

## ENDGAME

### A Study On Revelation (Week #159)

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**Revelation 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." **8** And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the 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." (NKJV)

**Revelation 19:7** 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." (ESV)

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## Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

- Recap
  - Who's Invited?
    - ▶ What does a true believer / disciple look like?
  - Betrothal
    - ▶ Covenant begins at the Betrothal (Engagement)
  - Purchase Price
    - ▶ Price paid for the Bride
  - Groom's Preparation
    - ▶ Rooms at the Father's house
  - Surprise Gathering
    - ▶ Announced by a shout and trumpet
  - Bride's Garments
    - ▶ Given, pure white linen
  - Celebration
    - ▶ 7 day celebration
  - Day and Hour are unknown
    - ▶ Could we know the season?
  - Heavenly marriage vs. Earthly marriage
    - ▶ Perfection vs imperfection

## What Did \_\_\_\_\_ Say?

- Who's Invited?
  - Jesus spoke a lot about what a disciple looked like, acted like, and what was expected of them.
- Betrothal
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and New Covenant
    - ▶ The Jewish bridegroom takes the initiative in marriage by leaving his father's house and traveling to the home of the prospective bride, so Jesus left His Father's house in heaven and travelled to earth, the home of His prospective Church, over 1900 years ago.
    - ▶ In the same manner as the Jewish bridegroom came to the bride's home for the purpose of obtaining her through the establishment of a marriage covenant, so Jesus came to earth for the purpose of obtaining the Church through the establishment of a covenant.
    - ▶ On the same night in which Jesus made His promise in Mark 14 He instituted communion. As He passed the cup of wine to His disciples, He said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" (1 Cor. 11:25).

**Luke 22:14** When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. **15** Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. **16** For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until

its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." **17** Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. **18** For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come." **19** He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **20** After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you. (NLT)

**Mark 14:22** As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body." **23** And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. **24** And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. **25** I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God." (NLT)

**Matthew 26:26** As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." **27** And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, **28** for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. **29** Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom." (NLT)

**1 Corinthians 11:23** For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread **24** and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **25** In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." **26** For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. (NLT)

- ▶ In the same way that a cup of wine served as a symbol of the marriage covenant through which the Jewish groom obtained his bride, so the cup of communion serves as the symbol of the covenant through which Christ has obtained the Church.
- ▶ "Remembrance of me" now is to be understood as not just a remember the price He paid, the life He gave, but also the \_\_\_\_\_ He gave.

- Purchase Price
  - The Price Jesus Was \_\_\_\_\_
    - ▶ In the Hebrew culture, thirty pieces of silver was not a lot of money. In fact, it was the exact price paid to the master of a slave if and when his slave was gored by an ox. In order to compensate for a slave's death and burial, it was written into law that 30 pieces of silver would account for the cost.

**Exodus 21:32** But if the ox gores a slave, either male or female, the animal's owner must pay the slave's owner thirty silver coins, and the ox must be stoned. (NLT)

- ▶ In considering the real price that was placed on Jesus it is important to look at the words from the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:5-11.
- ▶ Notice how in verse seven, Paul describes Jesus as taking on the form of a servant, some versions use the term bondservant. Paul uses the Greek word, "doulos" which literally means slave.

**Philippians 2:5** You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. **6** Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. **7** Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, **8** he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. **9** Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NLT)

- ▶ In the book of Zachariah, God had the prophet play the part of a shepherd and care for a flock that was "doomed to be slaughtered," (Zechariah 11:4-14). God wanted to live his life as a way to illustrate what judgment would look like against Israel when they crucified their Savior. It also predicted the fall of Israel in AD 70 and how the nation was scattered.
- ▶ The events that unfolded in Zechariah are a prophecy of what was to come with Jesus' death. Jesus was willing to pay the price for sin and die for the sake of you and me.

**Zechariah 11:4** This is what the Lord my God says: "Go and care for the flock that is intended for slaughter. **5** The buyers slaughter their sheep without remorse. The sellers say, 'Praise the Lord! Now I'm rich!' Even the shepherds have no compassion for them. **6** Likewise, I will no longer have pity on the people of the land," says the Lord. "I will let them fall into each other's hands and into the hands of their king.

They will turn the land into a wilderness, and I will not rescue them.” **7** So I cared for the flock intended for slaughter—the flock that was oppressed. Then I took two shepherd’s staffs and named one Favor and the other Union. **8** I got rid of their three evil shepherds in a single month. But I became impatient with these sheep, and they hated me, too. **9** So I told them, “I won’t be your shepherd any longer. If you die, you die. If you are killed, you are killed. And let those who remain devour each other!” **10** Then I took my staff called Favor and cut it in two, showing that I had revoked the covenant I had made with all the nations. **11** That was the end of my covenant with them. The suffering flock was watching me, and they knew that the Lord was speaking through my actions. **12** And I said to them, “If you like, give me my wages, whatever I am worth; but only if you want to.” So they counted out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. **13** And the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—this magnificent sum at which they valued me! So I took the thirty coins and threw them to the potter in the Temple of the Lord. **14** Then I took my other staff, Union, and cut it in two, showing that the bond of unity between Judah and Israel was broken. (NLT)

- ▶ Zechariah says he “got rid of the three shepherds” of the doomed flock (verse 8). The “three shepherds” is a likely reference to the three religious offices during Jesus’ day that worked to condemn Jesus. These are the scribes, the chief priests and the elders.

**Matthew 16:21** From then on Jesus. began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. (NLT)

- ▶ Zechariah breaks his two shepherding staffs. The first one is named Favor. It is broken to symbolize the breaking of the Mosaic Covenant for those who disobeyed God and how God then set aside His favor of His people to allow judgment to come upon them (Zachariah 11:10). The second staff named Union is then broken. It represented the breaking of the nations by Roman rule.
- ▶ Zachariah is paid 30 pieces of silver after working as a shepherd. Those whom Zachariah worked for paid him what they thought he was worth – enough for a slave’s accidental death. When they gave him the 30 pieces of silver, his response was full of sarcasm and called it “a handsome price” because it was so little (Zachariah 11:13).
- ▶ However, the employers had meant to insult Zechariah purposely, and in return, God tells him to “throw it to the potter,” which Zechariah tossed the money into the house of the Lord in order for it to be given to “the Potter.”

**Matthew 27:5** Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself. **6** The leading priests picked up the coins. "It wouldn't be right to put this money in the Temple treasury," they said, "since it was payment for murder." **7** After some discussion they finally decided to buy the potter's field, and they made it into a cemetery for foreigners. **8** That is why the field is still called the Field of Blood. **9** This fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah that says, "They took the thirty pieces of silver—the price at which he was valued by the people of Israel, **10** and purchased the potter's field, as the Lord directed." (NLT)

**Luke 21:16** Even those closest to you—your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends—will betray you. They will even kill some of you. (NLT)

**Matthew 17:21** After they gathered again in Galilee, Jesus told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. **23** He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead." And the disciples were filled with grief. (NLT)

**Matthew 20:17** As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him. **18** "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die. **19** Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead." (NLT)

**Matthew 26:44** So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. **45** Then he came to the disciples and said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46** Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!" (NLT)

**Mark 9:30** Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, **31** for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead." **32** They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant. (NLT)

**Mark 10:32** They were now on the way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. **33** "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him

over to the Romans. **34** They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again." (NLT)

**Mark 14:41** When he returned to them the third time, he said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **42** Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!" (NLT)

**Luke 9:44** "Listen to me and remember what I say. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies." **45** But they didn't know what he meant. Its significance was hidden from them, so they couldn't understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. (NLT)

**Luke 24:6** He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." (NLT)

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- The Price Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

- ▶ His was His way of saying that He would establish a new covenant through the shedding of His blood on the cross. Parallel to the custom of the Jewish groom paying a price to purchase his bride, Jesus paid a price to purchase His bride, the Church. The price that He paid was His own life blood. It was because of this purchase price that Paul wrote the following to members of the Church.

**1 Corinthians 6:19** Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, **20** for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. (NLT)

- ▶ Covenant paid in blood, drinking blood is a spiritual metaphor for spiritual, and eternal life.

**Leviticus 17:14** The life of every creature is in its blood. That is why I have said to the people of Israel, 'You must never eat or drink blood, for the life of any creature is in its blood.' So whoever consumes blood will be cut off from the community. (NLT)

**John 6:53** So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. **54** But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day." (NLT)

**Hebrews 9:13** Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. **14** Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. **15** That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant. (NLT)

► Jesus' life was the payment.

**John 15:13** There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. (NLT)

**John 10:18** "No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded." (NLT)

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