

Behold the Lamb of God

**The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth
Revelation 19
Lesson 19**

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Revelation – overview

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1	2-3	4	22
C H R I S T	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		Return of Christ	1000 Year Reign	Eternal State

4	Great Tribulation – 7 Years			18
Seals 1-6		7 th Seal		
		Trumpets 1-6		7 th Trumpet
		Bowls 1-7		
Parenteses:	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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- ▶ 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:
 - Matthew 9:15; Mark 2:19-20; Luke 5:34-35; John 3:29
- ▶ Parables of wedding feast:
 - Matthew 22:2-14; 25:1-13
- ▶ 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