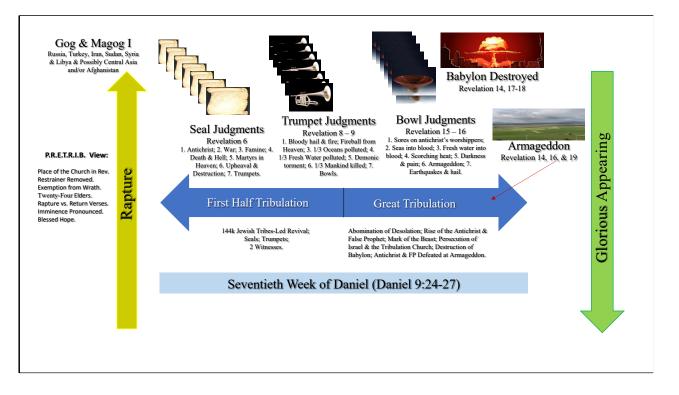


Welcome to Revelation Chapter 19, one of the most impactful chapters in the entire Bible. In the previous two chapters, the earthly systems of a one world religion and a one world economy have been destroyed. From the depths of darkness, we arrive at the Hallelujah Chorus, directly resulting from praise to God and the righteous judgment to those who oppose Him.





Tonight, we will read the last two Songs of the Apocalypse. Worship was originated by the LORD.



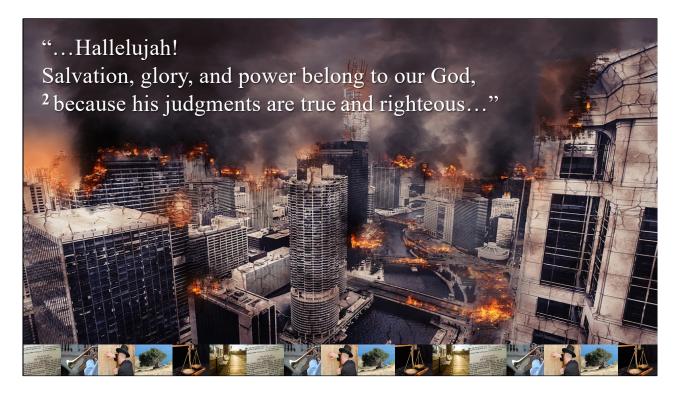
We are now at the very end of the Seven-Year Tribulation Period. We will see time move from here into a literal thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on Earth, which we will discuss beginning next week.

19 After this I heard something like the loud voice of a vast multitude in heaven, saying,
Hallelujah!
Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God,
<sup>2</sup> because his judgments are true and righteous,
because he has judged the notorious prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality;
and he has avenged the blood of his servants
that was on her hands.
$^{3}$ A second time they said,
Hallelujah!
Her smoke ascends forever and ever!
<sup>4</sup> Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who is seated on the
throne, saying,
Amen! Hallelujah!
<sup>5</sup> A voice came from the throne, saying,
Praise our God,
all his servants, and the ones who fear him,
both small and great!
Hallelujah: Praise Yah [Jehovah]

Akin notes the "tale of two cities" in Chapter 19: the corrupt system of Babylon which will be judged, and the Bride of Christ (His Church!) which will be celebrated with our Savior.

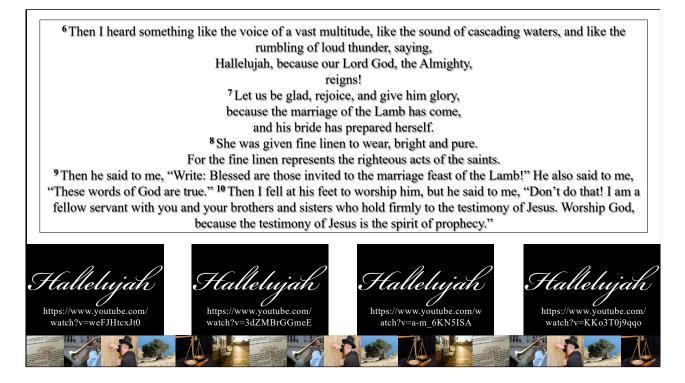
We again hear the voice of the "vast multitude," singing the Hallelujah Chorus long before Handel's incredible *Messiah* was written. In today's times, people generally – and appropriately – stand during the Hallelujah Chorus!

Praise in response to God's love and grace and justice is entirely due. This multitude understands well the worship we should all offer to the One we love.



In verses two through four, we see that after the acknowledgement that the blood of the saints has been avenged, the multitude is joined and echoed by the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures.

God's judgment is righteous, holy, and true – and worship is the direct result.

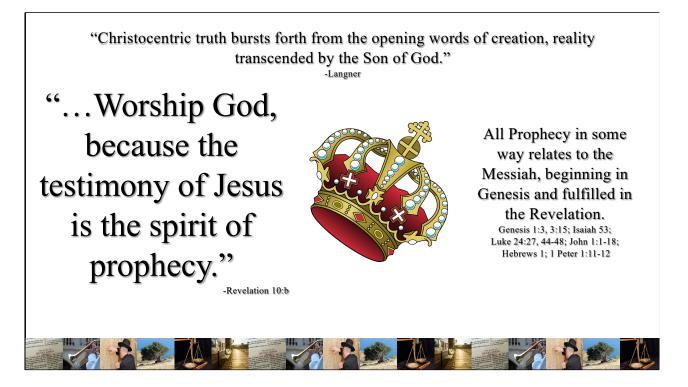


We see praise here because: (1) "our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns; (2) the marriage of the Lamb has come (Matthew 25:1-13).

The Bride's preparation here is in direct correlation to the Lamb; these are those who have accepted His gift of grace. We see here that God knows the saints' righteous acts: no good deed goes unnoticed! Note Matthew 25!!

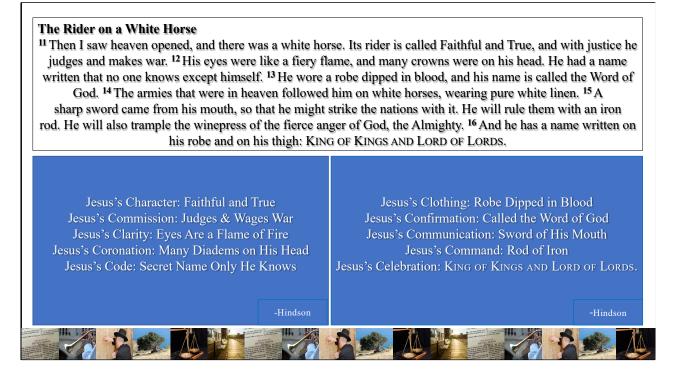
Akin also notes the Bride of Christ prepares by remaining faithful to Him; enduring hardship and suffering; trusting God in the face of martyrdom; and obeying God by spreading His Gospel to all people everywhere.

John's response was, again, inappropriate. Overwhelmed, he fell to worship the angel who showed him these events – and was again, rightfully, rebuked. Each of the above links will take you to a Christian song which describes this scene.



The Coronation of our Heavenly King, the very essence of our praise and worship, rests on our understanding that the Eternal Christ, in His desire to share His love to all people, spoke the world into existence (then read the Christocentric truth quote).

Read Colossians 1:15-20.



Jesus referred to Himself as the Lamb of God; yet here, He is the conquering Warrior Messiah! Interestingly, His earthly apostles often longed for the day Jesus would establish His Kingdom and conquer the enemy (Rome, in their minds). Here, the Babylonian city and system have been destroyed, and now He appears with His Bride on white horses.

Thomas proposes several possibilities about Jesus's robe here: (1) That this is a reminder of judgment; (2) That this is a reminder about the blood of the saints; (3) That this is a reminder of when Jesus was betrayed, as evidenced by when He dipped the bread and gave it to Judas Iscariot.

But I believe this is about the atonement of Jesus Christ! It is how we are saved through faith in Jesus (Romans 5:8-9 states: "But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then since we have now been declared righteous by his blood, will we be saved through him from wrath.

We have seen shadows & types of Jesus's blood throughout Scripture: In Genesis 3:20 and Exodus 12:12-13 (read both)!

Note the response to the Passover: "...So the people knelt low and worshiped." How right and appropriate it is that we should worship the Lord who gave His own blood for us!!!

His Church will be with Him, but we will be observers of His justice and actions.

## The Beast and Its Armies Defeated

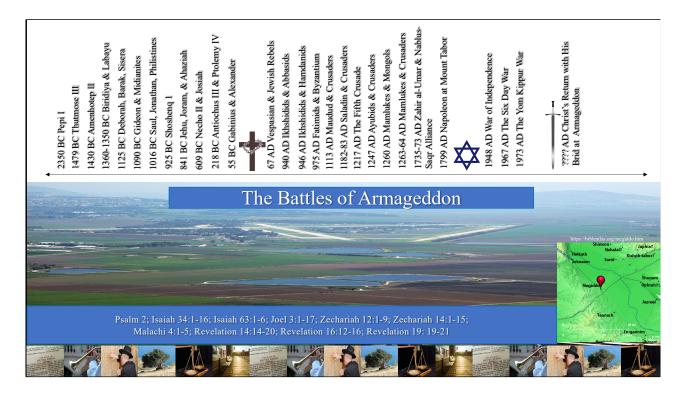
<sup>17</sup> Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he called out in a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying high overhead, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup> so that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military commanders, the flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses and of their riders, and the flesh of everyone, both free and slave, small and great."

<sup>19</sup> Then I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup> But the beast was taken prisoner, and along with it the false prophet, who had performed the signs in its presence. He deceived those who accepted the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image with these signs. Both of them were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup> The rest were killed with the sword that came from the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds ate their fill of their flesh.

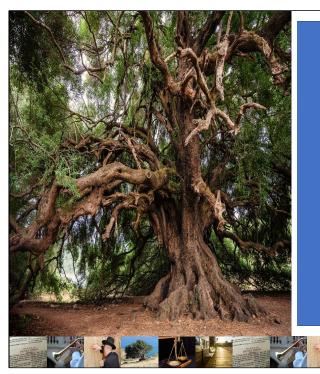


How great a difference in the celebration that is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the uniting of Christ and Church, to that of the great supper of God, a total annihilation of the enemy forces.

The antichrist and false prophet will be thrown alive into the lake of fire; their forces will be killed.



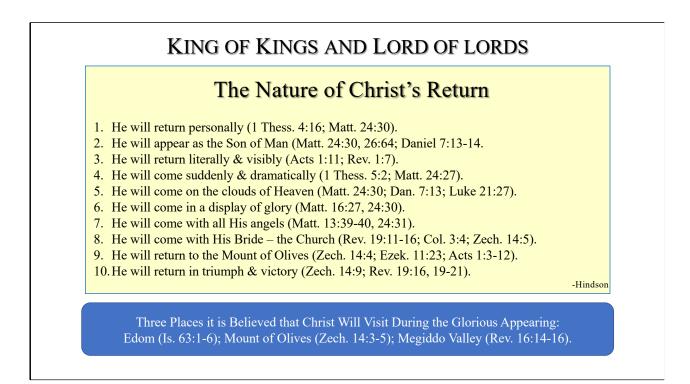
The Megiddo Valley has been home to many wars, including the most recent Yom Kippur War of 1973, the Six Day War of 1967, and the War of Independence of 1948.



## The Place of Jesus's Second Coming with His Angels and His People: The Mount of Olives

Zechariah 14:4; Matthew 24-25;Acts 1:9-11 Zechariah 14:1; Matthew 25:31; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Jude 1:14

-Hitchcock



Remember this: Worship God!!!