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Revelation started out with a communication between Jesus and His Body the Church. The Church was represented by 7 churches in 7 different locations a possible simile I think for the churches of today. Various churches, of various intensity for Christ, teaching some truth and some lies. Of all the churches there was only two that had received only commendation from our Lord Jesus Christ;

Ephesus:	<i>The Desired One</i>	<i>The loveless Church</i>
Smyrna:	<i>Myrrh; Death</i>	<i>The suffering Church</i>
Pergamos:	<i>Mixed Marriage</i>	<i>The compromising Church</i>
Thyatira:	<i>Continual Sacrifice</i>	<i>The adulterous Church</i>
Sardis:	<i>Remnant</i>	<i>The dead Church</i>
Philadelphia:	<i>Brotherly Love</i>	<i>The faithful Church</i>
Laodicea:	<i>People Rule</i>	<i>The luke warm government Church</i>

Sardis and Philadelphia. Sardis at some point was a dead church and through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Worship of Christ they came to life.

Philadelphia was declared by God to be the “faithful church”. Look at both of those churches and see what it was that they loved and hated.

## **Revelation 19**

### **Rejoicing in Heaven**

**1And 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:**

Again, we have the term (Metatouta) after these things or hereafter. And it means that we would look back to the previous chapter or verses to see what God had just said. In this case the reference is to those things that God described in Chapter 18; the mystery of Babylon that had fallen. The final verses of Chapter 18 describe the rejoicing of the saints over the punishment of fallen Babylon. So, this voice in heaven is actually a chorus of voices being those who had waited for the punishment of this evil city that had killed them the saints and the prophets of God.

There are two possibilities here as to who some of these voices represent. Christians from all times or those Christians who were killed during the Tribulation. John has been given a story to tell a true story of what was to come in the future. Sometimes the events jumped around from future to past to present but John is

now seeing a logical progression (metatouta=after these things) in time from the start of tribulation to the end when Jesus brings justice to those who were martyred for their beliefs during Tribulation.

The rejoicing is directed toward God and extoling His Salvation and glory and honor, and power.

**2For 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.**

God uses the term not of Babylon but the alternate name; “the great whore”. The voices of the fallen saints and prophets continue to describe what she did; “which did corrupt the earth with her fornication”.

We know that this whore; Babylon as once described as her name also is the same “whore” that rides the beast of Revelation. We had learned that the Beast can be either/both a coalition of kings, rulers and people of immense power even though they may not be elected or appointed leaders; this coalition that rise up from the sea or tumultuous mass of humanity. The other “beast” is the Anti-Christ empowered by Satan and is who consumes the first beast taking complete control of what the first beast had set up for the Anti-Christ.

The focus of this second verse like the first declares that she has been punished for all she had done to God's chosen people.

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

Forever and ever is a metaphor indicating that the demise of this harlot city is complete and final.

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

We know from a number of other Biblical verses that the throne of God is surrounded by these four heavenly God worshiping (4) beasts and the 24 elders. As to the identity of who makes up the 24 elders, the best understanding is that it likely the heads of the 12 tribes and children of Jacob. The other 12 are likely the 11 disciples (not to include Judas of course) but replacing him with Paul. It is another of those mysteries that we can speculate on with the full council of God, but we will not know for certain until we are in His presence.

The direction of the praise is of course the only place it can rightly be directed and that is Him that sits on the Throne of our God.

**5And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.**

Previously the voice was plural and in unison coming from no specific place but a chorus from all around heaven, but now the voice is singular coming specifically from the Throne. My sense is that this voice is likely the Son, giving praise and adulation to His Father as He always does. It is directed to believers to praise God; “all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great”.

### **The Marriage of the Lamb**

The Marriage of the Lamb can only take place when the Father has determined it is time. The Lamb of God His Son Jesus Christ tells us that while on earth He did not know the time of this event, only the Father knew.

Ancient Jewish tradition followed this example in that the son would become engaged or betrothed to his future wife. Once the engagement was made the son returned home and began working on the home for his bride. The father would supervise and when the father was satisfied that his son had made all the arrangement's and built a satisfactory home usually attached or adjacent to the father's home, the father would tell the son it was time.

On the bride's side, she had no idea either so she had to make preparations immediately upon engagement; selecting her brides'

maids and what she and they would wear. They had to ready at a moment's notice so when the grooms father said it was time, trumpets would sound in the village, and the groom would set off with his entourage to collect his bride and her court for the wedding and the feast.

**6And 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.**

This great multitude would likely include all of the saints from all of time, they would account for the voices of many waters. Waters in this context likely refers to many people. The voice of mighty thundering's most likely are the heavenly hosts of angels. The adulation is again to the Father, the source of all power.

**7Let 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.**

It is one of those things in the Bible that our finite minds are challenged to fully comprehend but when one of the God Head the Trinity receives adulation, all of the God Head receives adulation. Sometimes we can differentiate as to which specific deity is being spoken of like when Jesus speaks directly to God or tells us to seek the Holy Spirit, we know which of the three individual entities are being spoken of. But when a verse uses the

pronoun Him or He we may not be able to adequately decipher which part of the Trinity is being spoken of; context would dictate which it is. So, we can safely just infer through the context which is spoken of or simply assume it is the Trinity or all of them.

In this verse the context makes it clear it is referring to Jesus the Son due to the last part of the sentence;

***“and his wife hath made herself ready.”***

“His wife” is not the CHURCH capital C. The Church once in Heaven is made up of all believers from all times. to walk in Obedience to His Commandments.

The “Bride” as we will find out in Revelation 21 is the New Jerusalem. How does an inanimate object become the Bride of Christ? Remember we saw God repeatedly call Jerusalem the City that He loved a whore, prostitute among other names and that she cavorted with and rode the Beast.

***John 14: [15](#)If ye love me, keep my commandments.***

***[16](#)And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [17](#)Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.***

***[John 14:21](#)***

***Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by***

***My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him."***

**[John 14:23](#)**

***Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him.***

**[John 15:10](#)**

***If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love.***

**[1 John 2:3](#)**

***By this we can be sure that we have come to know Him: if we keep His commandments.***

**[1 John 5:3](#)**

***For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome,***

**[2 John 1:6](#)**

***And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the very commandment you have heard from the beginning, that you must walk in love.***

**Q.** What are the commandments of Jesus?

**<https://trumpet-call.org/2016/04/02/the-7-commandments-of-the-jesus-christ/>**

On the internet you can find sites that say Jesus gave us from 7 commandments all the way to 1500 commandments. There are many things that Jesus said to help us in our walk toward His Righteousness, but perhaps the most important is what He said here:

**Mark 12: [29](#)And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: [30](#)And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. [31](#)And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

**Q.** We have known most of our Christian lives that God prefers what over what?

In Mark 12, Jesus was answering a question from a scribe and after Jesus had given His answer as to the 2 most important commandments the scribe said this:

**Mark 12 [32](#)And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: [33](#)And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.**

The scribe was able to comprehend the essence of what Jesus said and this was Jesus' response to him:

**Mark 12: [34](#)And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.**

Jesus did not make up an answer to this scribe He simply relayed what His Father in Heaven had told the prophets.

***1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.***

Rather than debating whether there are 7 or 1500 commandments from Jesus perhaps we should just concentrate on the two most important ones and grow from that point.

***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.***

The “her” is the New Jerusalem

According to Strong’s Concordance; fine linen

***1039*** *býssinos* (an adjective derived from ***1040*** /*býssos*, "fine linen") – properly, made of fine linen; (figuratively) the unique glorification each believer is awarded by Christ at His return.

This righteous justification or glorification is due solely to the Blood on the Cross it has nothing to do with our works however humanly righteous they may have been.

***Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.***

I believe there is a moment in time at the Bema Seat Judgement of Christ for all Christians that a determined measure is made

about any work that we did in Christ's name; that determined measure is "obedience". It is not about salvation it is about rewards for walking in obedience that puts us in some manner of righteousness. As said in Isaiah, when we speak of righteousness there is the level of Jesus' Righteousness and then there is ours and we are a poor example compared to Him.

**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.

For whatever reason this angel states that these sayings "are the true sayings of God". It is likely to emphasis that what is written here is not from John's or the angel's personal opinion or editorial but is based specifically on what God spoke to the angel exactly and that was passed onto John.

So, the emphasis here is on the message this angel was relaying to John and the angel verified it was a direct message from God saying that believers are "Blessed" by being called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. So, who is invited to the Marriage Super of the Lamb. The Body of Christ is invited and God says that those that are invited are Blessed.

When we consider all of those who will not be invited it breaks our hearts to know how much hatred one must have to turn their back

on a Loving, Gracious and Merciful God. It is the very essence of self-centeredness the rejection of the Blood.

**10And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

It is obvious that we are not to worship in anyway Angles. It is worth discussing though the next part of this verse:

**I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus:**

***Hebrews 2: 5For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.***

***6But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?***

***7Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:***

***8Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.***

***9But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.***

It is a bit of a mystery that the angel would tell John that they are fellow servants which is understandable but then he says:

***Vs 10....and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus:***

**I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

### **From Strong's Concordance**

*Phonetic Spelling: (ad-el-fos')*

*Definition: a brother*

*Usage: a brother, member of the same religious community, especially a fellow-Christian.*

The concern of the angel was that if man were to worship an angel, he would be putting the angel on a level the Creator had not intended. Believers and angels have a common connection, "prophecy". Angels were used to deliver prophecy from time to time and the prophecy was usually tied to Christ Jesus. Christ is prophecy, He is the Word of God.

***Revelation 20:22 6And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.***

***7Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.***

**8And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.**

**10And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. 11He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.**

**12And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.**

**14Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.**

**16I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

**17And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

**Nothing May Be Added**

**18For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**

**20He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

**21The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. {THE END.}**

## **September 18, 2022**

### **The Rider on the White Horse**

**11And 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.**

White as we have learned is usually emblematic of purity. Jesus is the purest of all and He shares and covers with that purity those that love Him.

It is all about Jesus as it should be. Jesus sits on a white horse and those of us who love him will join Him on white horses as well, but it is still all about Him. He is called “Faithful and True”. A term only used of God and by extrapolation of Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. What One is They All are.

It is God’s righteousness that allows Him individually and collectively to judge and wage war.

**12His 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.**

This description matches that of Christ in both Revelation 1:14 and 2:18 also in Daniel 10.

The idea of “eyes were as a flame of fire” from a common sense standpoint indicates intensity though not defined Biblically.

Christ the Messiah is seen wearing many crowns. This is in direct opposition of the beast that is seen to have multiple heads with a crown on each head. The crowns of course reference kingdom power; Christ is the singular person with multiple or really unlimited power. The beast is limited in his power to multiple kingdoms with limited power in each. They have to work in manipulated unison whereas God is omniscient and omnipresent and by His nature is Three in One.

Jesus Christ the Messiah has a name that no man knows, only The Christ knows this name. The next verse gives us a name of Christ whether that is different from the one referenced in vs 12 it is unclear.

**13And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.**

God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit have so many names they are known by; names that depict the limitless Power, Mercy, Grace and Love they all share. Here Jesus is called the “Word of God”.

He is also called the “Word of Truth”, Jesus is Truth and Jesus is the Word. So, when you study the Bible you are studying Jesus Christ the Messiah.

***John 18: [33](#)Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? [34](#)Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? [35](#)Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? [36](#)Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. [37](#)Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. [38](#)Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?***

Pilate was looking directly into the eyes of Truth and he did not recognize it perhaps, or maybe he did and tried to set Jesus free?

***[14](#)And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.***

We will be part of this amazing Army of God dressed in purity due to His Blood and His Sacrifice and His Mercy and His Grace and His LOVE.

***[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.**

**Q.** What does the Bible refer to when it says “sharp sword” in this context?

***Hebrews 4:12 For **the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.***

In verse 15, where it says, “out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword”, the reference here is to Jesus simply SPEAKING THE TRUTH. This Truth that Jesus will speak will destroy His enemies; they cannot stand against the Truth spoken by the barer of Truth the One Called “The Word of God”.

And what of us, what are we to be?

***Isaiah 49:2  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword; He hid me in the shadow of His hand. He made me like a polished arrow; He hid me in His quiver.***

When we speak God’s Truth with love and compassion our mouth becomes like a sharp sword through the power of Jesus Christ. Not to injure but to heal and to Love those we speak to. The Truth spoken in Love can generate the Will of God in the lives of those who speak and hear the Word of God.

**16And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

No one will be able to deny His Kingship, His authority from and through His Father.

### **Defeat of the Beast and False Prophet**

**17And 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; 18That 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.**

An angel stands in the sun. When we try to look at the sun with our naked eye it can even be destructive to our eyes. This angel is so bright that when it stands in full sun light it can still be distinguished. In other words it is even brighter than the sun when it is given authority to speak.

It is finally time for the great battle of Armageddon. The death toll will be staggering likely in the millions. The birds of prey and wild animals will have a feast on the mighty kings that ruled the earth until the Messiah returns.

**19And 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.**

The folly of not asking Christ into your heart is magnified here by the millions who actually think they can defeat the Creator of the Universe. We sit on a rock floating in a universe that we can neither fully comprehend yet these men and women have been deceived by Satan to think that they can defeat this Creator God. What folly or arrogance or both?

**20And 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.**

There is a separation here that requires examining. In vs 20 two of the false trio; (beast) anti-Christ and the false prophet were taken and cast into the lake of fire alive. Indicating that they were not killed but simply judged and sentenced by Christ and put into their eternal abode the lake of fire. This lake burns forever and whoever is in it does not die nor can they ever escape its pain and suffering. It is a just reward for the millions that they deceived.

**21And 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.**

Now we get to the hordes that make up the armies of the Beast, the False Prophet and the Anti-Christ and Satan. These will be slain by the mere Words of Jesus the King. Just as Jesus can

He can also speak death and it shall be death to this remnant of the beast; separation from God for eternity. These bodies of these are slain by the Word of God from the Mouth of His Messiah are dead (asleep in the ground) but their souls are in hades as in associated with the (abyss) and will continue to be held there until the end of the Millennium; the Great White Throne Judgement which will be covered in Revelation 20 and 21. Their ultimate demise will be to join Satan, the false prophet and the Beasts in the Lake of Fire that burns forever.

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