

## Alleluia and The Marriage of the Lamb

Rev. 19:1-10

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This chapter we will divide into two parts. The first will be rejoicing because of the forever destruction of the evil system of "Mystical Babylon" followed by the Marriage of and then the Supper of the Lamb. (Verses 1-10) The second that will be studied in another session, will deal with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ (verses 11-21)

V1. "After these things": The destruction of evil of which we have studied in the previous two chapters. What the Christ rejecting world mourned Heaven rejoices over.

"Alleluia": God is the author of language. He is able to communicate to His people exactly what is needed. In the Old Testament the word "hallelujah" is used at least 24 times. There it means "Praise the Lord". The last part of the word speaks of God as "I am". The same which He told Moses which means "He is, and was, and is to come". The word in Rev. 16:5 is similar in that it states "which art, and wast, and shall be." "Alleluia", used only in this chapter, emphasis is made on "He that is". This is denoting in this strong language the past together with the future is swallowed up in the present, the former things no more mentioned for the greatness of those that are the "title" of the everlasting God.

God is praised in Rev. 4:11, 7:10,12; 11:15; and 12:40.

This section marks a dramatic change in the Revealing of God's plan for mankind. The evil system has been defeated. The Tribulation has come to an end. Now in rapid succession we are viewing wonderful truths of victory. Rejoicing is occurring in Heaven because of the work of God. The Marriage of the Lamb and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb are introduced one has happened because of the finishing of evil and the second will occur when Jesus comes back to earth. This is the most important event to the believer of Jesus Christ.

Another supper will be known which will be the feast of birds on the people at the end of the War of Armageddon.

“Salvation, glory, honor, power”: God is the sole author of deliverance from sin.

V2. “True and righteous”: This is denoting God’s judgments displayed in supporting His followers and punishing His enemies. There will be no middle ground. If the attempt is made to live a life of being neither warm or cold that lukewarm stance will cause the Lord to spew (vomit) you out. There is no neutral place to be.

God is just in what He does. Deut. 32:43; Rev. 6:10; 15:3; 16:7; and 18:20.

“Judgments”: They are true and exact.

“Great whore”: This is denoting Spiritual Whoredom. This evil system was guilty of 1) universal corruption of the whole earth and 2) cruelly murdering those who would not sin. Read Rom. 8:18-23 to get an explanation of what and where you and I are in the present. We are awaiting the events of which we have just covered when God will have righted the wrongs of this world.

V3. “Smoke”: This is the evidence of God’s judgment being eternal. Gen. 19:1-38 is the narrative of evil being judged. God is right in His divine judgment upon this group of people. The “fire and brimstone” is real and not figurative as some have argued. Read Isa. 34:10, Rev. 14:11, 18:9, 18.

V4. “Four and twenty elders”: This will be the last mention of the believers being labeled as such. The next mention of them they are the Bride of Christ. In Rev. 4:9,10 and 5:8,14 the praise moves from the center to the circumference because the four beasts are closer to the throne. When God’s judgments are fulfilled the praise moves from the circumference to the center.

“Amen”: Let it be established.

V5. "Praise": To compliment and admire God for all His virtues and for what He is. Thanksgiving is to express thanks and gratitude to God for the things that He has done for you and provided you.

Prov. 9:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

V6. "The voice of": Here is the description of the most emphatic praising of our Savior. He has destroyed evil and will shortly be coming to earth to set up His kingdom for 1,000 years. The wonder of this level of praise can be examined in Ezek. 1:24; 43:2; Rev. 11:15,17; 12:10; and 14:2.

"Omnipotent": Having all power. The Almighty.

"Reigneth": He is ruling everything.

V7. "Let us": The word means allow to happen. All through Scripture we find God showing us we have the ability to obey or disobey.

"Glad and rejoice": In the triumph of truth, all should be glad that the government of God is set up over an apostate world.

"Give honor": Because the work is glorious and because it is by His power alone that it has been accomplished.

"Marriage of the Lamb": The relation of the Messiah to the church is represented often in the Bible under the image of marriage. Mat. 22:2; 25:10; II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:32; Rev. 21:2; Isa. 54:4; 62:4; Jer. 3:14; 31:32; and Hosea 2:19-20.

"Is come": Indicating the True Church is a pure bride, the Lamb's wife, and the final triumph of that church as a joyous marriage. The meaning is that the church was now to triumph and rejoice in permanent union with her glorious head and Lord. The full and final consummation is at Rev. 21:2-9.

"Made herself ready": I Jn. 3:3 "and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." Jude 1:21 "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."



II Cor. 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

The chief preparation is the act of Christ. Eph. 5:25-27 "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

V8. "To her": The righteous acts commanded in the Gospel have the effect of purifying those who obey them. Rom. 5:18 "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." This righteousness is not inherent but is imputed. Rev. 3:4-5; Psa. 45:13-14; Isa. 61:10; Ezek. 16:10; Mat. 22:12; Rom. 3:22, 13:14; and Eph. 5:26-27.

"Fine linen": White is the emblem of innocence. Phil. 3:9 "And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." Rev. 3:18 "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." Rom. 3:25-26 "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time His righteousness; that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Phil. 1:11 "Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

V9. "Blessed": This is a favor bestowed by God, thereby bringing happiness. It is the invoking of God's favor upon a person. In Mat. 5: 3-11 we find Jesus using "blessed are". In these verses He is not describing things for people to do but rather the conditions that they will inherit by following Him.

In this verse we are shown that “blessed” are all they who hear the Gospel, and are thus invited to lay hold on everlasting life.

As in the normal order of a wedding the first is the wedding ceremony itself and separate from it is the supper. We are being shown the same here. Marriage Supper itself will be that relation with the Groom established on this earth during His millennium reign.

“True sayings of God”: The idea is, that in all times of persecution, in every dark hour of despondency, the church, as such, and every individual member of the church, should receive it as a solemn truth never to be doubted, that the salvation thru Christ would finally prevail, and that all persecution and sorrow here would be followed by joy and triumph in heaven.

“Called”: Note: The word Church in the original means “called-out”. As God has interacted with mankind from the garden (Adam who art thou) to the end of this period we have studied (Tribulation Period) the Salvation He has presented to mankind came from His Son and the victory He gained on the Cross of Calvary. His effort in bringing light into darkness through the Gospel message preached in the power of the Holy Spirit and testified by those “called-out” to lost souls to answer their individual call is the basis of people being born again. We have watched the effects of those who had refused the call from God and were left behind after the rapture of the believers only to be damned to believe a lie.

Verses on God’s calling: John 15:16; I Thess. 5:24; Rom. 8:28; I Cor. 1:28-29; II Thess. 2:14; I Pet. 2:21; Phil. 3:14; II Tim. 1:9; Isa. 65:1; I Cor. 1:9; Eph. 4:4; I Pet. 1:15-16; 3:9; II Pet. 1:10-11.

V10. “Fell at his feet to worship him”: John, it appears, is overcome by emotion at all he has just received. He wrongfully attempts to worship the angel and is immediately corrected. Angel worship is wrong. Only the Godhead is worthy of it. We have been given other examples of people worshipping in the wrong way. Acts 10:26; 14:14-15.

The angel corrects this mistake by stating that it was from God alone this intelligence came, and that to Him alone the praise was due.

**“Worship God”:** Worship is the act of attributing reverent honor and homage to God. “worthy-ship”. (Mat. 4:10; Jn. 4:21-24; I Cor. 14:25; Rev. 4:10; Phil. 3:3)

Exod. 20:3-5: “Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.”

God’s Word is clear concerning this subject of worship. We are not to worship angels, preachers, denominations, traditions, Virgin Mary, saints, buildings and so forth.

### **“Use things, Love People, and Worship God”**

**“Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”:** The stated reason given by the angel why John should not worship him. He is saying that God had given him the spirit of prophecy and that did not make him superior to John who had received the testimony of Christ, to preach Him among the Gentiles; for the commission containing such a testimony is equal to the gift of the spirit of prophecy. For the spirit of prophecy is a general testimony concerning Jesus, for He is the scope and design of the whole Scripture; to Him gave all the prophets witness. Take Jesus, His grace, Spirit, and Gospel out of the Bible, and it has neither scope, design, nor end.

The “marriage of the Lamb” (verse 7) is a phrase that beautifully describes the final and complete union of Jesus Christ and true believers. It communicates an intimacy of relationship between Christ and believers that in this life has never been experienced and one that will never be compromised or broken. From the time of the “marriage” onward, the bride and Christ are inseparable. The “supper” will take place on earth. This will be for 1,000 years and then into the Eternal State. (New Jerusalem) It is a picture of the great joy that will permeate the reign of the Lord Jesus over the redeemed of all ages.