- 1) Note that no discussion has been made in Revelation about the judgment seat of Christ (Rom 14:10; 2Cor 5:10)
 - 2) That had to have already happened in heaven before these events
 - a) Because it occurs in heaven
 - b) And at this point, everyone is now coming back with Jesus to earth
 - 3) Not everyone is invited to the marriage supper:
 - a) People who are still alive on earth after surviving the Tribulation
 - b) They will have to wait until Jesus sits on His throne in Jerusalem and judges the nations (Matt 25)
 - 4) The angel reinforces the notion that these things are very surprising to the reader, and even to John, but are very true
3. Rebuking the Messenger (19:10)
- a. Don't miss the meaning! These sayings are NOT *figurative* and *apocalyptic*, but rather TRUE sayings! Not "Baptist interpretations"!
 - b. Don't worship the wrong person! WORSHIP GOD! This includes Angels, saints, churches, sacraments, teachings, doctrines, stars, idols, people, your children! John makes this mistake again in 22:8!
 - 1) John does a no, no.
 - 2) Attempts to worship _____ by falling down in front of him and giving the anger worship
 - 3) Worship is due only to God alone
 - 4) John attempts to do this one more time in Rev 22:9!
 - 5) This angel reveals some things about him and angels in particular:
 - a) The angel is a ___ – a male
 - b) A _____ (like in Heb 1:14)
 - c) He was of John's brethren, the Jews, who were _____
 - d) This angel probably was _____ – because Daniel got to write all about much of these events
 - 6) Notice the spirit of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy, which means Jesus is the focal point of ALL prophecy (Luke 24:25-27, 44; Acts 3:18; 10:43; 24:14)
 - c. Don't fail to see the difference! Do you know what the difference between a born-again, Bible-believing Christian and a professing Christian is? _____
WHICH ONE KNOWS FOR CERTAIN WHERE THEY ARE GOING WHEN THEY DIE?

Which one has a problem with Darwinianism and evolution? Which one knows the sure future of this planet? See John 16:13; 1 John 5:13; II Tim 1:12; I Thess 5:23; Jude 24; Rom 8:38,39.

B. The _____ of Christ (19:11-21)

1. This is the best part of the Whole BOOK!
 - a. This is the climax of the entire Book of the Revelation, and will be the climax of all of history
 - b. The _____!
 - c. As far as sinners are concerned, the most important subject in the Bible is that of Salvation, and Jesus Christ's first coming as Saviour to die on the cross.
 - d. Yet, as far as God is concerned, the most important subject is Jesus Christ's second coming as Sovereign King to literally rule and reign on earth for 1000 years with Satan defeated, and paradise RESTORED.
 - e. Up until now, in the Book of Revelation, _____ has been in control as the "god of this world", but no longer, for "as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt 24:27), and this time He is a MAN OF WAR!
 - f. He no longer is meek and lowly, riding on an ass, but KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS riding a white charger!
2. Heaven opens – the wall between God's heaven and this universe is opened
 - a. A hole appears in the sky
 - b. It is not billions of light years away
3. Someone on a white horse comes through the opening
4. He races across the sky from east to the west (Matt 24:27)
5. He comes to _____ and make war! The Rider (19:11-19) - Who Is This Rider?
 - a. Heaven opens for only the second time in Revelation (4:1; 19:11)
 - b. "He" appears (19:11-13):
 - 1) Comes riding a white horse (19:11; Cf II Kngs 2:11 & Rev 6:2)
 - 2) Called "Faithful", and "True" - He is "called" this. He doesn't name Himself!
 - 3) Condemns and makes WAR
 - 4) Consumed with anger - Eyes were as a flame of fire (Rev 1:14) - Our God is a consuming fire!
 - 5) Crowned with many crowns – He has EARNED all of these
 - 6) Concealing an unknown name (maybe JHVH)
 - a) He had a special name that no one knew but he Himself. What does THAT mean?
 - b) Rev 2:17 has believers earning a name no one else will know
 - c) Only certain believers will be named with this new name (Rev 3:12)
 - d) See also Luke 10:22
 - 7) Clothed with a blood soaked garment (19:13; Isa 63:1-6; Rev 14:14-20) - Stained with the blood of His enemies!
 - 8) Called also "The Word of God" – referring to John's other times that he has used this title (John 1:1-3, 14; 1John 1:1,2; 5:7)
 - 9) Carries a powerful sword that procedes out of His mouth
 - 10) Controls the earth with a rod of iron (Ps 2:9)
 - 11) Carries out the vengeance of God
 - 12) Called also "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."
 - c. Definitely a different rider than the one portrayed in 6:1,2!
 - d. His _____ Follows (19:14; Cf Song of Solomon 6:10; Jude 14,15)

NOTE: THIS RIDER IS LEADING AN ARMY!!! Therefore Christian, realize that you are in preparation for nothing else but WAR (II Tim 2:1-4)!!!

- 1) The armies in heaven refer to the people in heaven, not the angels – this is not their fight
- 2) They have already been fighting the Dragon (Rev 12:7)
- 3) These are the Old testament believers as an army, and the Church is an army

- 4) They are all clothed with clean, white LINEN, not heavy armour
 - 5) This army is described in Song of Solomon 6:4,10, and Joel 2:1,2)
- e. A sharp sword to smite the nations (19:15)
- 1) The words Jesus speaks are like the power of a sword to cut down His enemies!
 - 2) Sharp sword is the word of God, so the Word of God speaks the powerful word of God, and knocks down all nations (see Daniel 2:45)
 - 3) Jesus comes to judge and make war, but also comes to rule all nations – not just the Jews
 - 4) He will rule with a rod of iron, why?
 - a) Because the nations will still have people who have not been born again
 - b) Others who were saved during the tribulation
 - c) And those people will have children, and they will have the same flesh we do that does not naturally obey God
 - 5) Jesus, when He comes this second coming, will come to tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God – Armageddon
 - 6) Rev 14:17-20 describes everyone who has taken the mark of the beast being taken to Armageddon to experience the wrath of God! That was 4 chapters ago! So not everything is linear and simply sequential.
 - 7) This battle is describe in
 - a) Isa 63:2-6
 - b) Mal 4:1-3
- f. KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev 19:16) He is wearing His name and title
- g. Angelic Invitation to Dinner (Rev 19:17,18) - the supper of the great God;
- 1) A herald (an angel speaking from the brightness of the sun) calls out to all carnivorous birds to come and GORGE themselves with the flesh of Christ’s enemies!
 - 2) At this supper (for them), which is referred to as the supper of the great God, the birds will eat dead kings, captains, mighty men, horses, horse riders, and all men, bond and free, small and great!
 - 3) Notice that “_____” will be used by the antichrist in this battle – probably because mechanised machinery will not be working on this day
6. The Battle of Armageddon (Rev 19:19-21)
- a. Only two sides in this battle.
- 1) The beast (antichrist) and all the kings of the earth, along with all their armies
 - 2) Gathered together to make war against the Word of God on His white horse coming through that hole in the sky
 - a) Isn’t it amazing that the whole world will hate and despise Jesus in the end, but will unknowingly prepare to face Him in the final battle?
 - b) Isn’t it also amazing that the whole world will believe they can fight Jesus and win?
- b. The Rebellion (19:19,20)
- 1) A Culmination of the past 6,000 years of preparation
 - a) Originates back in Isa 14:12-15 with Lucifer
 - b) Satan hates “him that sat on the horse” - always has!
 - c) And if he does, then you better believe that he also hates His “army” of believers! Satan knows no love but for himself!
 - 2) Coordinated by the Antichrist (19:19)
 - a) He amasses 200,000,000 troops (9:14-16; 16:12)
 - b) Surrounds Jerusalem (Zech 14:1-3)
 - 3) The antichrist Convinces the entire world that the trouble that has been experienced during the Tribulation is all because of the Jews, and that the only thing to do is to “wipe them out”

- 4) Conducted by the False Prophet by means of “miracles”
- 5) Confused by a surprise attack by heaven!
 - a) Then their attention is turned to the eastern sky where a bright light, brighter than the sun appears
 - b) And then they race to the valley of Meggido (Armageddon)
 - c) And the whole world is raptured to this valley
 - d) All to await their defeat at the sword that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord Jesus!

7. The Result (19:20,21; Cf Joel 2:1-11)

- a. The “_____” takes place (Joel 2:1,2)

This “day” is the THE MOST discussed topic in the Bible. It is the day when good finally wins over evil; when everything that is wrong is made right; when God personally takes care of the Devil! This “day” is always referred to in the Bible as a BATTLE with great devastation and calamity.

- 1) This battle takes no more that 24 hours to complete! It truly takes place in a day!
 - 2) The battle involves _____ (Mal 4:1-3)
 - 3) The battle will be fought in Armageddon/Valley of Jehosephat (16:16; Joel 3:9-16)
 - 4) The battle is in reaction to Jerusalem being taken over by the antichrist (Zech 14:1-9)
- b. A “devouring fire” goes before the army (Joel 2:3; Zech 14:12)
- c. A “desolation” is left behind them (Joel 2:3-6)
- d. This decisive battle is won supernaturally (Joel 2:7-11)
- 1) This army doesn’t fight (Joel 2:7,8,10; Contrast with Joshua)
 - 2) This army doesn’t die (Joel 2:8)
 - 3) This army doesn’t stop (Joel 2:9)
 - 4) This army doesn’t lose (Joel 2:10,11)
- e. The “deceiver” of the world is captured and “cast **alive** into the lake of fire” (19:20), the Devil himself comes later.
- f. The destruction of this battle is complete (19:21)
- 1) Blood up to the horses’ bridle, 3 feet high (14:20)
 - 2) It will take 7 months to bury the dead (Ez 39)
 - 3) The weapons of war will provide fuel for 7 years (Ez 39)

PRINCIPLE: THERE WILL BE NO PEACE ON EARTH UNTIL THE PRINCE OF PEACE COMES AND BY A FINAL DECISIVE BATTLE, BRINGS REAL PEACE!!!

III. Conclusion - Next Chapter: The Millennium (Revelation 20:1-15)

IV. Some Questions

- A. The Bible describes the relationship between the Lord Jesus and His people as a _____
- B. What is the primary reason for our lack of joy as Christians? _____
- C. What language will we speak in heaven? _____
- D. What does it really mean to worship God? _____
- E. How does a person “praise the Lord?” _____
- F. What is the “bride” of Christ? _____
- G. With WHAT is the bride attired? _____
- H. Who are the “guests” at the wedding? _____
- I. Who is the rider in 19:11? _____
- J. When can we expect peace finally on earth? _____