

# Revelation 19 - The Marriage of the Lamb

Rev 19:1-21 ESV After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, 2 for **his judgments are true and just**; for he has **judged the great prostitute** who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has **avenged on her the blood of his servants**." 3 Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! **The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.**" 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" 5 And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

- The judgements of God are TRUE and JUST -- The judgement is forever

## 1) Jesus taught there IS a judgement day (Luke 10:12 & 14)

Luke 10:12- I tell you, it will be more **bearable on that day** for Sodom than for that town.

- THAT Day is speaking of judgment day
- Luke 10:14 But it will be more **bearable in the judgment** for Tyre and Sidon than for you.
- Act 17:29-31 ESV Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 **because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed**; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

## 2) Jesus taught each of us is personally accountable (Luke 10:13)

Luke 10:13 "**Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you** had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

### **Every human being**

- Rom 14:11-12 ESV ...for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." 12 **So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.**

### **Is held accountable for what we say**

- Mat 12:36-37 ESV I tell you, on the day of judgment **people will give account for every careless word they speak**, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

### **And for what we do**

- 2Co 5:10 ESV For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may receive what is due **for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.**

## 3) Jesus taught repentance is the response required (Luke 10:13)

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- Act 17:30-31 ESV The times of ignorance God overlooked, **but now he commands all people everywhere to repent**, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."
- 2 Peter 3:9 ESV The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

#### 4) Jesus taught the reality of hell "Hades" (Luke 10:15)

Luke 10:15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

- Rich man and Lazarus - a place of conscious torment with no hope of escape

#### **Some do not believe in hell**

- *Quoting from Dr. Deffinbaugh's article - "A Hell to Shun" Many do not wish to believe that some will suffer eternal torment. One survey over ten years ago indicated that 58% Methodists, 60% Episcopalians, 54% Presbyterians, 35% American Baptists, 22% American Lutherans deny it is a specific place after death.*

#### **Some believe in what is called Annihilation**

- At death we are taken into unconsciousness - & we cease to exist

#### **Some believe hell is not eternal - "universalism or purgatory"**

- Eventually judgment is satisfied and all are redeemed

#### 5) Jesus taught that to reject the message is to reject God (Luke 10:16)

Luke 10:16 **"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."**

- why would God force someone into heaven who has decided to reject Him

#### 6) Jesus taught about the Book of Life (Luke 10:20)

20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven."**

#### **If your name is NOT this book you will be thrown into the lake of fire**

- Revelation 20:12-15 ESV (12) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. (13) And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. (14) Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (15) And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

#### **Jesus taught both Eternal punishment and Eternal life**

- Mat 25:46 ESV And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## The Marriage of the Lamb has come

**This chapter shows the story of two women, the Great Prostitute that deceived the whole world. We just read about her judgement above. And now we see the Bride of the Lamb.**

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, **for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his Bride has made herself ready;** 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"-- for **the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.** 9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**" And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

## His bride has made herself ready

**The fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints (the word DEEDS is not in the original) - but it should be evident that when we get saved and experience the righteousness of Christ, that one of the changes that takes place is our deeds.**

- Eph 2:10 ESV For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- **So the fine linen speaks of the justification that is ours in Christ** - Rom 5:16 ESV And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought **justification**.  
*[same Gk word as righteous]*
- **It speaks of walking in the Spirit** - Rom 8:4 ESV in order that the **righteous** requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not according to the flesh** but according to the Spirit.
- **It speaks of walking in God's ways** - Rom 2:26 ESV So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the **precepts** of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

## **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb**

- Mat 22:2-12 ESV "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, **but they would not come.** 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' 5 **But they paid no attention and went off,** one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but **those invited were not worthy.** 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding

garment. 12 And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

### The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy

10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- This prophecy led John to fall and worship the angel,
- Prophecy should ultimately lead us to the worship of Jesus

### The rider on the white horse

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness **he judges and makes war**. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and **on his head are many diadems**, and he has a **name written that no one knows** but himself. 13 He is clothed in **a robe dipped in blood**, and the **name by which he is called is The Word of God**. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has **a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords**.

#### **He is called Faithful**

- Heb 2:17-18 ESV Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, **so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God**, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.
- Heb 3:1-2 ESV Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 **who was faithful to him who appointed him**, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.
- 1Sa 2:34-35 ESV And this that shall come upon your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign to you: both of them shall die on the same day. 35 And I will raise up for myself **a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind**. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever.

#### **He is called True**

- Joh 14:3-6 ESV And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"  
6 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me.

- Joh 6:66-68 ESV After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.  
67 So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, **to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,**

### **He judges and makes war - His eyes like a flame of fire**

- Exo 15:1-4 ESV Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 **The LORD is a man of war;** the LORD is his name. 4 "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
- Isa 42:13 ESV The LORD goes out **like a mighty man, like a man of war** he stirs up his zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes.
- Zep 3:17 ESV The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one **[NIV the Mighty Warrior]** who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.
- Jos 5:13-15 ESV When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" 14 And he said, "No; but **I am the commander of the army of the LORD.** Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" 15 And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.
- Rev 19:14 ESV And the **armies of heaven**, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, **were following him on white horses.**

### **On His head are many crowns (diadems)**

- 1Ti 6:13-15 ESV I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14 to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will display at the proper time--he who is the blessed and **only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,**
- Rev 17:14 ESV They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, **for he is Lord of lords and King of kings,** and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

- Rev 19:16 ESV On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, **King of kings and Lord of lords**.

#### **He has a name no one knows but himself**

- Rev 19:12 ESV His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has **a name written that no one knows but himself**.
- Rev 19:13 ESV He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and **the name by which he is called is The Word of God**.
  - Joh 1:1-4 ESV **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God**. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
  - Joh 1:14 ESV And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Rev 19:16 ESV On his robe and on his thigh **he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords**.

#### **Clothed in a robe dipped in blood**

- Rom 5:8-9 ESV but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, **we have now been justified by his blood**, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- Eph 1:7 ESV In him **we have redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

#### **He will strike down the nations**

- Isa 11:1-5 ESV There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; **and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth**, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

#### **He will rule them with a rod of iron**

- Psa 2:6-12 ESV "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." 7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with

trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### **He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty**

- Isa 63:1-6 ESV Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? 3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. 4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. 6 I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

### **From his mouth comes a sharp sword - The sword is the word of God**

- Eph 6:13-17 ESV Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,**
- Heb 4:12 For the **word of God** is living and active, **sharper than any two-edged sword,** piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
  - Rev 1:16 In his right hand he held seven stars, **from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword,** and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.
  - Rev 2:12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: '**The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.**'"
- Joh 12:46-48 ESV I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; **the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.**

### The great supper of God

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." 19 And **I saw the beast and the kings of the earth**

**with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.**

### **All the armies of the earth gather to fight against the rider on the white horse**

- Rev 16:12-14 ESV The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. 13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.

### **The beast and the false prophet cast into the lake of fire**

20 And the **beast** was captured, and with it the **false prophet** who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. **These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.**  
21 And **the rest were slain by the sword** that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and **all the birds were gorged with their flesh.**

- **The lake of fire will also be the final judgement upon the devil** - Rev 20:10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- **Those who have died without Christ will ultimately be thrown into the lake of fire** - Rev 20:14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- Rev 20:15 And **if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**