Behold the Lamb of God

The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth
Revelation 19
Lesson 19

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Revelation – overview

I  II  III
1  2-3  4  22

CHRIST
Letters to Seven Churches

Prophecy of Things to Come

III  Prophecy of Things to Come
4  18  19  20  21-22

Great Tribulation – 7 Years

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4  18

Seals 1-6  7th Seal

Trumpets 1-6  7th Trumpet

Bowls 1-7

Parentheses:
1  2  3  4

Chapter:
7  10-11a  12-14  17-18

1 – the elect of God preserved
2 – John and the 2 witnesses
3 – Spiritual realities
4 – Babylon the Great
The 4th Parenthesis or Interlude

- Revelation 17:1–19:10 – a single narrative
- One of the 7 angels with the 7 bowls (17:1)
  - The angel speaks to John in 17:7, 15
  - The angel concludes with John in 19:9
  - Other angels do not speak to John
- A response to the fall of Babylon which is the final event before the return of Christ
The Great Prostitute and Babylon

- The “alternate pathway” to God – Matthew 12:30
- Great prostitute – mother of earth’s abominations
- Babylon the Great – power of her luxurious living
  - A symbol – the way that seems right to man
  - An actual city at 3 times in history
- Major focus of the 7th bowl (16:19)
- Babylon destroyed by the Beast and 10 kings (17:16-17)
- The end of an era
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Revelation 19

▶ The marriage of the Lamb has come (19:1-10)
  – A response to the call to rejoice (18:20)
  – Hallelujah – Praise the Lord – 4 stanzas
  – The prostitute and the Bride – two pathways and two outcomes

▶ The return of the Lord (19:11-21)
  – Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords
  – The great supper of God – the battle of Armageddon
Hallelujah #1 (19:1-2)

- Salvation, glory, power belong to God
  - The great work of God – salvation
  - The glory of God – exaltation
  - The power of God – sovereignty

- Truth and justice
  - A prominent theme (19:9, 11; 22:6 and 1:5)
  - The cause of the wrath of God on Babylon
  - The source of corruption is removed
  - The death of God’s people is avenged

- The hope of the saints
Hallelujah #2 (19:3)

▪ Eternal smoke – from what?
  • Babylon – a city?
  • The great prostitute – the alternate pathway

▪ Smoke in heaven – the presence of God (15:8)
  • An attribute of God – part of His justice
  • Hallelujah to the God of wrath
Hallelujah #3 (19:4-5)

- 24 elders and 4 living creatures
- Rejoicing in the presence of God – expressed in worship of God
- Call for God’s servants who fear Him to praise Him
- Revelation 14:6-12 – a call for endurance
Hallelujah #4 (19:6-8)

- The Lord God omnipotent reigns
- The marriage of the Lamb has come
The Marriage of the Lamb

▶ The reign of the Lord God Omnipotent

▶ “The establishment of the kingdom of God and the marriage of the Lamb are in reality one event viewed from two perspectives.” (Thomas)

▶ “The figure of marriage denotes the intimate and indissoluble union of the community of believers with the Messiah.” (Thomas)
The Marriage of the Lamb

- O.T. figure of Israel as the bride of Christ:
  - Isaiah 54:5-8; 62:5; Jer. 31:32; Ezekiel 16:7-14; Hosea 2:16, 19

- N.T. figure of the Church as the bride of Christ:
  - 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25ff

- Jesus speaks of Himself as a bridegroom:

- Parables of wedding feast:

- Jerusalem is the Bride, the wife of the Lamb:
  - Revelation 21:9-10
“His Bride has made herself ready.”

- Clothed herself in fine linen, bright and pure – righteous deeds
- The vocation of a believer is to prepare for the marriage of the Lamb
- 1 John 3:2-3; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2 Peter 3:13-14; James 5:7-8
A Beatitude

- Blessed are those invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb
- This is the truth of God
  - compare: 19:9-10 with 22:6-9
- John begins to worship the angel
- Angel rebukes John
- John’s delight in the marriage of the Lamb
The Return of the Lord (19:11-13)

- From heaven
- White horse
- Faithful and True
- Righteous Judge
- Many crowns
- Unknown Name
- Robe dipped in blood
- Word of God
The Return of the Lord (19:14-16)

- The coming of the LORD to wage war
- O.T. speaks of this kind of a return:
  - Isaiah 13:4; 31:4; 42:13; Ezek. 38-39; Joel 3; Zech. 14:3
- Strike the nations and rule with a rod of iron
- King of kings and Lord of lords
- Matthew 24:29-31
The great supper of God (19:17-21)

- Beast with kings of the earth come against Christ and His saints
- Beast captured with false prophet and cast into the lake of fire.
- Armies slain with the sword from His mouth – probably His spoken Word
- Birds gathered to eat the dead bodies
- Ezekiel 38-39
The Return of Christ

- The Lord God Omnipotent reigns
  - Romans 8:19-25
  - Earliest recorded Bible sermon (Jude 14-15)

- His Bride has made herself ready
  - The career of the Christian