

Revelation Chapter 19

1) Rejoicing in Heaven (19:1-5)

- a) **1** After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, **2** for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” **3** Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.” **4** And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” **5** And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”
- b) Hallelujah!
 - i) Three “Hallelujah”s here and one more in 19:6.
 - ii) “Praise Yaweh”, or “Praise the Lord”.
- c) Rome’s light went out in chapter 18, and the rejoicing is not over the defeat of Rome – it is praising God!
- d) Rev. 18:20 - Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!”
 - i) The voice that called for such rejoicing in 18:20 is not identified. I do not suppose that the call came from the sailors who were mourning the loss of the great city, but more likely from an unidentified representative of God.
- e) After this – after the scenes describing the fall of Rome in chapters 17 & 18.
- f) A great multitude in heaven
 - i) Rev. 19:4 - And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!”
 - ii) This setting was introduced in chapter 4, and the great multitude may be identified from:
 - (1) Rev. 5:11 - Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
 - (2) Rev. 7:9-12 - **9** After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” **11** And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their

faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12](#) saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

iii) There was a large number of the redeemed singing a new song in:

(1) Rev. 14:1-5 - [1](#) Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. [2](#) And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, [3](#) and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. [4](#) It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, [5](#) and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

iv) The substance of the praise

(1) The character of God

(a) Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

(i) Rev. 4:11 - “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

(ii) Rev. 5:12 - saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

(iii) Rev. 7:10-12 – [10](#) and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” [11](#) And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12](#) saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

(iv) Rev. 12:10 - And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

(b) for his judgments are true and just;

- (i) Rev. 15:2-4 - **2** And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. **3** And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! **4** Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”
 - (ii) Rev. 16:5-7 - **5** And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say, “Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments. **6** For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!” **7** And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!”
- (2) Praise for what God has done
- (a) for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
 - (i) a specific true and just judgment
 - (ii) Rev. 18:5 - for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.
 - (iii) Rev. 16:19 - The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.
 - (b) and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”
 - (i) Rev. 6:10 - They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”
 - (ii) Rev. 18:24 - And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.”
- g) The smoke from her goes up forever and ever! (19:3)
- i) The fall of persecuting Rome will be permanent.
 - (1) Isaiah 34:9-10 - **9** And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and her soil into sulfur; her land shall become burning pitch. **10** Night and day it shall not be quenched; its smoke shall go up forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever.

- (2) Rev. 14:11 - **11** And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”
- h) And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” (19:4)
- i) The 24 elders and 4 living creatures first appear in chapter 4, always falling down and worshipping God.
- ii) They add their approval to the praise of God.
- i) And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.” (19:5)
- i) The voice from the throne is not identified.
- (1) God would not say “our God”.
- (2) Jesus normally did not say “our God”.
- (a) John 20:17 - **17** Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”
- (3) Some think it was one of the four living creatures.
- (a) Rev. 4:6b-11 - And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: **7** the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. **8** And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” **9** And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **11** “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

2) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (19:6-10)

- a) **6** Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. **7** Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; **8** it was granted her to clothe herself with

fine linen, bright and pure”—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. **9** And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” **10** Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- i) In response to the voice from the throne, the voice of a great multitude cried out “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.” (19:6)
 - (1) Almighty - Pantokratōr - unrestricted power exercising absolute dominion.
 - (a) KJV uses “Omnipotent” which is a transliteration from Latin.
 - (b) “the Almighty” – no other compares.
 - (c) Psalm 113:4-9 - ... **5** Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, ...
 - (d) Isaiah 46:5-11 - **5** “To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike? ...
 - (2) From an earthly viewpoint, it looked as though the emperor was in control, but God reigns.
- ii) Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; (19:7)
 - (1) No earthly relationship is as intimate as that of husband and wife, and the relationship of the church to Christ is described in marriage terms.
 - (2) Ephesians 5:22-33 - ... **32** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.
- iii) it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. (19:8)
 - (1) bride = saints
 - (2) The most often asked question (by women) about a wedding is “What was the bride’s dress like?”
 - (a) There is, or has been, a TV show entitled “Say yes to the dress”.
 - (3) Here the clothing of the bride is in stark contrast to the gaudy apparel of the sinful harlot in 17:4 - The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.
 - (4) Rev. 3:4-5 - **4** Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. **5** The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white

garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

- (5) Rev. 3:18 - **18** I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. (Laodicea)
- (6) Rev. 7:13-17 - **13** Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” **14** I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- (7) Matthew 22:1-14 - ... **11** “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. **12** And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ **14** For many are called, but few are chosen.”
- (8) Philippians 3:9 - **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—
- (9) Eph. 3:8-9 - **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- iv) And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” (19:9)
- (1) Seven beatitudes in Revelation
- (a) Rev. 1:3 – Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.
- (b) Rev. 14:13 – Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”
- (c) Rev. 16:15 - (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)

- (d) Rev. 19:9 - Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- (e) Rev. 20:6 - Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.
- (f) Rev. 22:7 – “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”
- (g) Rev. 22:14 - Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.
- (2) Matthew 22:1-14 – op. cit.
- (3) These are the true words of God.
 - (a) God will fulfill what He has promised.
 - (b) No actual marriage supper is shown in Revelation unless it is Rev. 21:9-ff.
- b) Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. (19:10)
 - i) Several commentators spend time trying to soften this or deny that it happened.
 - ii) Some think John wrote it for the benefit of those in Asia Minor who worshipped angels.
 - (1) Col. 2:18-19 - **18** Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, **19** and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.
 - iii) It is more likely that John was simply overcome with emotion by the true words of God following all that he had seen and heard.
 - iv) The angel (having great authority – 18:1) is quick to stop him.
 - (1) Angels are also servants.
 - (a) Hebrews 1:13-14 - **13** And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? **14** Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?
 - (2) The significance of a servant’s work if the testimony of Jesus, given by the Holy Spirit.

(a) 1 Corinthians 2:6-13 - ... **10** these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ...

3) The Rider on a White Horse (19:11-21)

a) **11** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. **13** He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. **14** And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. **15** From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. **16** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. **17** Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, **18** to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." **19** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. **20** And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. **21** And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

b) Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

(19:11)

i) Rev. 4:1 - After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

ii) If you were expecting the Bridegroom to appear for the marriage supper, He does appear, but it is as a King leading his army to battle.

iii) There is no doubt that this rider on a white horse is Jesus.

(1) White symbolizes victory, and all his followers are riding white horses.

iv) Faithful and True

(1) Rev. 3:14 - "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

- (2) Did he not promise to return to reward the righteous and judge the wicked? He is Faithful and True to his promise.
- (a) Matthew 25:31-46 - [31](#) “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32](#) Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33](#) And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34](#) Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ... [41](#) “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ...
- c) His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. (19:12)
- i) Rev. 1:14 - The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,
- ii) Rev. 2:18 - “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.
- iii) Rev. 14:14 - Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.
- (1) The golden crown in 14:14 is stephanos, the crown of victory.
- (2) The diadems of 19:12 are those of a ruler, a king.
- iv) A name written that no one knows but himself
- (1) It is not meant for us to know the name. Perhaps it will be revealed when we meet him.
- d) He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. (19:13)
- i) Blood may refer to the martyrs whose blood is being avenged
- (1) Rev. 6:10 - They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”
- ii) Blood may refer to his own blood.
- (1) Rev. 5:6-10 - [6](#) And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. [7](#) And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. [8](#) And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four

elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, **10** and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

iii) The vision may be modelled after Isaiah 63:1-6.

(1) **1** Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? “It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.” **2** Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? **3** “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. **4** For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. **5** I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. **6** I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

iv) the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

(1) Obviously not the name that only he knew.

(2) Only John used “the Word” to refer to Jesus in the N.T.

(a) John 1:1, 14 - **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(b) 1 John 1:1 - **1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ...

e) And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. (19:14)

i) Some assume that the armies of heaven are the Bride of the Lamb because of the description of the Bride in 19:7-8.

(1) However, Christians going forth to wage war on evil after attaining a heavenly rest is a strange idea.

ii) It is more probably that the armies of heaven are angels.

(1) 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 - and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his

mighty angels **8** in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

- (2) Matthew 25:31 - **31** “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
 - (3) Mark 8:38 - For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”
 - (4) Luke 24:4-5 - **4** While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. **5** And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”
- iii) Whether the army was composed of saints or angels is not important.
- (1) They are never depicted as doing anything or than following Jesus.
 - (2) Their leader goes before them, and smites nations with his word in 19:15.
- f) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. (19:15)
- i) The sword – the Word of God, or an implement of judgment?
 - (1) Rev. 1:16 - **16** In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.
 - (2) Rev. 2:12 - **12** “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.
 - (3) 2 Thess. 2:8 - **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.
 - (4) Eph. 6:17 - **17** and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,
 - (5) Heb. 4:12 - **12** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
 - (6) Matt. 4:1-11 – three temptations, three quotations of scripture.
 - ii) Rod of iron – implement of judgment.
 - (1) Rev. 2:26-27 - **26** The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, **27** and he will rule

them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

(2) Rev. 12:5 - **5** She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

(3) Psalm 2:7-9 - **7** I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. **8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. **9** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

iii) Tread the winepress – crush the enemy in judgment

(1) Rev. 14:19-20 - **19** So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. **20** And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse’s bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

(2) Gen. 3:15 - **15** I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

g) On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (19:16)

i) Prominently displayed – no mistaken identity.

h) **17** Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, **18** to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” (19:17-18)

i) An angel standing in the sun

(1) Source of light, glory, open for all to see.

ii) A loud voice

(1) for all the birds to hear

iii) the great supper of God

(1) Rev. 19:9 - Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

(2) Contrast

(a) a supper for the Bride of the Lamb

(b) a supper of God – for the birds

(3) The great supper of God consists of those about to be slain

- (a) Rev. 19:21 - And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.
- (4) The outcome of the war is given in advance.
- (5) No one will escape the wrath of God.
- i) And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. (19:19)
- i) See pp. 4 – 8 on the handout for Revelation 16 for notes on Armageddon.
- (1) Not a literal place, though Megiddo has a place in Hebrew history.
- (2) It is a symbolic term for a decisive conflict.
- (3) It was the great day of God the Almighty.
- j) And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. (19:20)
- i) Rev. 13:12-15 - [11](#) Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. [12](#) It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. [13](#) It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, [14](#) and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. [15](#) And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.
- ii) Rev. 14:9-11 - [9](#) And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, [10](#) he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. [11](#) And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”
- iii) The destruction of the beast (persecuting Rome – Domitian) and the false prophet (religious aspect of Rome – Concilia) is complete.
- k) And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. (19:21)
- i) All the allies of the beast and false prophet were slain.

ii) Slain by Jesus – the rider on the white horse.

(1) Slain with the sword of his mouth.

iii) The supper of God provided for the birds.

4) Pictures

a)



17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

b)



