

The End of the Great Tribulation: *The Return of the King*

Revelation 19

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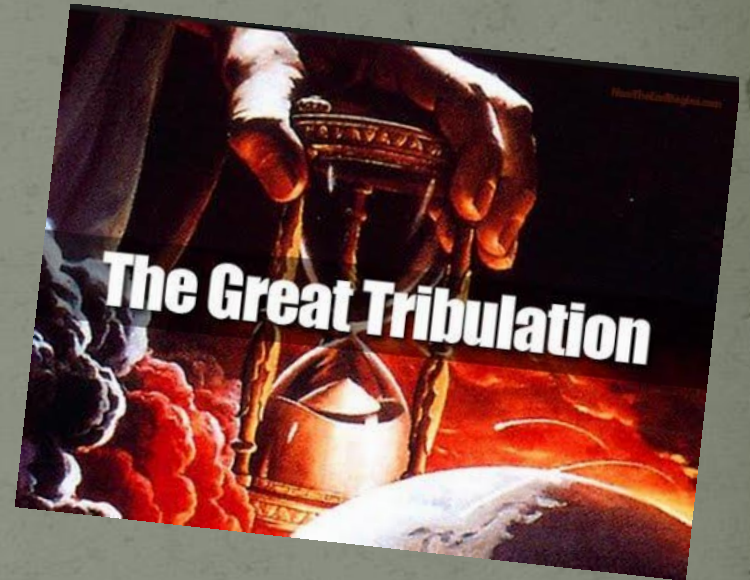
- Revelation 19 is a chapter of contrasts

For the CHURCH	For the WORLD
The victory of Christ	The defeat of antichrist
Joy in heaven	Terror on Earth
The Reward of the Saints	The Punishment of the Wicked
The marriage supper of the Lamb (v.7)	The Great Supper of God (v.17)

The End of the Great Tribulation

- The main events in this chapter are:
 1. **The Return of Christ, and**
 2. **The End of the Battle of Armageddon**

This is the end of the Great Tribulation.



A Hallelujah Chorus (19:1-10)

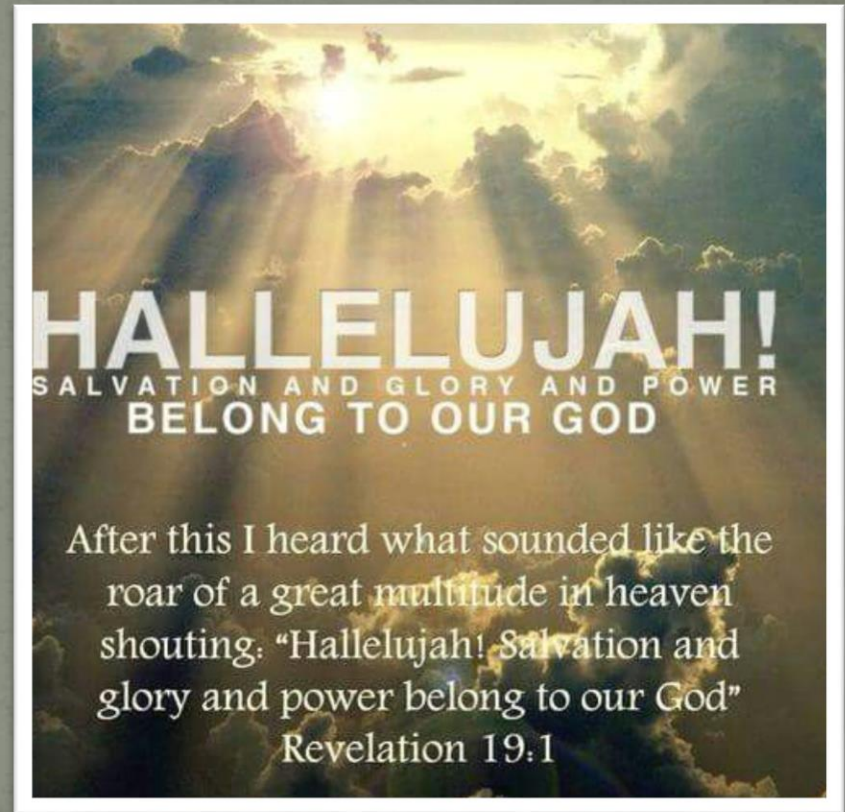
The destruction of Babylon in Rev.17-18 means the end of the religious, social and economic power of the Antichrist.

Chronologically, this passage seems to occur parallel to the fifth, sixth and seventh cup (Rev. 16:10-21)



A Hallelujah Chorus (19:1-10)

The praise and celebration which begun in Rev.11:15 is continued in Rev.19:1-10, marking the triumph of the kingdom of God over the kingdom of darkness.



A Hallelujah Chorus (19:1-10)

Revelation 11:15

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”



A Hallelujah Chorus (19:1-10)

Revelation 19:1-3

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.”

A Hallelujah Chorus (19:1-10)

History ends in a loud Hallelujah!

The word hallelujah

- הללויה (hallel Yah or *praise Jehovah*) is found in 24 verses in the Book of Psalms (104–106, 111–117, 135, 145–150)
- It starts and concludes many Psalms
- The Greek transliteration ἀλληλούϊα (allelouia) appears in the Greek translation (Septuagint) of these Psalms
- Hallelujah also appears in Revelation 19



HALLELUJAH

A Hallelujah Chorus (19:1-10)

Revelation 19:4-5

⁴ And the **twenty-four elders** and the **four living creatures** fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen.

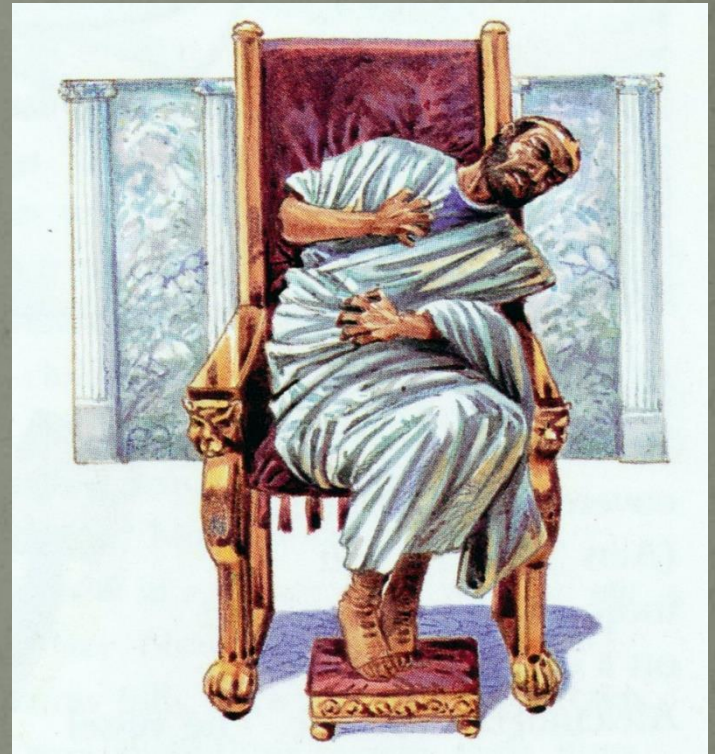
Hallelujah!” ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying, “**Praise our God**, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”



A Hallelujah Chorus (19:1-10)

Failure to praise God
can be very
detrimental to your
health!

Ask Herod!



A Hallelujah Chorus (19:1-10)

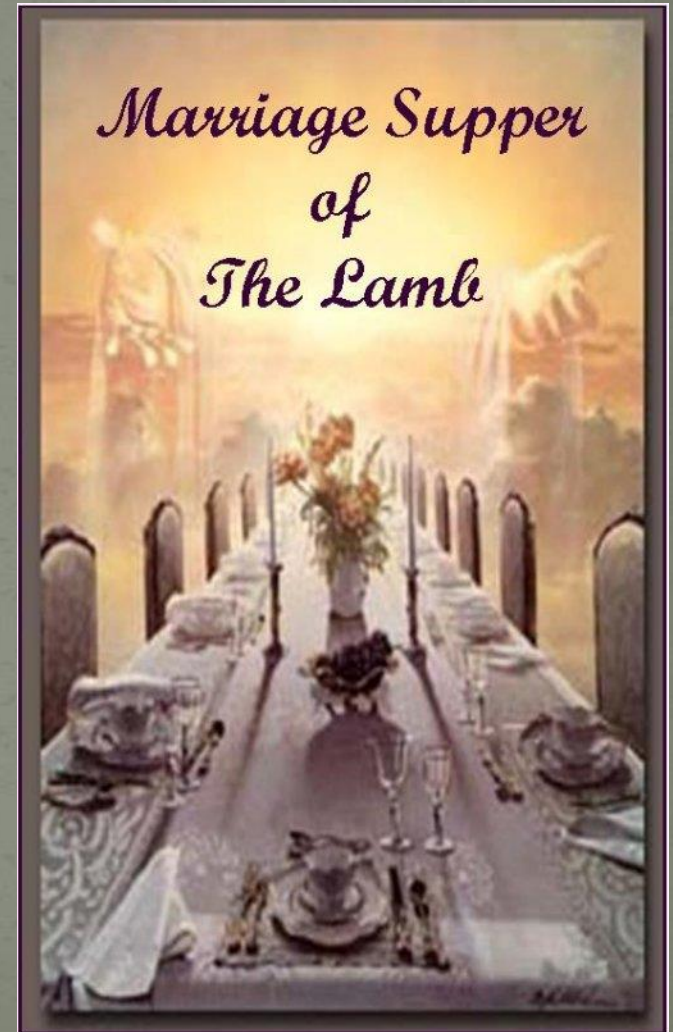
Acts 12:20-22

²⁰ Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹ On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²² And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" ²³ Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

The Marriage Supper (19:6-10)

Parallel to the destruction of Babylon, in heaven there is the marriage of the Lamb, that is, the marriage of the church with Christ.

The "wedding dress" of the church "are the righteousness of the saints" (19:8) (see Rev. 14:13, 1 Co. 3:12-14, Eph.2:10, 1 John 3:2-3)



The Marriage Supper (19:6-10)

Revelation 19:6-10

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.



The Marriage Supper (19:6-10)

Revelation 19:6-10

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.



The Marriage Supper (19:6-10)

- The Lamb's wedding supper is the equivalent of the wedding reception and the honeymoon in our culture. This feast leads to the Millennium, when the Saints will reign with Christ on earth.



A wedding feast in New Testament times would last many days and include food, Wine, singing, dancing, and much rejoicing!

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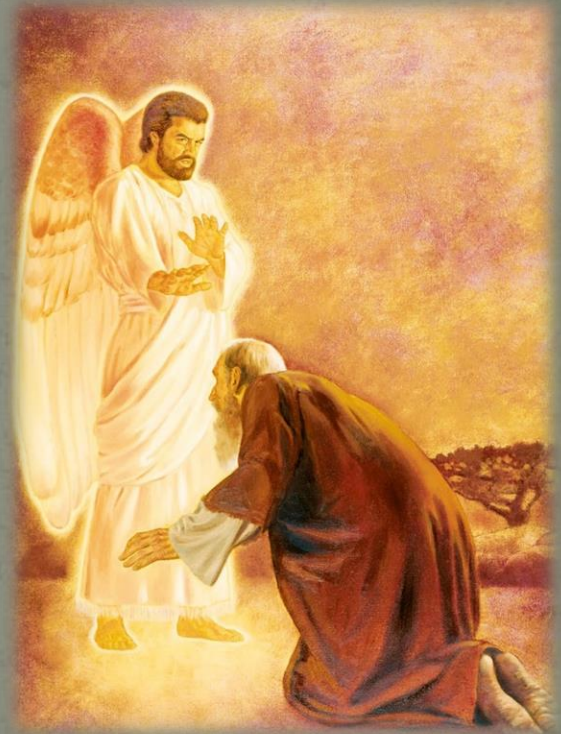
Revelation 19:6-10

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.” 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.**

John's Reaction (19:10)

After such a great and wonderful revelation, John threw himself on the ground to worship the person who showed him these things. However, this person was an angel, who promptly directed John to **worship God**.

Angels from God (real angels) do not accept worship!!!



The Marriage Supper (19:6-10)

Human beings are worshippers by nature. If we do not worship God, we will always find something or someone else to worship.



The Second Coming of Christ (19:11-21)

The rapture of the church (Rev.4:1) and the second coming of Christ are the most important events in the book of Revelation. They are bookends of the events of the revelation.



The Second Coming of Christ (19:11-21)

The rapture of the church and the return of the King are marked by the opening of heaven.

Revelation 4:1

After this I looked, and behold, a **door standing open in heaven!** And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”



The Second Coming of Christ (19:11-21)

No one breaks into heaven. The only way to access heaven is if the door is open!

Revelation 19:11

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.



The Second Coming of Christ (19:11-21)



Revelation 19:11

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.

The Second Coming of Christ (19:11-21)

The first time Jesus came, he rode on a donkey and came to serve. The next time, he rides a White horse of war and comes “in righteousness to judge and make war” (v.11).

Psalm 96:13

before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.



The Second Coming of Christ (19:11-21)

Revelation 19:11

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.



The Triumph of Christ



The Second Coming of Christ (19:11-21)



Revelation 19:11

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.

Christ's Return (19:11-21)

At this point:

All the saved (both the raptured and the martyred during the Great Tribulation) have already joined Christ in heaven.

The Antichrist and the False Prophet, inspired by Satan, gathered their military forces against Israel, marking the beginning of the War of Armageddon (Rev. 16:12-14).

Christ's Return (19:11-21)

Israel will be in great danger and half of its population has already been conquered.

Zachariah 14:1-3

Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst.



Christ's Return (19:11-21)

Israel will be in great danger and half of its population has already been conquered.

Zachariah 14:1-3

² For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle.

The Return of the King(19:11-21)

"Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

(Matthew 24:30)



Israel's Deliverance (19:11-21)

By divine intervention, directed by Christ himself (19:11) and assisted by the Saints (19:14), Israel will overcome its enemies (Zc.14:3-15).



The Great Supper of God (19:17-18)

Revelation 19:17-18

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.”



Antichrist and His Minions

As for the Antichrist and the False Prophet, they are given the dubious honor of inaugurating the lake of living fire and brimstone (Rev.19:19-20).

Revelation 19:19-21

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.



Antichrist and His Minions

Revelation 19:19-21

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.



Antichrist and His Minions

Revelation 19:19-21

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.



Satan Imprisoned for 1,000 Year

Revelation 20:1-3

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.