

Revelation 19:1-10 – Study 53; 5/27/18 - Study Notes

Rev 19:1-3 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! 2 "For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." 3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" 5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

- The False Religious System that was responsible for the death of million of Christians has finally been judged.
- One area that Satan attacks and constantly challenges in, is the fairness of God's judgments when He judges men.
- This has been Satan's ploy since the garden of Eden. Consummation
- Gen 3:5 Satan whispered in Eve's ear, "God's not fair; God is holding you back from something that is beneficial".
- Listen: One thing you can always depend on is that the judgment of God is always true and righteous.

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- Alleluia... Hallēlouïa - Halleluia is made up of two words; halal - to praise; Yahh - the Lord, or Jehovah or Yahweh
- It is an encouragement and an exhortation to *Praise the Lord!*
- Some use it without thinking. It's such a wonderful word that we should never use it without thinking.

Rev 19:6 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! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

- The voice of a great multitude, that were praising god so loudly that it sounded like the Niagara Falls and a mighty thunder storm.
- This is obviously *loud, enthusiastic* praise! It is like being at a Christian concert, where no one is thinking of themselves, hearts are abandoned, hands raised in total surrender to the Lord, Praising God at the top of their voices.

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."

The church is presented as the virgin bride of Jesus Christ, waiting for this day of marriage. 2Cor 11:2; Eph 5:25-27

Marriage western culture: 1. Proposal 2. Engagement Period 3. Wedding 4. Wedding Feast 5. Consummation

Marriage Jewish culture:

1. Betrothal and betrothal period: What we would today call the engagement.

- A marriage contract ("ketubbah") was signed by the parents of the bride and the parents of the bridegroom,
- Either the parents of the bridegroom or the bridegroom himself would pay a dowry to the bride or her parents.
- Betrothal Period - The two were considered husband and wife and were under the obligations of faithfulness. Mat. 1:18

- The terms of the dowry would be received, and the groom would depart to his Father's house to build a room addition for his bride and himself to live in. John 14:1-3
- **2. Groom comes and receives his bride:** The bridegroom, accompanied by his male friends, went to the house of the bride at night. The bride would prepare herself for his imminent return; and when he arrived, they would go to the bridegroom's home. The specific day or hour that he would arrive would be unknown. Mat 25:5-13
- **3. Marriage Supper** - The marriage supper itself; friends and family were invited. John 2:1-2

Revelation 19 pictures the wedding feast of the Lamb (Jesus Christ) and His bride (the Church) in its third and final phase. The implication is that the first two phases have already taken place prior to the Tribulation Period.

- **The first phase, the Betrothal,** was completed on earth when each individual believer placed his or her faith in Christ as Savior. The dowry paid to the bridegroom's parent (God the Father) was paid by the groom himself, Jesus Christ;
- The dowry was the blood of Christ shed on the Bride's behalf.
- The Church on earth today, is in the 1st phase of the wedding "betrothed" to Christ, and waits for her heavenly groom Jesus.
- He will come for his bride, return with her to heaven and take her to the Father's house for the marriage feast of the Lamb.
- This will occur at the time of the rapture.
- All believers should be watching and waiting for the appearance of the Bridegroom (the rapture).

Rev 19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the (righteousness-Greek) righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

- So, it is the righteousness (or my right standing) of Jesus Christ that is imparted to me through my faith in Jesus Christ. God accounts my faith for righteousness. Eph 2:8-9
- That righteousness that God puts on my account is because I believe in Jesus Christ. It is not a righteousness of works.

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

John like so many people, can get so caught up in the instrument that God is using to bring His knowledge or love or grace to us, that we want to worship the instrument that God uses.

- One of the great dangers of being in any kind of ministry where God is using you, one of the great dangers of exercising any spiritual gift, is that people so often look at the instrument that God uses.
- Listen: If you are involved in any kind of ministry at all when attention and adulation come your way,
- You better be wise as this angel and say, "Don't worship me. Worship God."
- God doesn't want you taking credit for the work that He does, receiving glory for His work.