

Steve Greenberg's Handout: October 8, 2025 (Wed p.m.)
Week 33: Rev 19:1-10 Heaven Rejoices, Marriage Supper
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Rev 19:1-6 Heaven Rejoices Greatly, Over Babylon's Judgement

Rev 19:1 After these things I heard a loud (**mighty**) voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! (**or Hallelujah-Praise the Lord**) Salvation and glory and honor and power (**dominion, might**) belong to the Lord our God!

A huge multitude from every nation praises God for his righteous judgment of the harlot who murdered the saints.

Back in Rev 6 and 7 we saw the cry of the martyrs and a great multitude saved out of the Great Tribulation, ready for the end of the world system and the Antichrist's reign on earth. Here, this great multitude, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures all join in celebrating the fall of the Antichrist and the world system that supported him.

Rev 6:9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth? (**There pray is finally being answered**)"

Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Rev 7:10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Rev 7:11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

Rev 7:12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Rev 7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

Rev 7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Alleluia (or Hallelujah) means praise the Lord is from the Hebrew phrase הַלְלוּ יְהוָה (hal'lu Yah)

hal'lu = you all praise (imperative plural form of "praise")

Yah = short form of Yahweh, the name of God.

It is an encouragement and an exhortation to Praise the Lord! Used four times in NT only in the book of Revelation. It belongs here because God's people rejoice wholeheartedly without restraint at His victory over Babylon.

"The word 'hallelujah' is the same in all languages of the world, and simply means 'praise the Lord' and not a quiet expression of prayer but rather the sound of a 'great voice of much people in heaven.' Quote from David Hocking *The Book of Revelation: Understanding the Future* (Tustin, CA: Hope For Today Publications, 2014), 500.

Rev 19:2 "For true and righteous are His judgments, because He(**God**) has judged (**convicted and sentenced to death**) the great harlot (**great prostitute, idolatress**) who corrupted the earth with her fornication (**spiritual adultery, immoral alliances, idol worship**); and He(**God**) has avenged on her (**imposed on her the penalty for**) the blood (**murder**) of His servants, shed by her."

Whatever God does is right. He is the only true God of Love, Righteousness and Truth
The judgments are God's righteous acts, against her evil (**Babylon, the great harlot**).
This false religious system that has suppressed the gospel that has held people in bondage by sorcery.

God is praised for avenging the blood of His people (**martyrs, prophets, and saints**)

Rev 19:3 Again they said (**crowd shouted second time**), "Alleluia! (**Hallelujah! Praise the LORD**)" Her smoke rises up forever and ever! (**Symbolizing permanent judgment, for her evil as the great prostitute, and spiritual adulterer**).

Babylon's friends mourn because of her fall; but God's people praise and celebrate her all her evils destroyed.

Rev 19:4 And the twenty-four elders (being **representative of the church, quote Chuck Smith**), and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia! (**Hallelujah! Praise the Lord**)!"

The 24 Elders & the 4 Living Creatures, Worshipping God

Previously and similar worship offered by the elders and living creatures

Rev 5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Rev 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Rev 5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Rev 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Rev 5:14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

Jesus reminds us that we will be with Him in the future

Rev 3:21 (**Jesus said**), "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev 19:5 Then a voice (**angelic or heavenly being**) came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you, His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great (**small ministries or large ministries**)!"

A large number from every nation celebrates and praises God for his just judgment of the prostitute who killed and murdered the saints.

Fear Him (God):

One of the wisest thing a human being can ever do with their life is fear (**respect, reverence, awe, and humble submission to**) the Lord. It means you respect a reverence for His ways, and His principles and His statutes. Honor God with reverence and worship, submit humbly to His authority and live in awe of His great majesty.

Pro 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Phl 2:12 ...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Pro 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Being faithful in the small things matters. It's not just preparation for greater things, its part of God's measure of true faithfulness.

1Cor 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

Mat 25:21 "His lord (master, boss) said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Reminder: Heb 11:6 But without faith (or trust in God) it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Rev 19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound (**roar**) of many waters and as the sound of mighty thundering's, saying, "Alleluia! (**Hallelujah! Praise the Lord**)! For the Lord God Omnipotent (**All-Powerful, Ruler of all**) reigns!

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven (**great crowd in heaven**), like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

Quote from Pastor Chuck Smith, 3,000 series

The time has come. The earth has been languishing under the reign of Satan for almost six thousand years. It was approximately six thousand years ago when Adam forfeited the right and the title to the earth over to Satan, where Satan began his deadly rule over the earth, his destructive rule. And the world has suffered all of the sickness, all of the maladies, all of the suffering that we see in the world you can trace back to Satan's reign, his ruling over the earth. All of the wars, all of the bloodshed, all of the strife, all of the jealousies, all of these things that make life miserable trace back to the rule of Satan. No wonder they are saying praise the Lord because the Lord God, Omnipotent, reigneth! The time has come when He is going to establish now His kingdom upon the earth. The time has come when He is going to rule over the earth, and thus the rejoicing in heaven because the time has come when the Lord God omnipotent will again reign over all, over the earth.

In the Book of Exodus God brought Israel out of 400 years of Egyptian bondage and now in the Book of Revelation God is bringing the whole world out of the Satan's bondage that has been since the fall of man.

Rev 19:7-10 The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (The Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy)

Rev 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice (**shout for joy**) and give Him glory (**and honor**), for the marriage (**wedding celebration**) of the Lamb (**Jesus Christ**) has come (**depicts a Jewish wedding being finalized**), and His wife (**His bride the church**) has made herself ready."

Quote from David Guzik, Blue Letter Bible.org

i. The **marriage of the Lamb**, who is the Messiah, is a picture used frequently throughout the Scriptures. In the Old Testament, Israel is presented as God's wife, who is often unfaithful ([Hosea 2:19-20](#), [Isaiah 54:5](#), [Ezekiel 16](#)). In the New Testament, the church is presented as the fiancé of Jesus, waiting for this day of marriage ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#), [Ephesians 5:25-32](#)).

On the church as bride of Christ:

2Cor 11:2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste(**pure**) virgin (**bride**) to Christ.

Eph 5:32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Rev 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

Isa 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Rev 19:8 And to her it was granted (**given**) to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints (**righteous acts (deeds) were given after the judgment seat of Christ**).

J. Dwight Pentecost

Thy kingdom Come, Page 220-21

When the Lord returns to the earth with His bride to reign, the bride is seen to be already rewarded. This is observed in Revelation 19: 8, where it must be observed that the 'righteousness of the saints' is plural and can not refer to the imparted righteousness of Christ, which is the believer's portion, but the righteousness's which have survived examination and have become the basis of reward. "

2Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

1Cor 3:10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

1Cor 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1Cor 3:12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

1Cor 3:13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

1Cor 3:14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

1Cor 3:15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

All Christians will be in heaven but not all Christians apparently will be equally rewarded in heaven. Paul and other New Testament writers talks about five crowns either given or not given to individual Christians and rewards.

Eph 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church (in all her glory), not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy (set apart for God) and without blemish.

Rev 19:9 Then he(angel) said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called (invited) to the marriage supper (final wedding celebration) of the Lamb!' " And he said to me (angel added these words), "These are the true sayings of God ."

Rev 1:11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, (John) "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Rev 1:19 "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Correlation from Habakkuk:

Hab 2:2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

Hab 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

Hab 2:4 ... the just shall live by his faith.

I know the future and my counsel will stand

Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done (Only I, can tell you the future), Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure (Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish),

Those invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb are believers who belong to his beloved bride, the church.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Read on your own Mat 22:1-14)

Rev 19:10 And I(**John**) fell at his feet to worship him. But he(**angel**) said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant (**with you**), and of your brethren (**brothers and sisters of faith**) who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God (**only**)! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (**His teaching, witness, and life are the heart and essence of prophecy**).

John was so overwhelmed by what the angel was revealing to him that he began to worship the angel, who immediately stopped him.

Rev 22:8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

Rev 22:9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

Act 10:22 And they said (to Peter), "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you."

Act 10:25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.

Act 10:26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man."

We also are men with the same nature as you, don't worship or sacrifice to us, turn to the living God

Act 14:11 Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!"

Act 14:12 And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

Act 14:13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

Act 14:14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out

Act 14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things (**useless idols**) to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

Review, extra notes:

Rev 16:19 Now the great city (**Jerusalem**) was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations (**gentile nations**) fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath (**Gods wrath**).

Rev 17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

We have seen the chronological judgements (3 sets), which has increased intensity.
1-7 Seal judgments, 1-7 Trumpet judgments, 1-7 Bowl judgments

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We are now in the fifth and final pause which started at Rev 17

# Scripture	Five Pauses	Summary
1. Rev 7	144,000 Sealed	God can preserve and protect His people during judgment
2. Rev 10-11:14	Two Witnesses	God continuous call for repentance, no more delays
3. Rev 12-14	Woman-Satan-Beast	Satan's role in history and end times, Israel's flight, two beast
4. Rev 16:13-16	Nations Gathering	Gathering the nations to war at Armageddon
5. Rev 17-19:6	Fall of Babylon	Collapse and judgement of world systems, before Christ returns

In Revelation 17, we saw the Babylon's religious side destroyed by God putting His purpose in the heart of the beast to destroy the city of Babylon (Mother of Harlots).

Now in Revelation 18 we will see the political and the commercial side of the same city, destroyed. I believe that both are the same literal city that is destroyed at the end of the tribulation period. Which means the literal city of Babylon will rise one day soon on the Euphrates River.

Rapture, Church in Heaven, Promised Exemption, Tribulation Period and Divine Wrath

Rapture has happened, church in heaven (1 Thes 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:50-54, Jhn 14:1-3)

The church promised exemption (1 Thes 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)

Tribulation on earth, divine wrath (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19)

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We notice that there is an order: first set 1-7, second set 1-7 and third set 1-7 and increase in intensity with each group. We also notice that when we hit a six, between a six and a seven, there is a pause (**break in chronology, known as an interlude**).

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