

LESSON ELEVEN

Revelation 19 – 20

Do you hear the Hallelujah Chorus! In chapter 19 is the first time “Hallelujah” is used. It means “Praise the Lord”. Chapter 19 is packed with glory. It is the moment for which the heavenly hosts have been waiting. It is the moment for which Jesus hung on the cross. His bride, his church, is ready and the wedding supper is taking place. We are the bride.

1. Read chapter 19 and compare it to chapter 18. What do you see as the difference between Babylon and God’s kingdom?
2. The evil powers led by the beast and the false prophet have assembled their forces at Armageddon. This is the final battle of the forces of evil against God’s people. Read Revelation 19:11-16. Who do you think are in the armies of heaven? What do you notice about the second coming of Jesus as opposed to his first coming?
3. Compare Revelation 19:11-19 to Matthew 24:27-28. What do you notice?
4. Read Revelation 20:1-6 which tells of the Millennium Kingdom. Read Daniel 7:14, Zechariah 14:9, Isaiah 2:2-4 and 35:1-10 which also describe the 1000-year reign of Jesus on earth.
5. Read Revelation 20:7-10. Satan will be released from the abyss after 1000 years. He will again try to take control. What happens to him? This is the final defeat of Satan.
6. Read Revelation 20:11-15. This is judgment day for unbelievers. This is not applicable for those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Compare this to 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.

Prayer Glorious Father, your plan is perfect, your judgments are just, you hold each of us in your heart. Thank you and praise you that your son, Jesus, opened the way for us to live eternally in your very presence. We look forward to the reality that we claim at Holy Communion every Sunday: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Thank you, Father, that you give us these words in Revelation so that we are not ignorant but will always know that you make all things right. We praise you and your Son, Jesus. Amen.