

REVELATION CHAPTER NINETEEN

The last verse of the eighteenth chapter says, *“And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.”* That’s what was found in Babylon, in this religious system, and God poured His judgment out upon her. But here, in the nineteenth chapter, we go back to a heavenly scene. John is in his vision.

Verse 1: *“And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:”*

Notice where this is: John’s vision switched back to heaven again. He saw much people praising God. Somebody might say that it’s a bad thing to see a great war, great destruction, and to see the great church destroyed, but in her was found the blood of saints. She is a murderer. **Heaven began to rejoice when the smoke of her burning began to ascend up, because God had judged her for what she’s done.**

Verse 2: *“For true and righteous are His judgments: for He hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.”*

This says, *“For He hath judged the great whore.”* When does He judge her? He judges her at the end of the 70th week of Daniel. Here is a heavenly scene where they are praising God and telling Him that He has done the right thing, and that His judgments are true. Did you know that you are praising God by saying, *“Lord, you’re doing the right thing; your judgments are true.”* I believe concerning the work of the Lord that He’s doing the right thing, don’t you? We see this Laodicean group cut off, and churches growing cold. We can say, *“God you’re doing the right thing by taking your Spirit off of that and putting it in the Bride.”* That’s praising God. Notice what they were doing. They were recognizing the righteousness of God in His dealing. I want you to notice that.

Yes, the saints praise God because He judges the great whore which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.

Verse 3: *“And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.”*

Notice that the smoke of the old whore of the Vatican City is ascending up, and the heavenly beings see it and they praise God and say that His judgments are right.

Verse 4: *“And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.”*

Verse 5: *“And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great.”*

Verse 6: *“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”*

I want you to notice that the first part of this chapter, down through verse 6, is a praise of God, and a recognition of what He has just done. It says, *"The Lord our God reigneth."* It's God taking control of the situation. The people are praising Him for what He's doing.

Now, the stage is set for the Lord to come back to earth to take over. When I say "Lord" here, I'm talking about the man Christ Jesus coming back to be King, but I want you to notice that before the scene breaks forth of Jesus coming back to earth as the King, it shows the marriage has taken place and Christ is married to the Bride. **The fact that the Bride is coming back with Christ means one thing, she's been caught away from this earth. She's caught away before the great tribulation period.**

Notice how perfect the Word of God is, and how God has placed it in here just right. For if we went on telling about the whore, and then go on and tell about Christ coming back with the Bride, and there was no place for the Bride being picked up, then we would ask ourselves, "When was the Bride picked up?" Notice, it shows her married to Him. You are being spiritually married to Him by the revelation of the Word of God, as you receive that Word into your heart.

Verse 7: *"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready."*

Since the elder is telling John to rejoice, it means for us to be glad and rejoice, too. Notice, verse seven calls her "His wife." **She has become one with Christ.** (Eph. 5:31-32)

Verse 8: *"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."*

"And to her was granted," meaning that it's already took place at the time that John is seeing this, for he was seeing this for our day.

Verse 9: *"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."*

Do you see that a marriage has taken place? The Bride has already been taken off this earth at this time. Christ by His Spirit has called out a Bride. I want you to notice what she is clothed in, because I want to use the same words in another verse in this chapter. **She was arrayed in fine linen, clean and white.** That identifies a particular group of people, and it is the Bride of Christ. In Biblical days, fine linen was the finest material that you could buy.

In the seventh chapter of this book, what did those have on that came out of great tribulation? They had on white robes. What did the Jews under the fifth seal that were martyred under Hitler have on? To them were given white robes. Notice that this particular group is not given white robes, but they have on the very finest that money can buy, we would say. Do you want to be dressed in the very finest that God has? Then take on the righteousness of God by receiving the Word of God.

Verse 10: *"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowseroant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship*

God: for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy."

Who is this elder that John is falling down to worship? Let's turn to Revelation 7. I want to show you this because it has been a question. I want to show you who was showing John these things to begin with. These twenty-four elders and four beasts in the seventh chapter are the same ones that are recorded in the nineteenth chapter.

One of these elders came to John. Revelation 7:13-14--*"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."* These are the tribulation saints in chapter seven. **But what I want you to notice is who it is that was talking to John.** Who was it showing John what the revelation of these things meant? Who was it? One of the twenty-four elders. He showed him the tribulation saints. Then, it's the same elder that showed him the Bride. It's not another one. Look how the Word of God answers itself. These are the twelve patriarchs and the twelve apostles of the Lamb. In the fourth chapter of Revelation, John was picked up into heaven where they were seated around the throne, and in the fifth chapter, one of these elders began to talk to John in this vision. When in actuality, John was one of the elders, but remember this is a vision.

In this nineteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation, John fell down to worship this elder. We can see why when we read in the seventeenth chapter, verse three, that *"one of the seven angels"* carried John away in the Spirit and explained about the great whore, etc; and in the nineteenth chapter he was told about the Bride of Christ. **The angel carried him away into this revelational vision, but it was the elder that did the explaining.** Can you see what happened? Again, in actuality John himself was one of the elders, but God didn't let him see it that way, because it wasn't to happen in John's day. This elder in the nineteenth chapter said, *"I'm like you, a fellow servant."* Thank God this elder wouldn't accept worship from John, his fellow servant. Let him be our example.

Verse 11: *"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war."*

What would be *"the heaven being opened?"* Let's meditate on that a moment. That's exactly what the sixth seal shows--when the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the stars fell from heaven, and all the heavenly light was cut off. The heavens rolled back as a scroll when it is rolled together. What was it? God cut off the lights that affect the earth. The only light there was, was surrounding the coming of the Lord as He makes His descent back to earth. The sun has stopped shining. The earth is going through a great time of turmoil. There's earthquakes and hail. That is shown under the sixth seal and the seventh vial. With all this taking place, you can imagine what a time of trouble it is and what a time of chaos it is. Then God reaches up and cuts the heavenly lights off. That's when men become so afraid. Then God does something. God lets this event last at

least 24 hours; long enough for the earth to make one complete turn to fulfill Revelation 1:7 where *"every eye shall see Him."*

In all that darkness, when there is total darkness, all at once the sky is split wide open and here comes Jesus and the Bride back to earth again. Here comes Jesus back to earth with the one that He picked up before the tribulation began. Here comes Jesus back to the earth with the one that He has married for His wife. It's Christ and His wife coming back to earth again. As they make their descent, the great men of the earth, the kings of the earth, the bond and free run to the rocks and mountains and cry, *"Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."* That is the sixth seal; but John saw it here in a form that he hasn't seen it before. Why? Here another element is included. What is it? It's Christ and His Wife. Notice we read this same thing in Matthew 24, and in chapters 6, 11, and 16 of Revelation; but when it comes to the nineteenth chapter of Revelation, Christ and His wife, both are coming to earth.

Verse 12: *"His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself."*

He is coming back to judge and make war. On His head are many crowns. This is a vision. What do the many crowns represent? A crown represents a king over a nation or over a people. **The fact that Jesus came with many crowns means that He's coming back to take over every kingdom, and every government on the face of the earth.** He's not coming back with literal crowns stacked up on His head, but John saw Him with many crowns, signifying that He's going to take over the reigns of all the governments of the world. He's going to be the ruler over every kingdom.

It says in the Book of Daniel 7:18-- *"The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."* What is it? Jesus Christ, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, coming back to take over, and when He takes over He lets His wife, His queen, rule with Him.

Verse 13: *"And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God."*

Do you know who the Word of God is? John 1:1--*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* John 1:14 says, *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."* Does that tell you who He is? It is the Word of God personalized in Jesus Christ, or the Word made flesh, coming back to earth again. **This is the first time that it shows Him with this kind of vesture on. It is dipped in blood. He's not getting married. He's already done that when this takes place. He hasn't got on His wedding garment, but He's got on His garment that He's going to fight in, to make war, to put down His enemies. He's got on a vesture and it's dipped in blood, meaning that there's going to be blood shed.** He's coming to earth and He's going to put down all natural rule, and spiritual rule, and all authority.

Verse 14: *"And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses,*

clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

Here comes the Bride. What are the white horses? It's the power of the Word. Notice also what these that are coming back with Him are dressed in. They are clothed in fine linen, clean and white. There's only one group dressed in that pure linen, clean and white. That's His wife. *"His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white."* Do you see who it is coming back with Him? It's the Bride, that's picked up before the tribulation, coming back to help put down the enemies. It's just like a man and wife getting married. They go in the house, and there's a lot in there they don't like. So they go in and have a good house cleaning. Brother, there's going to be a house cleaning. When Jesus and the Bride get through, it's going to be a clean place.

Verse 15: *"And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."*

Verse 16: *"And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."*

What is the sharp sword? It's the Word. It means that He speaks the Word of judgment. What happened to those in the fourteenth chapter of Zechariah that came up against Jerusalem? The Bible says they were consumed away while they stood on their feet. Even their eyes melted away in their sockets. It's the spoken Word of God judgment.

Do you see what is taking place? It's Jesus Christ coming back to earth with the Bride. Remember how that in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation, He loosed these forces to go out and to gather the nations to the Battle of Armageddon; and the angel thrust his sickle into the earth, gathered the grapes, and cast them into the great winepress? Well, that has just happened in this vision that John saw. Then immediately, Jesus comes to finish the job of putting down His enemies, the ten horns and their allies.

In the first part of this chapter, there is rejoicing going on in heaven over the whore being judged. **While this rejoicing is going on in heaven, those ten kings that destroyed the great whore are busy mustering their armies together and moving into the Jerusalem area. Meanwhile in the Far East, all the Oriental people have their own brand of communism, and they muster together an army and move them into the Valley of Megiddo, about two hundred million strong. A great battle is raging; and the ten nations of Europe defeat the Orientals. At the very time that the ten horns get control and begin to rule, here's what happens: All these earthquakes take place, the sky gets dark, and here comes the Lord Jesus Christ and the Bride with Him. Those ten nations are already set in battle array and they begin to fight against the Lord of lords and King of kings, Jesus Christ. Do you see the setting as He comes back to earth? Let's read that in Revelation 17:14--***"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and*

they that are with Him are called, and chosen and faithful.” Those ten horns turn and fight the Lord Jesus Christ and the Bride; and at that time they are destroyed.

Verse 17: “And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;”

Verse 18: “That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.”

Verse 19: “And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army.”

Verse 20: “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

Notice that there are two suppers in this chapter: The Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and the Supper of the Great God. At the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, we receive our authority to rule with Christ. Those at the Supper of the Great God get eaten by the fowls of the air. Now you know which supper to attend.

This great destruction takes place when Jesus returns back to earth to put down His enemies. After this, there's a new order on earth. If you were standing there, you wouldn't see an angel standing in the sun, and you wouldn't hear a voice saying to the fowls of the air, “Come and gather yourselves together.” But you let something die; you don't have to hear a voice. You watch the buzzards; they'll begin to swarm. You talk about a stinking mess in the Middle East; two hundred million men die there in battle. John saw it as an angel saying to the fowls of the air to “*come and gather yourselves together.*” There will be thousands of vultures that come, because God is getting ready to feed them a great supper. The scent will bring these vultures.

When the armies are whipped, what does Christ do next? He reaches and gets the spirit of this beastly system, and reaches and gets the spirit of this antichrist system, and watch what He does with them. “*These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*” What was cast in there? Those two spirits, **and when anything is cast into the lake of fire it doesn't come out anymore.** Why is it cast in there? It's cast in there for total destruction. Keep in mind that this was a vision John saw, and there was no man cast in there. There was no beast cast in there with seven heads and ten horns, but if you were John standing there looking at it, that's what you would see; but the interpretation of it is not that. The interpretation of it is this: The spirits that caused these systems on earth will be forever taken away at that time.

Verse 21: “And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

The enemies are put down. The spirits of the antichrist and of the beast are cast into the lake of fire. The remainder of the armies are fed to the fowls of the air,

and Christ is getting ready to set up His kingdom on earth. Amen.