

**Your merchants were the world's important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray. In her was found the blood of prophets and of God's holy people, of all who have been slaughtered on the earth."**

All the attractions of Babylon will be gone – music, night life, lights, business. This is will grow just as the sorcery will grow. Sorceries" in some translations is translated directly from the Greek as pharmaceuticals. **Why is that word more meaningful to us than the typical witchcraft definition in the NIV?**

The final sin was the murder of God's people for this the cup will be pressed against the lips in a double portion.

## Chapter 19

### Return of Christ

Overview:

- 1-6 Hallelujah! Chorus 4 times
- 7-10 Bride & Marriage of the Lamb
- 11-16 Return of Christ – Lord of Lords – King of Kings
- 17-18 Armageddon
- 19-21 Hell Opens – Great Supper of God (birds) in contrast to the Marriage Supper

This chapter is a bridge from darkness to light – from Great Tribulation to Millennium, and two suppers stand in contrast both on earth.

**Revelation 19:1-3 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants." And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."**

**What is the significance of "After This" or in King James "After these things"? How many references are in the New Testament of Hallelujah?**

This is a division in the same language John originally introduced "After these things" in King James Version. This is the first of four references to Hallelujah in the New Testament. All are contained in this chapter. There are 172 references in the Old Testament and 19 Psalms alone.

**Do you see any contrast in how God's Judgments are viewed here compared to Heaven?**

All of Heaven knows His judgments are true and right. They know much more than we do down here. The apostate church is taken out first to make way for the marriage supper which is here on earth.

**What do you think is the significance/symbolism of her smoke goes up forever and ever?**

**Revelation 19:4-6 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!" Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!" Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns."**

**Do you remember the first reference to the 24 elders and the 4 creatures? What are the similarities and contrasts in this worship and what was described in Chapter 5?**

The call to worship is from the Throne room of God!

**Revelation 19:7-9** Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

**1 Corinthians 3:10-15** “By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Marriage of the Lamb in Heaven is happening, and the Church now becomes the Bride. Consummated in Heaven and now Jesus comes to earth with His bride for wedding feast/honeymoon - 1,000 years.

**Do you have oil in your lamp will you be ready for the wedding supper?**

The wedding supper will be here on earth, and Jesus said that we should be ready. Matthew 25:1-13 – Parable of the 10 Virgins. He is a longtime coming but He will come. Psalm 45 – Wedding Song and description.

**When your works go through the fire, will you provide any jewels to adorn the bride?**

Notice, how the bride is prepared. Fine Linen given her to wear. Clothed in righteousness of Christ, but good works that are purified by fire adorn her much as jewelry on a bride. Note: the hay, wood and stubble are burned away only that which is everlasting will adorn the bride (1 Corinthians 3:11-13).

**Revelation 19:10** At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

**Why is this verse in here? What purpose does it serve?**

**Revelation 19:11-16** I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.

**Can you now clearly see the difference between Jesus on the white horse and the Anti-Christ impersonation in Chapter 6:1-2? The Return of Christ – Notice the contrast**

Revelation 6	Revelation 19
Rider (no description given)	Rider is Faithful and True, the Word of God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords
White Horse	He and the armies of God are on white horses
Bow (no arrows)	Eyes like blazing fire and out of his mouth a sharp sword
Given a Crown	Many crowns
Conqueror bent on conquest	With Justice He wages war, treads the wine press, and rules with an iron scepter.

**Why does Jesus have a sword coming out of his mouth and what is the significance to us?**

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Why did His people not recognize Jesus in his first coming? What is the difference in the first and second coming?**

1 <sup>st</sup> Coming	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming
Donkey (Peace)	White Horse (War)
Baby (they expected a King)	King of Kings
Die for sins	Judge
Gentleness – fruits of the spirit	Tread the wine press

**What is in a name? How do the four Gospels correspond to the names of Jesus?**

Matthew	King of Kings
Mark	Faithful and True
John	Word of God
Luke	Jesus, Son of Man

**Will Christ's government be a democracy?**

Jesus will be a dictator no democracy. We will love it, but there is no doubt who is ruling King of Kings. Psalm 2 – describes Rule with Rod of Iron.

**Revelation 19:17-21 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.” Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.**

**Does this seem odd to you that the kings of the world and millions line up to battle God? How long do you think this battle lasts? At what point do you think they realized this was a bad idea? Who is the first to go into Hell? Notice how...Alive? What is the significance?**

The Great Supper of God this must be frightful to the non-believers. **Who is first to be thrown into Hell? Does your translation say thrown in alive?**

## What has changed about Jesus?

Revelation 1:14 (New American Standard Bible) <sup>14</sup>His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.

Revelation 19:12 (New American Standard Bible) <sup>12</sup>His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

**What is the name no one knows?** John 14:7 (New American Standard Bible) Oneness with the Father "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." Jesus said no one knows Him but the Father. It will take an entirety to get to truly know Jesus and the Father, and maybe that is the name that no one knows.

## Chapter 20

Millennium – Greek for 1,000 - Controversy surrounds this subject like the rapture there are three different views or interpretations.

### Three Views of the Millennium

1. Postmillennialism – Essential looks for a 1,000 year period literally on earth to be ushered in by the Church. Then after the 1,000 years Satan is loosed then the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. This view was very popular in the early 1900's with a wide spread revival and preaching of the word spreading rapidly around the world. Then, the view lost popularity with WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, and the Atom bomb.
2. Premillennialism – Also, believes in a literal 1,000 years on earth but believes that the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming ushers in the millennium and that this reign occurs before the final removal of Satan.
3. Amillennialism – understands that the 1,000 year reign is symbolic of the time between Christ's ascension and His return. The Millennium is the reign of Christ in the heart of believers and His church. It could be referred to as the church age. This period will end with the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. There is no false hope. It simply put does not believe in the millennium. Under this view, much of Revelation is seen as symbolic. The millennium is part of the present, and History is fit like a patchwork to fill in all the gaps and explain the theory.

**Which view do you support?** There is room for fellowship even if you disagree; however lets discuss some important requirements as laid out in the word before you choose:

### Millennium Requirements

1. Satan has to be removed from the earthly scene.
2. Curse of sin has to be removed from the earthly scene.
3. Resurrection of the Old Testament saints must occur at the beginning of the millennium.
4. Man is tested one final time, so that none can say it was the Devil, curse of sin or anything else. Man will be proven to be depraved even at the root in a perfect setting.