

Note

Revelation – Part 8 of 15

Summary

In Chapter 19 we see the Marriage Supper of the Lamb contrasting with the Judgement Feast. The chapter opens with the Heavenly rejoice 'Alleluia' (Praise Yahweh) concluding the complete fall of Babylon. As the chapter progress we see that 'The Bride' is ready for the Groom's arrival. Christ makes His entrance on a White Horse in all His splendor, defeating the Beast and its followers marking the end of Evil and The Final Judgement of God

Transcript

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We come to Revelation Chapter 19 on the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The first part of Revelation (Chapter) 19 actually should have been in Revelation Chapter 18, because it is still continuing on the topic of the fall of Babylon. For some reason, the person who put in chapter and verse divisions, sort of slipped up on this because in the beginning of Chapter 19, we see the word “Hallelujah!” Here the Hallelujah is for the fall of Babylon. Then in Revelation 19:6, we see another Hallelujah; this Hallelujah is for the marriage supper, for the coming of the groom. Chapter and verse divisions are not inspired. They are for convenience, put in by men so we can find the verses easily; but instead of that, we now use chapter divisions to make our reading all chopped up. Most people don't read the Bible as a book. They read it as a whole bunch of chapters, and lose the whole story because sometimes the divisions are in the wrong place and sometimes the story just has to flow on. But it's put into sizable chunks, convenient sizes, I guess, so we can all do our five-minute morning devotion with each chapter. I've listened to this book about 40 times in these last few days, just to get the feel of the book of Revelation. So the first part actually belongs to Chapter 18 and it's a continuation of the fall of the world that has brought tears and sorrow, corruption and pain and death. We say birth is painful, life is hard, death is certain and eternity is horrible. That's the life of the average man in the present system since Adam's fall and “Hallelujah, it's over.”

Then we see the next Hallelujah in Revelation 19:6 is Hallelujah for the Groom's coming, and then we see Him coming for the Bride. The Groom is coming for the Bride, and the Bride is dressed in fine linen, bright, pure which is said to be the deeds of the saints. Now, I can't imagine that my deeds are bright and pure. That's no work of mine that is pure, I'm afraid. Even this teaching of the beautiful book is not pure. It has a lot of all kinds of motivation. Part of my motivation is I want to help people love the beautiful book, part of my motivation is selfish, I myself want to learn more about the book so I can be an expert. It's a lot of sin in even our best works. But to think we can, one day, be clothed in bright, pure linen. What kind of deeds are these? What deeds have you done that are bright, white and pure? Any of your works are pure? None. Everything is tainted in this world. Gold, pure gold? There's no such thing! So even if our works are good, they're not pure. So what are these white linen that we will come in? It's the righteousness of Christ. This beautiful transaction when we trusted Christ, our sins became His at the cross. When He went on the cross, He took our sins as if they were His. And when we receive Him, His righteousness become ours. So, we have this white pure linen, not of our own works, which are never pure, but of the righteousness of Christ. This is that amazing transaction. One day, when God sees us, we'll stand in Christ, pure and righteous; He sees His son covering us.

So that's how we will all be arrayed on that day. That's why in our so-called Christian weddings, which now is Western, the bride always wears white. Now most cultures don't have that. For example, in Chinese culture, a dead man wears white. Hopefully he can impress whoever is going to judge him. But brides don't come in white, they come in red. In every culture, brides come in coloured clothing, except in the so-called Christian wedding, or Western weddings. People just assume that's normal. It's not, it came from Revelation. Always pure white, nothing, no taint on it, you don't have a bit of sash of red or a shawl, it's always pure white. Then we have the Hallelujah for the hero. The Groom is coming for the Bride. Do you realize this is a love story, the ending of the love story? The villain is killed, the villain Babylon is fallen; the Babylon that always distracted the Bride from

the Groom. Always tempting the Bride away to the lure of money and power which everybody loves. And then finally, the villain is conquered. The Groom comes, the hero comes. This the end, this is Revelation. The whole book comes to this culmination. Revelation Chapter 19 is the climax of the story, the Groom comes for His Bride. He had to battle for His Bride. That's what every good love story is about, a hero battling for his bride, winning his bride.

And then it says, "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper." I hope we will all be there; you will be there and I will be there. I'm sure I'll be there. I am 100% sure of that, not because I'm good, but because I trusted in that wonderful Savior who took all my sins and gave me all His righteousness.

And then John saw heaven opened and a white horse comes out. Every time a victory was won in the Roman Empire, the general has a right to sit on a white horse after the victory, and go through the city on a victory procession. A white horse shows he has conquered. It's the symbol of the conqueror. So the white horse comes out and the One sitting on is called Faithful and True. Jesus has so many titles, someone counted, about 250 titles in the Bible. Every king and emperor love to have a title. Alexander was a great conqueror, so Alexander the Great. Some kings were very wise and so are called King Frederick the Wise or something like that. But Jesus needs 200 over titles to describe Him because He has so much excellencies. Now nobody comes close. No king or emperor glorifies himself with so many titles. One of Jesus' titles is Faithful and True. Everything you read is faithful and true.

And then it said the One sitting on it, called Faithful and True, judges. His eyes are like a flame of fire. Fire is used to purify metals. There's no other way to identify the impurities in a nugget of gold. He has eyes of fire, you can't fool Him. Those who have trusted Christ, He can see. Those who profess to trust Christ (but) are fakes, He can see. On that day, He will see through everyone. Many will say unto Me, "Lord, Lord...." Sorry, it's too late, you never received Me, you professed Me." And that's going to shock a lot of people because MANY will say to Me on that day....but the flame of fire in His eyes will prove you to be true or not.

And on His head were many crowns. An average king had one crown because he ruled one little kingdom. And He has a name written that no one knows. So in other words, out of 250 titles that we know in the Bible, there are more.

And on His robe was blood. This is kind of weird, the war hasn't begun. Later, you will see the Battle of Armageddon at the end of Chapter 19 when He finally wipes out all, but blood was already on His robe. It's not the blood of the Battle of Armageddon. This conqueror is coming on a white horse before the battle begins because He knows He's going to win. He's already got blood before the battle has begun. Whose blood is that? The blood of the enemies? No, it's the blood that He shed for us. He won the war, not by shedding others' blood, Christ won the war by shedding His own precious blood. He conquered by dying for us. Can you understand the agape love of God? It is so opposite to everything we can imagine. His conquering was not with violence as every other religion. They conquered by slaughtering others who didn't believe in their religion. He simply died on the cross for us. And that bloody robe and His white horse remind us of that amazing victory on the cross.

And on the robe was written these words - The Word of God. Christ is the Word of God - John Chapter 1, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God and the Word was with God." What do you mean Christ is the Word of God? It is the expression of God. You will never know me until I speak out. I'll be a total mystery to you until the words come out of my mouth. There's no way we can know God. We've never seen God. But Jesus is the Word of God. You see Christ, you know God. You hear my words, you know who PC is. So Jesus is the expression of God's agape love. You see Christ, you see God; He is the Word of God.

In the later part of Revelation (Chapter) 19, it's said that on the robe and on His thigh is written King of kings and Lord of lords. This was to just to remind the readers of John, whom John originally wrote to, the persecuted church in Ephesus that there is a King of kings, King of Caesar though he doesn't know it. They were going through great persecution, having to say, Caesar is lord. Caesar is just a pretender. He has authority for a while, given by God, just as Satan. The authority is allowed by God for a period, for God's grand purpose.

The focus is on the conquering hero coming, eyes like a flame of fire, many crowns on the head, robed in blood, and the names, Word of God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. And then as He comes in, behind (Him) is an army of His people, all in fine, white linen, the deeds that they have been blessed with, imputed to them, and they are following on white horses. So all of us will be conquerors over life, over everything, all who have not had the mark of the beast, in other words, have decided not to allow themselves to follow the world whose lust was for power and money, who thought they could build their own empires and kingdoms. All who know we need just Christ. We are sinners, hopeless sinners. The longer we live, we build only an empire of more and more sins. Every day we live, we add sins to our lives. So, we see this first white horse and then a massive army of white horses and people in white linen. No blood on them because they didn't shed the blood, Jesus shed blood for them. And then in the mouth of the

leader of this white horse, we see eyes like fire and a sharp sword out of His mouth to gather all those who have not trusted Him, who have chosen to follow Babylon and her ways -humanistic idea of building their own kingdoms, their own righteousness, their own everything. All of them will be gathered by the sickle for the harvest to be put into the wine press of the wrath of God, squeezed out. Later we'll see what that wrath is.

Then we see another scene in Revelation (Chapter) 19, an angel shouts in a loud voice to all the birds in the world - Get ready for the great supper. Some of us are going to the wedding supper, but the birds are going to another supper of human flesh, to eat the flesh of all people who have rejected Jesus as Savior, from generals to slaves, from the horses to the whatever.

And then he saw a scene of the armies of the world and the kings gathered together, ready for war. This is actually the scene described in Revelation (Chapter) 16, the Sixth Bowl judgment. The Sixth Bowl was poured out on the River Euphrates and it dried up. And then it said that three frog-like spirits of deception came out from the devil (satan), from the antichrist, and from the false prophet. And these deceitful spirits went and convinced the kings of the world that they needed to gather together, under the antichrist as their leader, to “battle against this horrible one who is going to destroy our way of life, our Babylonish” way of life. So this huge army described here, is actually just a more detailed picture of Revelation Chapter 16, the Sixth Bowl judgment. All these kings are gathered with a massive army, some crossing over the River Euphrates which is now dried up, and all headed towards the plain of Megiddo or in Hebrew Harmagedon, or in English, Armageddon. They get ready for the greatest battle in history we call the Battle of Armageddon, but let me tell you an anti-climax, there is no battle. It is a non-battle! There is no struggle at all. Jesus had already said, “The wages of sin is death. All have sinned and come short of the glory of

God.” And all these people who refuse to receive Jesus, they're getting their rightful due. One sweep from Jesus, and they all drop dead. You can't make a war movie of Armageddon. If men think they can fight against God, they are insane. These kings came, and then it's a non-fight. It just says that the beast and the false prophet are captured and thrown into the lake of fire to burn forever. And the rest are slain by the sword from the mouth of Jesus. And all these birds gorge themselves with their flesh. So this is the Battle of Armageddon, getting rid of the villain, once and for all, except in Chapter 20, we see some little twist to this story.

So what have we seen? We've seen the culmination, Christ comes, settles it in just one little short chapter. This whole book has been going on just to show this little short chapter that He will win. Now, what is the Bible about? This gives you a hint already. The Bible is about God the Father looking for a bride for His Son. No one is fit enough, to be good enough for His Son. So preparation is made for a bride which is the book we have been reading thus far. And that is the marriage supper that we will see. And then the next chapter is quite an interesting twist. Now this book, this Bible is one amazing story thus far. I hope you can see some interesting things about our wonderful God and His wonderful plan for you and for me.