

Revelation 19:11-21 "Under New Management"

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Alleluia This is a wonderful word, **Alleluia is the Greek form of the Hebrew Hallelujah: Sung for three reasons: God has judged His enemies (19:1-4); God is reigning (19:5-6); The Bride is ready (19:7-10).** *Alleluia* occurs 4 times in Revelation 19, but nowhere else in the New Testament. It belongs here - because God's people rejoice without restraint at His victory over Babylon.



Spurgeon *"We ought not to worship God in a half-hearted sort of way; as if it were now our duty to bless God, but we felt it to be a weary business, and we would get it through as quickly as we could, and have done with it; and the sooner the better. No, no; 'All that is within me, bless his holy name.' Come, my heart, wake up, and summon all the powers which wait upon thee! Mechanical worship is easy, but worthless.*

In Jewish culture, the marriage supper was the best banquet or party anyone knew; it always was an occasion of tremendous joy. According to Rabbinical teaching, obedience to the commandments was suspended during a wedding celebration if obeying a commandment might lessen the joy of the occasion.

Remember the whole book of Revelation was read aloud in early Christian worship when John sent it to the seven churches. Those early congregations would have heard in 2:10 that suffering, tribulation, imprisonment, and even martyrdom awaited them. But because they are **invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb**, they are blessed. **JESUS IS ENOUGH.** He is enough in the face of *inconvenience*. He is enough in the face of *cancer*. He is enough in the face of *persecution*. He is enough in the face of *imprisonment*, and even **death**.

Oh I am convinced that the one who is coming for us is worth the wait. I pray you are as well!

PRAY!

Revelation 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **13** He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. **15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16** And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, **18** that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great." **19** And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. **20** Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

The glory of our coming King. Oh how the Truth we just read brings hope to suffering Christians by showing them that they have a King who is coming who will triumph over their enemies. **EVERYTHING IN THIS PASSAGE POINTS TO THE GLORY OF CHRIST. TIME FOR THE OLD MANAGEMENT TO BE GONE... BRING IN THE NEW!**

Revelation 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. **Christ Revealed! Now He returns to earth in power and glory.**

WHITE HORSE: In Biblical times, especially among Israel, most soldiers were *foot soldiers*. To have a **horse** in battle was a significant advantage. A horse spoke of *honor*, of *power*, and of *speed*; the color of this horse speaks of *victory*.

A "WHITE HORSE" PROCLAIMS THAT HE COMES AS THE CONQUERING WARRIOR. THERE'S NO DONKEY RIDE THIS TIME...VERSE 11 HAS HIM MOUNTED ON A WHITE STEED.


And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, **This glorious title shows Jesus is the keeper of promises, including His promises of judgment.**

and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **Mounce** "*Any view of God which eliminates judgment and his hatred of sin in the interest of an emasculated doctrine of sentimental affection finds no support in the strong and virile realism of the Apocalypse.*"

Guzik reminds us of this critical point, "It's good for us to remember that this dramatic display of judgment comes *only at the end* of a long time of grace, patience, and mercy. This is no "rush to judgment." Jesus has *amply* displayed His nature of mercy, forgiveness and grace to this fallen world. He comes now to judge a world hardened and totally given over to their rebellion against Him."

12 His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns.

His eyes were like a flame of fire: Spurgeon "Why are they like flames of fire? Why, first, to discern the secrets of all hearts. There are no secrets here that Christ does not see. There is no lewd thought, there is no unbelieving scepticism, that Christ does not read. There is no hypocrisy, no formalism, no deceit, that he does not scan as easily as a man reads a page in a book. His eyes are like a flame of fire to read us through and through, and know us to our inmost soul." There are no compartments of our lives that he does not see. There are no corners of our hearts that his flaming eyes do not search.

 **Last crown we saw Him wearing was a crown of thorns... Now the crown's of VICTORY!** The "many Crowns" on his head communicate his absolute authority.

Finishing verse 12... He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **"Secret name" same as "new name" in 3:12? 13** He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood,

HIS OWN BLOOD (REMINDING US OF THE CROSS) OR THE BLOOD OF HIS ENEMIES. EITHER IS QUITE POSSIBLE. This may be a reference to Isaiah 63:1-3, where the robes of the Messiah are splattered with the

blood of his enemies. But at this point the battle has not yet taken place. It will happen in 19:20-21. So it may be preferable to view the blood in which the robe is dipped as a reference to the cross.

Isaiah 63:1-3 – ¹ Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— “I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” ² Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³ “I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.

and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies in heaven, ***if you have believed in Jesus, if you have placed your faith and hope in him and what he achieved on the cross, the Bible is talking about you, me, us and I believe Angels.***

clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. **AS HAMILTON STATES, “Believer in Jesus, one day you will ride a white horse to victory in the Calvary charge led by the risen Christ himself.”**

He adds, Wearing white linen in battle seems like a strange way to dress for war. Perhaps the armies of Heaven wear white because Jesus is the one who will do all the fighting. I like that!

Jesus warned them of this while under oath before the high priest Matthew 26:64 Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. **Not just a sword coming out of His mouth but The idea is that He is “spitting swords.” This is a dramatic way of referring to the power of His Word. Johnson notes, “Christ conquers by the power of His Word”.**

5 times in the Book Revelation, John emphasizes that Jesus' sword comes out of **His mouth**.

And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. **HE COMES AS KING OF KINGS TO DISPLACE EVERY KING REIGNING ON THIS EARTH.** He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Every statement in 19:15 points to the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. **Isaiah 11:4** says the Messiah will **“strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,”** and in **Isaiah 49:2** the servant says that God made his mouth like a sword. Jesus is the fulfillment of these prophecies. Ruling with “a rod of iron” means that Psalm 2:9 is fulfilled. The treading of the winepress heralds the fulfillment of Isaiah 63:3. Jesus is the agent of God’s judgment, and through this judgment he accomplishes the final deliverance of his people.

Revelation 2:12, 16 – “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword ... ¹⁶ Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Revelation 19:21 – And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Psalms 2:9 – You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.

One man asked and answered this question, “Now if Jesus is going to do all the fighting why are the armies of Heaven there at all? To make the King look good.

He redeemed them by his blood, cleansed them, enabled them to do good deeds, fitted them out in fine white linen, put them on majestic white battle stallions, and all their splendor highlights and augments his greatness.”

16 And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The name is on His thigh for prominence, being easily visible when seated on a horse.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; *That's bright... brighter than the sun, that you can still see him!* and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

NEWELL POINTS TO 4 DIFFERENT SUPPERS DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE.

- The supper of salvation, alluded to in Jesus' parable (Luke 14:16-24)
- The Lord's supper, a commemoration of Jesus' sacrifice
- The marriage supper of the Lamb
- The supper of the great God



If you reject the first supper, the second supper will mean nothing to you. Then you will not be present at the third supper, but will be present at the fourth supper. Everybody gets to attend at least one of these suppers, but some will eat and others are eaten at the suppers.

In verse 17 an angel calls for the scavengers to feast on the corpses of the Antichrist's army. The flesh of kings and captains becomes food for vultures. 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great. **Barnhouse** The repetition of **flesh (5 times)** is revealing. "The race has walked in carnal enmity against God, living after the flesh, and now the day of His patience is at an end."

Walvoord adds, "It also shows that men of *all stations* are judged. The high and the low together, if they remain hardened in their rejection of Jesus, will be judged. "The divine judgment upon the wicked is no respecter of persons or station, and is the great equalizer of all." **EVERYONE NEEDS SALVATION!**

Revelation 19:19 brings us to the great day of God the Almighty at the Battle of Armageddon. The war winds up for its grand finale in the valley of Megiddo. Antichrist and his allies appear a formidable force, stretched across the floor of the theater - until heaven opens and God's gladiator appears. **It's been a long time since this wicked world has seen the Lamb.** What a surprise to hear Him roar like a lion. He came the first time to save. He comes the second time to slaughter.

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. *Satan and the haters of God are poisoned by their hatred. Man thinks he can win against Almighty God.*

Newell "This is the incurable insanity of sin, which wars away in spite of defeat after defeat, against a holy God."

Barnhouse adds, "John says nothing about a battle. This is an entirely one-sided affair, more of a simple act of judgment than an actual war. "The battle of Armageddon is the laughter of God against the climax of man's arrogance."

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Lake of fire AKA HELL) **So two of the three members of the false trinity are captured and thrown into the lake of fire. The third member, Satan himself, will join them in the lake of fire after the millennium (20:10)**

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

The Antichrist and False Prophet are captured and tossed into the lake of fire.

The war between God and Satan is finally over! Blood has been shed. Lives lost. The Earth is in ruins and in need of restoration, but this is what it took...

Jesus now not only owns the Earth, He has possession. He can restore what sin has damaged. Chapter 19 closes with planet Earth under new management.

The false excitement of sinful pleasure can be likened to the rush of a daring leap off a building fifty stories tall. It will end in destruction. Don't live for a rush that ends in destruction. Live to mount a white horse and ride to victory.

Christ will come on that white horse in glory. On that day even our most mundane actions done by faith in him will take on enormous significance because we will mount white steeds and ride behind the conquering King.