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<p>Betrothal</p> <p>Binds bride and bridegroom in a relationship of being promised to one another. The bridegroom gives a dowry (Jesus' shed blood)</p>	<p>Wedding Procession</p> <p>The bridegroom and friends come from the father's house to take the bride to his house for the wedding party.</p>	<p>Wedding Supper</p> <p>Lasts for seven days after the marriage ceremony (Between Rapture and Second Coming)</p>
<p>CHURCH AGE</p> <p>2 Corinthians 11:2 (Paul speaking)</p> <p>"For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ."</p>	<p>RAPTURE</p> <p>Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the Ten Virgins</p> <p>Be ready for the coming of the bridegroom (the center of attention) when He comes for the bride.</p>	<p>CELEBRATION IN HEAVEN OF OT SAINTS, CHURCH, AND TRIBULATION SAINTS</p> <p>Matthew 22:1-14 Parable of the Marriage Feast</p> <p>Invite everyone to the wedding since the invited guests were unwilling and thus, unworthy.</p>

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Verse 8- *It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

clothe herself- There is a balance of “it was given (passive)” and “clothe herself (active).” The bride (church) is responsible to be pure and do good works (2 Cor. 7:1), but our salvation is ultimately given as a gift to us. The bride (church) prepares herself for the marriage and feast with a gown provided by the bridegroom (God). Ephesians 5:25-27:

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, **having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.***

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Verse 9- *Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”*

Blessed are those- This is the fourth of seven beatitudes in the book:

1. “Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.” (Rev. 1:3)
2. “And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!’” (Rev. 14:13)
3. “Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!” (Rev. 16:15)
4. “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.’” (Rev. 19:9)
5. “Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:6)
6. “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” (Rev. 22:7)
7. “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.” (Rev. 22:14)

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invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb- (perfect participle-action completed in the past) Old Testament and Tribulation saints? The saints are both the bride and invited guests.

These are the true words of God- The nature of God's Word (Scripture) is that it's always completely true (2 Tim. 3:16).

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Verse 10- *Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

fell at his feet to worship him- John's first instinct was to fall at the angel's feet and worship him because of the incredible vision. He will do this again in 22:8-9:

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

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testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy- This could mean:

- Testifying about Jesus is the essence of prophecy. ✓
- The testimony Jesus gave is the essence of prophecy.
- The Spirit gave them prophecy.

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Verse 11- *And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.*

heaven opened- This is the second time John sees heaven opened (4:1). The first time was just after the last letter to the seven churches to see inside heaven (entrance). This second time is to see what is coming out of heaven (exit).

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

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white horse- The first white horse will be ridden by the Antichrist (6:1) who will have a bow but no arrows. He will promise peace but bring war (red horse), famine (black horse), and death (pale horse). This white horse will carry Jesus, the authentic Christ, who will bring real peace after He judges the world.

Faithful and True- Another contrast to Lucifer, the father of lies. Jesus' nature is based on faithfulness and truth (John 14:6).

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He judges and wages war- This reminds us of Isaiah's prophecy about the Messiah in Isaiah 11:4:

*But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the humble of the earth; And He will **strike the earth with the rod of His mouth**, And with the breath of His lips He will **slay the wicked**.*

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Verse 12- *His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.*

eyes are a flame of fire- John describes three aspects of Christ: His eyes, his head, and His name. This reminds us of John's initial vision of Jesus' eyes representing His holiness in 1:14:

His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.

on His head are many crowns- The crowns of the dragon and the beast and all kingdoms now belong to the King of Kings.

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on His head are many crowns- These crowns are diadems, a ruler's crown. We have seen these crowns in 12:3 and 13:1 where Satan imitates Jesus by wearing the king's crown. Since Jesus is the authentic "King of kings," He has many crowns which speak to His character. There is a name written on Jesus (His forehead?) that is secret. He will also have a special name.

7:3- saying, "Do not harm the earth, or the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God *on their foreheads.*"

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Verse 13- *He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*

robe dipped in blood- Jesus is the Commander in Chief. This could be the blood He shed on the cross (Lamb), the blood He shed in previous battles, or the blood He will shed of those who oppose Him (Lion). This reminds us of Isaiah's prophecy of God's vengeance in Isaiah 63:2-3:

Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the wine press? "I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no one with Me. I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My clothes.

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His name is called The Word of God- Only time John refers to Jesus as the "Word of God." Similar titles elsewhere:

- John 1:1- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
- John 1:14- *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us;*
- 1 John 1:1- *What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life.*

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Verse 14- *And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.*

armies which are in heaven- Jesus associates angels with His Second Coming (Matt. 13:41; 25:31), but believers will also return with Him (17:14).

Both heavenly beings (4:4; 15:6) and believers (3:4-5; 6:11; 7:9, 13-14; 19:8) wear white, so both angels and the redeemed will be part of the Lord's armies. Although we ride white horses, we observe the battle as there is no blood on our garments. The bride becomes the army and is never separated from the Lord.

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Verse 15- *From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.*

From His mouth comes a sharp sword- (*rhomphaia*) This sword reminds us of John's original vision in 1:16. Usually, a general watches while the army fights. This is different. Jesus defeats the vast armies of Satan with His word. Paul, in 2 Thessalonians 2:8 adds this about the "lawless one":

*Then that lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will eliminate **with the breath of His mouth** and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;*



Rhomphaia

The severe damage inflicted by this weapon on the Roman legionnaires forced them to make modifications to their armor, including the addition reinforcing bands across their helmets, extra shoulder and waist armor, greaves and armor for the sword arm.

Known for its cutting power. The one described in verse 16 is double-edged as it is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart (cf. Heb. 4:12)

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rule them with a rod of iron- “rule” is *poimainein*- to shepherd. Jesus is a Shepherd-King who uses this rod to protect His people and rule/break the ungodly. In the letter to Thyatira (2:27), John writes:

...and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are shattered (Quoting Psalm 2:9).

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treads the wine press- Literally, “He himself treads the wine press.” Isaiah prophesies this in Isaiah 63:2-3:

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First verse of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*...

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is **trampling out the vintage** where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His **terrible swift sword**; His truth is marching on.*

Julia Ward Howe

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treads the wine press- Those who shed the blood of the saints must now drink from the cup of God's wrath.

Revelation 14:18-19

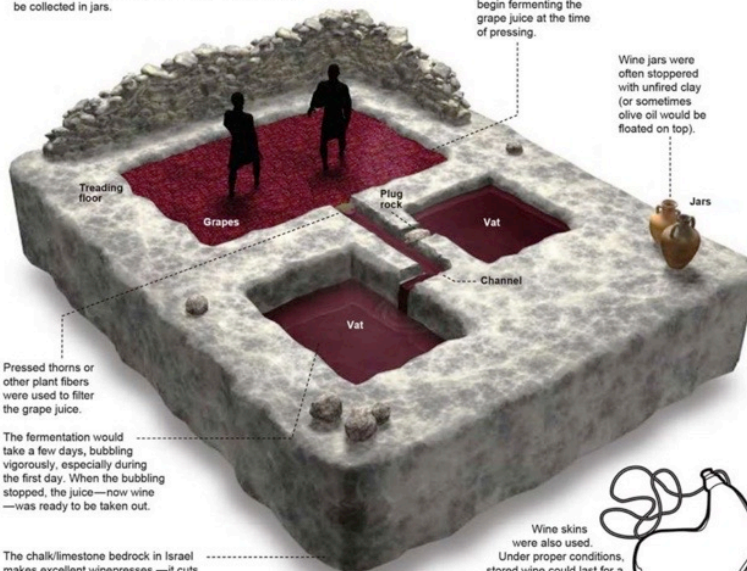
Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe. So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God."

A Winepress in Ancient Israel

An ancient winepress was a rock-hewn open-air system. Grapes were pressed by being trodden underfoot in a treading floor. The juice would pour through a channel into a vat, where it would ferment. It would then be collected in jars.

The yeast from the skin of the grapes would begin fermenting the grape juice at the time of pressing.

Wine jars were often stoppered with unfired clay (or sometimes olive oil would be floated on top).



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

His robe and on His thigh- The thigh is a figure of power and the robe a symbol of royal majesty. Jesus wears the highest name in the universe on His robe and on His thigh (to be seen while riding the horse).

KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS- This is the only one of two places where both titles are found together in the Bible. The reverse is found in 17:14 ("Lord of lords and King of kings").

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First Coming as a Lamb

- Rode a donkey (Matt. 21:7)
- Had eyes full of tears (Luke 19:41-44)
- Wore a crown of thorns (Matt. 27:29)
- His blood was on his enemies (Matt. 27:25)

Second Coming as a Lion

- Will ride a white horse (Rev. 19:11)
- Will have eyes of flame (Rev. 19:12a)
- Will wear many crowns (Rev. 12b)
- His enemies' blood will be on Him (Rev. 19:13-15)

Next week...

Chapter 20-
“The Millennial Kingdom”

