

**TODAY** – we are going to see TWO super important events that are PLACED RIGHT BEFORE - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus

In the Next Msg – (2<sup>nd</sup> half of Ch 19) - the Tribulation Ends, with the Battle of Armageddon & the Return of Jesus Christ

& in Ch 20 the 1,000 Yr Millennium - where believer's will Reign With Jesus on Earth - Begins

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& today – in the FIRST half of Ch 19 - We see TWO crucial events that seem to act as a BRIDGE

to get us FROM the Judgment we've seen in the last 2 msgs TO the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ in our NEXT MESSAGE

It gets REALLY, REALLY GOOD from here on & Heaven KNOWS IT

& there are going to be some MASSIVE HALLELUJAH'S to Kick off all the GOOD that's coming

**LET'S PRAY**

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In our last two Msg's we saw the “World System of the Antichrist” Completely DESTROYED

**Today (FIRST) we see Heaven absolutely ERUPT**  
**in RADICAL WORSHIP & REJOICING**

**IN RESPONSE to God's Judgment & Victory**  
**over the "World System of the Antichrist"**

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**But - before we start - Let me explain**

**For the SAKE of just ONE WORD**  
I'm **going** to **use** the **ESV today** - **instead** of the **NLT**

For **ONE WORD** - & **that word** is - **HALLELUJAH !!**

& **that word** - **HALLELUJAH** - **MEANS "Praise the Lord"**  
& the **NLT** **translates** it - **"Praise the Lord"**

**But the HEBREW Word - HALLELUJAH - Has great ROOTS**  
& is **super powerful** to **shout out**

**So - Everytime We come to the word HALLELUJAH on the screen**  
I **really want you to SHOUT it out** for me

**LET'S PRACTICE - (1,2,3)**

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**Revelation 19:1 (ESV)**  
**1 After this . . .** (Let's Stop there)

**John starts** a new **section** - by saying **"After This"** (**Meta Tauta**)

which has been HIS SIGNAL thru-out the book  
that the scene is CHANGING

& so - AFTER all the Judgment we've seen Poured Out  
on the World System of the Antichrist in the past few Ch's

REV 19:1 - is the Turning Point -

John is writing about a NEW SET of events

Ch 19 is the CRESCENDO of the Book of Revelation  
IN a sense – it is the CRESCENDO of the Entire N.T.

Because this Ch - ENDS  
with the SECOND COMING of Jesus Christ

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So – John sets his “scene changing” divider – Meta Tauta

& HERE is what the scene is Changing TOO

Revelation 19:1 (ESV)

*1 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,*

The Great Multitude in Heaven Crying out - HALLELUJAH !!  
*Salvation and glory and power belong to our God*

HALLELUJAH - is a Combination of TWO HEBREW WORDS

HALLEL (Praise) - YAH (short for Jehovah) - Praise Jehovah

& **THIS** is the **ONLY PLACE** in the **N.T.** where it's **used !!**

& it **used FOUR TIMES** in **6 Verses**

& **REMEMBER** - **When** the **Holy Spirit**  
**wants** to **make** a **Point** - **HE REPEATS IT**

The **Great Multitude in Heaven** is Crying Out **HALLELUJAH !!**

**& in Revelation 19:2-3 - we see more of WHY they are (esv)**  
**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.”**

The **2ND HALLELUJAH** - is for **Victory** over **The Great Prostitute**  
Who **Corrupted** the **Earth** - & Who **Killed** the **Saints**

& **The Great Prostitute** - **was Riding on the Beast**  
As **Symbol's** of the **World System** under the **Antichrist**

& **here** we see **THE SMOKE** from **God's Judgment** on that **Complete**  
**World System” goes up Forever & Ever** - (Eternal Judgment)

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**AS WE CONT - IN V.4 JOHN** is **trying** to **convey**  
Just **HOW MASSIVE** This **Heavenly WORSHIP EVENT** is

## **Revelation 19:4 (ESV)**

***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!”***

**That’s Three Times in Four Vs’s - HALLELUJAH !!**

**This time from the 24 Elders - Who Represent THE CHURCH**

**AND the 4 Living Creatures - The WORSHIP LEADERS of Heaven**

They **ALL** are **Falling Down** in **WORSHIP** -  
**Crying** out - **Hallelujah !! - - Praise The Lord !!**

**Heaven is about Radical, Raise the Roof, all out WORSHIP !!**

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& **then** - **Just in Case** there’s ONE Angel sittin in the corner  
somewhere playing VIDEO GAMES

## **Revelation 19:5 (ESV)**

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

This is a **CALL** - to **ALL of Heaven** - To **Break Out** in **PRAISE**

**HEAVEN KNOWS** - The **BATTLE** between **Satan** & **God** -  
is **OVER** - - **Except for the FINAL STEP (see nxt wk)**

& **Heaven** is **BREAKING LOOSE** in **Full-Scale**  
**Praise & Worship** - & it is a **BIG, BIG DEAL!**

& then - V.6 Carries this MASSIVE Worship Event  
RIGHT INTO - our next MAJOR Event today

### Revelation 19:6 (ESV)

*6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, (what did it sound like?) like the roar of many waters and (what else did it sound like?) like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, (& what was this great multitude doing?) *criying out, "HALLELUJAH! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**

### When Heaven GOES OFF in WORSHIP

It's Like the ROAR of Many Waters

Like Standing on the Edge of Niagra Falls

& It's Like Mighty PEALS of THUNDER

Like Standing in a thunder storm - seeing the lightning hit  
& FEELING the Thunder at the same Moment

ALL of Heaven is CRYING OUT

*"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns*

& THAT - IS a Great Lesson on WORSHIP - Right there !!

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& in V.7 - The Rejoicing & Worship - Goes RIGHT INTO  
the Marriage of the LAMB

Revelation 19:7 (ESV) → →

## **Revelation 19:7 (ESV)**

***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;***

**THESE VERBS - Rejoice - Exult - Give are all  
STRONG EXHORTATIONS in the GRK - - (1 step < command)**

**& the word EXULT means - to LEAP for JOY !!!**

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**& WHY is it - That Heaven is REJOICING & LEAPING for JOY ??**

**Because the Marriage of the LAMB has COME !!  
*and his Bride has made herself ready***

**The MARRIAGE of the LAMB has COME**

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**ALL thru the Bible - God's Relationship with His people  
has always been likened - to MARRIAGE**

**Because the Marriage UNION - is the Most INCREDIBLE, INTIMATE,  
ONE FLESH union - that God created**

In fact - God Created Marriage at this Intense INTIMATE Level

to GIVE US an IDEA (a picture)  
of How He Created our Relationship with HIM to Be

God uses MARRIAGE in the Bible

to Illustrate how Incredible, & Intimate, & One Flesh  
Our Relationship with Him - CAN Be, & One Day WILL Be

& WE (All True Believers) are - "The BRIDE of Christ"

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Now - Jewish Weddings  
are NOT LIKE Western Weddings

& Our Marriage to Christ - Follows the JEWISH Wedding

& there are clearly defines STEPS  
to Complete a Jewish Marriage

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STEP #1 - There's a Marriage Contract committed to  
LONG BEFORE the actual Marriage - called The Betrothal

The Betrothal is MUCH MORE than our "Engagement"  
It's a Binding Marriage Contract – (even a COVENANT)

& if you have given your life to Jesus Christ  
as your Savior & Lord today - then you Are BETROTHED to Him

The Covenant - The Binding Marriage Contract  
Has been COMPLETED - & PAID IN FULL

when Jesus Died on the cross for YOUR Sins  
& Beat Sin & Death & the Grave on YOUR behalf



& if you ARE betrothed to Jesus  
thru faith in him as your Savior & Lord

Then you are HIS

& Jesus says in John 10:28 (ESV) speaking of you  
*28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

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Now - in a Jewish Wedding

During this Betrothal Period - TWO things Happen

1) - The Bride begins preparing herself -  
*Especially* - her Wedding Garments

2) - The Groom will Go & Prepare a Place for His Bride

& MOST OFTEN this would be a ROOM  
BUILT ONTO His Father's House

where the BrideGroom would soon BRING His Bride

*It's a big big house - With lots and lots of room*

*A big big table - With lots and lots of food*

*A big big yard - Where we can play football*

*Its my Father's house*

This is exactly what Jesus is referring to with His Disciples in

**John 14:2–3 (esv)**

***2 In my Father's house are many rooms . . .***

***3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.***

Jesus was making a Direct reference  
to the STEPS of a Jewish Wedding

Which perfectly Illustrates our UNION with HIM

& he says to his disciples – I am going to go to my Father's house  
to prepare a place for you

You stay here and prepare yourself - & WATCH for me to return  
to take you to your new home

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**STEP #2** – is when the GROOM would come for His BRIDE –  
To Take her back to His Father's House

**BUT** the Bride would NEVER know the EXACT Time  
that Her BrideGroom would come for her

So - She would watch for the Signs  
that the BrideGroom is close - is coming to get her

& she would make herself READY - along with her Bridesmaids

**Which** is the Perfect Picture - of US & the RAPTURE

We see the Signs of our Bridegroom's Imminent RETURN  
& so we make ourselves READY - & WATCH for His Appearance

THIS is Exactly what the Parable of the 10 Bridesmaids  
in Mat 25:1-13 is all about - BEING READY

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& when the Time is RIGHT - The Bridegroom would come  
& Take Away the Bride & Her Bridesmaid's

& they would make a Grand Procession back to the Groom's home  
Where there would be - the Wedding Ceremony

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Then Step #3 - the Wedding Ceremony would usually occur  
IN the Groom's house – where he had made a place for her

But AFTER the wedding ceremony  
Would come - the MARRIAGE FEAST (Supper)

The Marriage Feast would often last 7 Days - OR MORE

where all the guests would take part  
in the JOY of the Marriage

The Marriage FEAST is a non-stop celebration of JOY

It was at a Marriage Feast  
that the family RAN OUT of Wine in CANA (Jn 2)

& Jesus performed his 1ST MIRACLE - Turning Water into WINE

**NOT BECAUSE** it was **Alcohol** -  
**Because WINE** is the **Symbol** of **JOY**

& the **Marriage FEAST** is **all about**  
**celebrating** the **JOY** of the **Marriage**

& so - **Jesus** was **EXTENDING THE JOY** of the **Marriage Feast**

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Now - **The Length** of the **Marriage Feast** is **determined**  
by the **Wealth & Status** of the **Family** of **the GROOM** (not Bride)

The **more Wealth & Status** the **Groom has**  
**The longer & more extravagant** the **Marriage Feast** will **be**

So - **when the Groom** is **JESUS** - & **His Family** is the **GODHEAD**

**HOW LONG** do you think the **CELEBRATION**  
of this **Marriage Feast** might **LAST** ??

**Well, it could be 1,000 Years - Right?**

**Which** is how long we will **Reign with Christ**  
on **Earth** - During **the Millennium**

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**But look again - at Revelation 19:7 (ESV)**

***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;***

**HOW** do we **make ourselves READY** for the **Marriage of the Lamb?**

**Well - Revelation 19:8 says (ESV)**

***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 Bride goes thru A LOT to get ready for a Jewish Wedding**

**In Fact - The entire time the BrideGroom is preparing a place  
the Bride is preparing herself - & watching for His Return**

**& one of the KEY Preparations for the Bride  
is always - preparing her Wedding Garment**

**& so V.8 says - it is GRANTED to the Bride - *to clothe herself with  
fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is  
the righteous deeds of the saints***

**If you Belong to Jesus Christ today - It has been  
GRANTED you, to prepare your own Wedding Garment**

**Notice - Our Wedding Garment is NOT the Righteousness of Christ  
It is the “Righteous DEEDS of the Saints”**

**& The Bible is clear  
Our Salvation is THRU FAITH ALONE  
With NO WORKS ADDED**

**Your salvation is BY FAITH in Jesus Christ ALONE**

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**So – WHAT ARE the ‘Righteous DEEDS of the Saints’?**

**It seems - that the Righteous DEEDS is a clear reference**  
to **how** we **live** for the **Lord**  
**AFTER** we **receive Salvation** by **faith**

So - Your **FAITH ALONE** in **Jesus Christ** -  
**“Covers You” IN His Righteousness - For Salvation**

But **HOW you WALK** in that **Salvation**

**Determines** whether **you’ll be wearing** a White **POTATO SACK**  
- **OR** something **a Little Nicer** - As the **Bride Of Christ**

The **12th Msg** in this **REV Series** was **called**  
***“Judgment, Rewards, & Loss”***

& **we looked** at **the fact** that - **HOW** we **Live for Christ** here  
**DOES have** an **Impact** - On **our Eternity** with Him **there**

& **this Vs (Rev 19:8)** is **another clear reminder** of **that truth**

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**Now** - in **every Wedding** - there’s **The GROOM, The BRIDE,**  
**AND those** who are **INVITED** to **the Celebration**

& **have you ever seen** a **Wedding** where the **Bride & Groom**  
Are **whisked off** somewhere **Beautiful** for the **Wedding Ceremony**  
& then **come back** to have a **Big Reception in town?**

Well - **Many Scholars** believe **THAT IS** Exactly what **happens** with  
the **Marriage of the Lamb** - & the **Marriage FEAST (Supper)**

## **Revelation 19:9 (ESV)**

***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."***

It **COULD BE** – that The **Marriage of the Lamb** is in **HEAVEN**  
But, **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb** is on **EARTH**

**So** - the **Bride & BrideGroom** are **Whisked Off**  
to the **GLORY of HEAVEN** - for the **Actual Wedding**

& **then** we **come back** to **Earth** for the **1,000 yr Celebration**  
of **The Marriage Supper** - also **known** as - **The Millennium**

**So** - if **The Church** is the **Bride of Christ** - **WHO** are those  
who are **INVITED** to the **1,000 yr MARRIAGE SUPPER?**

**They** are **the Believers** who **SURVIVE** the **Tribulation** on **Earth**  
& **who** will **Enter** the **Millennium** in their **Natural Bodies**

& **they** are **especially** - **those of ISRAEL** Who will **Believe EN MASS**  
**during** the **Final Days** - & **Especially** at **The 2nd Coming**

**The Millennium** - **will be** The **Greatest WEDDING FEAST**  
of **All Time** & **Eternity**

& the **O.T. SAINTS** will be there

& the **BELIEVERS** who come **thru** the **Tribulation** will be there

& All of **Believing ISRAEL** (who come thru the Trib) will be there

& the **BRIDE of Christ** (**US - the NT Church**) - **WE** will be there

& it will be a 1,000 yr Celebration with Jesus Christ on Earth  
Just to KICK OFF Our Eternity with Him

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Now Finally - in v.10 - The Apostle John is SO OVERWHELMED  
he falls down at the feet of the Angel in Worship

### Revelation 19:10 (ESV)

*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.*

### TWO Quick Lessons to End today

1) DO NOT worship any THING or ANY PERSON -  
or Even ANY ANGEL - Worship God Alone

2) The last sentence in vs 10 . . . For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Means The PURPOSE of Prophecy

Is to Give us a CLEAR Testimony  
of WHO Jesus Christ is

& In This Ch

Jesus Christ is the BrideGroom of the Church

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So & I PRAY today

that YOU have been "Betrothed" to Jesus Christ



I PRAY that you are Waiting & Preparing

for Him to Come & Take you - to His Father's House  
For the Marriage of the Lamb

So that you can come back to Earth - to Take Part in  
The 1,000 Yr - Marriage SUPPER of the Lamb

& Most Important of All

If you Haven't Yet Been "Betrothed" to Jesus  
You CAN be, TODAY

Let's Pray