

REVELATION PART EIGHT - Chapter 19**Chapter 19 – The Marriage Supper of the Lamb**

The first part of Revelation Chapter 19 should have been a part of Chapter 18 because it continues with the topic on the fall of Babylon. The chapter division was a slip-up.

1. The first “Hallelujah” in Revelation 19:1 is still about the fall of Babylon. The second “Hallelujah” in Revelation 19:6 is a new topic about the Groom’s coming and the marriage supper.
2. The two Hallelujahs were, however, placed erroneously together in this Chapter 19. Such error is common in the Bible because chapter divisions were not inspired by God but were put in by men to allow easy location of Bible verses.
3. When chapter division is used for reading, it may result in “chopped up” reading where people do not read the entire Bible as a book, hence losing the storyline. Due to incorrect chapter division, the storyline may not even seem to flow.
4. Chapter division is well accepted by most readers because of its convenience as it creates a reasonably sized passage for their daily devotional reading. It, however, does not do justice to the Bible as we have to read the books of the Bible in their entirety in order to get a good feel or understanding of the individual book.
5. So, the first Hallelujah is about rejoicing in heaven because it is the end of sorrow, corruption, pain and death etc. An average man is born into this world with labour pains, living life interspersed with lots of struggles, and upon death, goes to hell. Therefore one can say that “Birth is painful, life is hard, death is certain, and eternity is horrible”. Such is the life of an average man since the fall of Adam. Hence the reason for the first “Hallelujah” in this chapter is to rejoice because that life filled with suffering is over because Babylon has fallen.

The second Hallelujah in Revelation 19:6 is to celebrate the Groom’s coming for his Bride.

1. Revelation 19:8. The Bride was dressed in fine, white, and pure linen which represented the deeds of the saints.
 - a) We cannot say that our works are pure.
 - b) Even Pastor Paul Choo admitted that his production of the teaching Beautiful Book series was not of pure motivation. Despite the good intent to help others realise the beauty of the Bible, Pastor Paul said he had a selfish motivation of wanting to learn more about, and be an expert of the Bible.
 - c) Sin is still present even in our best work or good intent. Everything in this world is tainted; even for gold, there is no such thing as pure gold. The purest form of gold is 99.999% at best. Hence, even if our works are good, they are not pure.
 - d) So, what does the white linen here represent?
 - i. It stands for the righteousness of Christ and His righteous work when He went on the Cross. The beautiful transaction that took place on the Cross where our trust in Christ resulted in our sins being paid for by Christ at the Cross. Christ took on our sins as if it was His. In turn, we received His righteousness as if it was ours.

- ii. The pure white linen in this chapter does not refer to that of our own righteousness but of the righteousness of Christ.
 - iii. Ephesians 2:8-9 say that one day when we see God, we would all stand in Christ's righteousness, so that God would see us in the covering of His Son.
 - iv. This is also the reason why brides in Christian weddings are being adorned in white, unlike in other cultures for e.g. the Chinese, who use white colour only at funeral services. Perhaps the family of the dead man hopes that the dead man will be judged as pure. In other cultures, it is customary for brides to be dressed in red or coloured clothing. It is not because of customs or tradition that Christian brides are dressed in pure white (without taint or sash of red) but because of the reasons stated in this chapter in Revelation.
- e) It described the ending of the love story where the villain was killed. The villain represented Babylon who had always used money and power (two things that all people love) to distract and tempt the Bride away from the Groom. The Groom (or hero of the love story) finally came for the Bride (i.e. the Church). Hence this chapter is the climax of the love story. The Groom had to battle for His Bride, just like any love story where the hero battles for his bride and ends up winning her.
2. Revelation 19:9 says, "Blessed are all who are invited to the Marriage Supper".
- a) Let us make sure that we will be there, not because we are good but because we have trusted in the wonderful Saviour who took all our sins and gave or impute His righteousness to us. As our sins are accounted to Him, His righteousness is accounted to us. (See 1 Corinthians 5:21)
 - b) This is similar to book-keeping where our sins are put into His column, and His righteousness is put into our column. This is such an amazing transaction.
3. Revelation 19:11. John saw the heavens open. John saw a white horse came out.
- a) Each time a victory was won in the Roman Empire, the general had the right to sit on a white horse and go through the city on a victory procession. The white horse symbolised that the rider was a conqueror.
 - b) The One sitting on that white horse that John saw was called Faithful and True. Jesus has many titles, totalling about 250 in the Bible.
 - c) Every king loves to have a title; for e.g., Alexander the Great, because it described Alexander as a great conqueror, or Frederick the Wise, etc.
 - d) But Jesus needs 250 over titles to describe Him because He has so much excellences and no earthly king could come anywhere near to that. These kings did not dare claim too many titles, for e.g. there was no Alexander the Just, because Alexander was quite cruel. He was only a great conqueror and at times, a fool who got drunk, and he died like a kid.
 - e) One of Jesus' title is Faithful and True, so we should know that all that we read is faithful and true.
4. Revelation 19:12 say that the rider (Jesus) had eyes like a flame of fire.

- a) Fire is used to purify metals (e.g. to get pure gold). There is no other way to expose impurities in a nugget of gold. Fire causes all the impurities to be exposed as gases, leaving behind a pure metal.
 - b) Jesus Christ has His eyes of fire, means that no one can fool Him. He can tell who the real believers are and who the fake ones (who merely profess Him) are.
 - c) On that day, Jesus will see through everyone who calls Him, “Lord, Lord” but never truly received Him but had merely professed Him (see Matthew 7:23). The flame of fire in His eyes will catch them and prove them to be impure or junk.
5. Revelation 19:12. On His head, there were many crowns. Every king has one crown because he rules only one little kingdom even though he may think that he is big. According to this verse, Jesus has a name that is unknown to us. This means that He has more than the 250 known titles in the Bible.
6. Revelation 19:13 There was blood on Jesus’ robe.
- a) This is unusual, because the war of Armageddon had not begun. We will read more about the battle of Armageddon in the later part of this chapter when He finally wiped out all His adversaries.
 - b) Hence, this blood was not the blood from the battle. He came in a white horse because He knew that He was going to win, yet he already had blood on His robe even before the battle begun.
 - c) This was the blood of Christ Himself that He shed for us on the Cross. Christ won the war not by shedding the blood of others, but He won the war by shedding His own precious blood. He conquered by dying for us. This is the agape love of God. He did not conquer with violence, unlike earthly kings or leaders slaughtering others or forcing people to follow their religions. The bloody robe reminded us of His amazing victory on the Cross.
 - d) On the robe, was written, “The Word of God”.
 - i. Christ is the Word of God as recorded in John 1:1. Christ is the expression of God.
 - ii. You will never know a person and he will remain a total mystery until he speaks and words come out of his mouth.
 - iii. Similarly, we also do not know God and have never seen Him, but when we see Christ, we see God.
 - iv. Even if we turn off the video on the Beautiful Book, we will still know who Pastor Paul Choo is because we can hear his words.
 - v. Christ is the expression of God’s agape love, holiness etc. So, all that we need is to see Christ and we will see God.
7. Revelation 19:14-16. On the robe was also written, “King of Kings”, and on His thigh was written, “Lord of Lords”.
- a) These remind the readers of John who were horribly persecuted in the churches of Ephesus, that there was a King who was also the King of the Caesar. Caesar was only a pretender who had authority only for a season just like Satan. The authority was allowed by God only for a period of time

for God's grand purpose. So, the persecuted Christians were to focus on the coming of Christ with all His titles.

- b) Christ will come with an army of His people in fine white linen, with the deeds that they have been blessed with and imputed to them, and we will all also sit on white horses.
 - i. So, all of us will be conquerors too. All of us do not have the mark of the beast (Antichrist) because we have decided not to follow the ways of the world, which lust for power and money to build our own empire and kingdom, for we know that we only need Christ.
 - ii. We know we build nothing but more and more sins each day. The longer we live, we build an empire of sins as we add to it daily while we live on Earth.
 - iii. The army that followed Christ had white linen, but no blood were on them because they did not shed blood; it was only Christ who shed His own blood.
 - c) Verse 15 says that in the mouth of Jesus, there was a sharp sickle to gather those who had not trusted Him but had chosen to follow Babylon and her ways, who had chosen to follow the humanistic way of building their own kingdoms and seek their own righteousness on Earth. All in this harvest would be put into the wine press of God, which is the wrath of God.
8. Revelation 19:17-18. John saw an angel shouting with a loud voice to the birds, "Get ready for the great supper". While we go to the Marriage Supper, the birds will go to another supper, feasting on the human flesh of all those who had rejected Jesus, regardless of their status on Earth (i.e. whether they are generals or mere slaves).
9. Revelation 19:19. John saw an army of first beast (Antichrist) and the kings gathering together, ready for war.
- a) This was already described in Revelation Chapter 16 in the Sixth Bowl Judgement. When the Sixth Bowl was poured out on river Euphrates, the river dried up for the army to cross over. That same chapter also described three frog like spirits that came out of Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet, to deceive and convince the kings that they needed to gather together under the leadership of Antichrist to battle against God.
 - b) This huge army is mentioned again in this chapter to give a more detailed description of the Sixth Bowl Judgement in Revelation Chapter 16.
 - c) This huge army crossed over the dried-up river Euphrates and headed towards the plain of Armageddon (Hamegido in Hebrew), ready for the greatest battle in history called the Battle of Armageddon. But it was an anti-climax, because there was no battle or what we call a "non-battle".
 - d) Romans 6:23 says that "the wages of sin is death". All these people who refused to believe in Him would get their rightful deal. All it took was just one sweep from Jesus and the war was over. You can make a movie only about a lot of preparation for such a non-battle but not the battle itself

because it is not even a fight and hence there is no story to make into a movie.

- e) When man thinks that they can fight with God, they are insane to even think that they can against the same Jesus who made the universe. The brains of these people have become so egoistical; they think that they can one day stand before God just like these Armageddon soldiers who tried to fight against God. This is pure insanity.
 - f) People who believes in Babylon (the world system) are totally insane too, thinking that having more riches or more power will make them happy. Yet many people still believe in it.
10. There is totally no description of the Battle of Armageddon itself but this chapter only describes that the first beast (Antichrist) and the False Prophet were thrown into the eternal lake of fire to be burnt forever in hell! The rest were slain by the sword. The birds had an amazing feast. This was the Battle of Armageddon that got rid of all the villains, almost once and for all, except in Revelation Chapter 20, where there was a little twist to the story.

In this chapter, we see the culmination. Christ came and He settled everything. The Bible has so many books, yet it is only in this short little chapter that it is revealed to us that Christ will win, 100% just like that.

What is the whole Bible about?

The Bible is about God the Father, looking for a Bride for His precious Son. No one is good enough or fit enough for His Son, so preparation is needed for His Bride. All the events happening in the entire Bible up to now is about the preparation of the Bride for His Son resulting in the Marriage Supper. The next chapter has an interesting twist. This Bible is one amazing love story, about our wonderful God and His amazing plan for us in the Bible.