

## REVELATION – CHAPTER 19

Vs 1-3

The Response to Rev 18:20

1. Babylon, in all its forms has been destroyed!
2. The Rebellion which began in Gen 3:6-7 is over. (except for Gog and Magog)
3. God will wait no longer.
4. The time for the transition from Tribulation to Millennium has come.
5. The transfer from darkness to light, from black to white, from days of judgment to days of blessing, from the end to a new beginning, has finally come!

A great multitude Rev 7:9, who God has pronounced judgment for Rev 18:20, seems to be martyred dead of the Tribulation.

Hallelujah – 4 times in the NT and every case is in this chapter. (vs 1,3,4,6) ( The NT Hallelujah Chorus!)

Salvation – deliverance

Glory – moral glory in judgment

Power – might seen in the execution of that judgment

(Honor – later manuscripts)

Belong to our God.

God's actions are "true and righteous" and they are in response to the prayer of His children. Rev 6:10

The smoke of her judgment rises up "forever and ever."  
Rev 14:11-12

Vs 4

The 24 elders and the four living creatures join in to the worship service!

Vs 5-6

The final Alleluia comes from "the Great Multitude".

Note that a "voice from the Throne" is inviting the Great multitude to join in to the worship service. This voice does not come from God, but rather from an angelic being who also claims God as "our God."

(The Great Multitude is made up of):

1. bond-servants
2. those who fear Him
3. the small and the great

The verb "praise" is in the present tense, meaning that those present are to "keep on praising" the Lord. The text of the praise chorus "Hallelujah! for the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns."

Vs 7-8

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is announced.

1. The Marriage of the Lamb – does it take place in Heaven or on the earth after Christ's Return?
2. It is clear that the Great Multitude who comes out of the Tribulation sees itself as a different body than the Bride (pre-Tribulation Rapture argument.)

The Marriage of the Lamb...His Bride...made herself ready....

Christ is the Bridegroom. Jn 3:29; Matt 9:15; 25:1-13  
The Church is the Bride. (Not believing Israel; they are the attendants.) 2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:25-33

As to the timing of the Process:

1. Betrothal period – from the time of the purchase to the time of the marriage – ends with the Rapture
2. Marriage itself – Rev 19:7-8
3. Marriage supper (Reception) – Rev 19:9 1000 Year Kingdom

Made Herself Ready – clothed in fine linens, which are her righteous acts done during the Betrothal period. The examination which results in the fine linen is "The (Bema) judgment Seat of Christ.

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The following is taken from my notes "God's Prophetic Program for the ages pg 14

4. Judgement (Bema) Seat of Christ

a. Two words for judge are used.

i. criterion - **1 Cor 6:2-4** - To judge guilty or innocent

ii. Bema - reward seat - place where umpire of the arena sat to issue rewards to the winners

Time - directly after the rapture **Lk 14:13-14; 1 Cor 4:5 with 1 Thes 4:14-18; Rev 22:12**

Place - The Heavens **2 Cor 5:1-8; 1 Thes 4:15-18; Heb 12:18-24**

Judge - Lord Jesus Christ **Jn 5:21-29; Rom 14:10-12; 2 Cor 5:9-10; Heb 4:14-16**

Subjects of Bema seat - Believers **2 Cor 5:10**

Basis of examination

Not our sins: **Jn 5:24; Rom 8:1; Heb 10:17-24; 1 Jn 4:15-18**

Based on our works and whether they are acceptable or worthless **2 Cor 5:10; Lk**

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Result of examination

Rewards lost **1 Cor 3:10-15; 9:22-27**

Five (5) Crowns as rewards (stephanos-wreath, not diadems-kingly crowns) are mentioned in the New Testament:

a. to those who get mastery over the old man - **1 Cor 9:25**

b. of rejoicing for soul winners - **1 Thes 2:19**

c. of life for those enduring trials - **James 1:12**

d. of righteousness for those loving his appearing - **2 Tim 4:8**

e. of glory for being willing to feed the flock of God - **1 Pet 5:2-4**

Question: Why were we saved ?

To glorify God **1 Cor 6:20**

To bear fruit for God **Rom 7:4**

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Vs 9

In verses 5-7 a Great Multitude of His bondservants begin their own "Hallelujah Chorus" because the "Marriage of the Lamb" has come.

In verse 9 – then he Rev 14:13; 19:5 (also note Rev 21:5)  
– told John, to

write that those who are invited to the Marriage Supper are truly blessed.

1. Are all invited to the supper who were part of the marriage?

2. Is the bride partial at the supper?
3. Are there "attendants" at the supper who are separate from the bride? Matt 25:1-13 (further clarification: Matt 25:14-30) the bride being the church, and the attendants at the wedding being believers of other ages.

Note: God does not treat all believers of all ages exactly alike. The Divine purpose is not the same for Israel, Gentile Believers outside the church age, the Church of the present age, or even the elect angels! This same truth also applies to the individuals who make up the individual bodies. In all these relationships, God is completely sovereign, righteous, and wise.

This is the Fourth Beatitude of the Book of Revelation. These beatitudes are "true words of God".  
(1 Tim 1:15; 3:1; 4:9; 2 Tim 2:11; Titus 3:8 – "Trustworthy Statements"

Vs 10

So awesome is this revelation, that John's immediate response is to fall down and worship the angelic being who made the proclamation. Such a reaction to any created being is inappropriate!  
The word translated "servant" means "fellow slave".  
Worship God!

"The Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

1. All prophecy 2 Pet 1:20-21, at its very heart is designed to reveal the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Jn 16:12-14
2. Christ is not the only theme in Scripture, but He is the Central Theme.
3. This statement sets the stage for verses 11-16.  
In the Gospels, Jesus is revealed in rejection, humiliation, suffering and death.  
In Revelation 19:11-16, He comes in triumph, glory, sovereignty, and majesty.  
This "presence" will remain for all eternity.  
Phil 2:5-11

- Vs 11-16      The high point of the Book of Revelation  
 The high point of all human history Ps 2  
 The King of kings and Lord of lords comes.  
 (Returns Lk 2:7,15-16)
- Vs 11          Heaven opened. Jn 14:1-3 (anticipates the Rapture  
 1 Thes 4:13-18) Rom 11:25-29; Zech 14:1-6;  
 Matt 24:27-31 Second Advent)
- a white horse Rev 6:2
- He who sits upon it – Faithful and True Rev 1:5; 3:7;  
 Isa 11:1-5
- in righteousness He judges and wages war. Isa 64:1-2
- Vs 12          His eyes are a flame of fire Rev 1:14; 2:18
- On His head – many diadems Rev 12:3
- A Name written – which no one yet knows Rev 2:17; 3:12
- Vs 13          Clothed in a robe dipped in blood  
 Isa 63:2-3; Rev 14:20
- His Name – Word of God Jn 1:1-3 – He who created has  
 returned to judge His creation.
- Vs 14          Armies (plural) clothed in fine linen – follow Him on white  
 horses.
1. angels  
                  2. righteous men made perfect  
                  3. church of the first born
- Vs 15          From His mouth – a sharp sword – with it He strikes down the  
 nations.
- From that moment forward the nations will be ruled with a  
 “rod of iron”. Rev 2:26-27

He treads the winepress of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. Rev 14:19-20

1. When the day of judgment arrives, it is too late to expect mercy from God.
2. There is nothing more inflexible than Divine judgment, when Divine grace has been repudiated

Vs 16 On His robe; on His thigh – King of kings and Lord of lords.

Vs 17 1. To see an angel standing in the Sun – This angel must really shine

2. cried out with a loud voice Rev 6:10; 7:2, 10; 10:3; 14:15; 18:2

3. The birds of prey which fly in midheaven receive the invitation.

Vs 18 Come assemble for the Great Supper of God – God is serving!

The main course – the armies of the earth!

Ezk 39:17-29; Matt 24:28

Vs 19 Daniel 1:36-45

Vs 20 The beast and the false prophet

1. first to be cast into the fire of Hell

Rev 20:15

2. precede Lucifer's entrance by 1000 years

Rev 20:10

3. the beast

the false prophet:

a. who performed the signs

b. who deceived those who received the mark by worshipping the image

Vs 21 The army of the beast is doomed!

Christ, Himself kills the remaining armies. Rev 19:15

So numerous were the fallen, that "all the birds were filled with their flesh."