

## **End Times Study - Week Ten**

### **Revelation 19:1-20:3**

The Scarlet Beast and its rider, the pagan and materialistic Babylon have been judged in Judgments 1 & 2. From the funeral dirges the action moves to the celebration that Jesus is returning. The great victory is not far off... Jesus is on the horizon!

#### **19:1-10 The 3rd Judgment – Christ’s Return & the Marriage Supper of the Lamb**

##### **First Hymn of Rejoicing 19:1-3**

Prior to major actions with the lampstands, seals, trumpets, tableaux, bowls of wrath, and now judgments, there is a declaration in worship of the might of God to act in truth and righteousness, as only God, who is all loving, does act. Love deals with injustices and evil, but from a perspective of knowing all sides, and acting justly and with mercy.

Romans 12:19-21 instructs us on vengeance and our actions towards enemies. Jude 1:18-21 tells us how to contend for the faith in the end times including four things that builds us up for that time. The wrath of God 15:7 has been poured out and the martyrs of 16:3 avenged, (cf. 1 Thes. 5:9 “no wrath for faithful”; 2 Thes. 1:6 “those who afflict you are paid back”).

##### **Second Hymn of Rejoicing 19:4-5**

24 Elders and 4 Living Creatures bow down in adoration of the Lamb. The message of 5:8-10 that the Lamb is Worthy of all worship and praise continues. God is sovereign. Sin has made a mess in our world, but the days are very short for the unholy false trinity and their cohorts.

##### **Third Hymn of Rejoicing 19:6-10**

Rejoicing of the fall of Babylon ends with a musical invitation to the marriage feast of the Lamb. The sound of Jesus’ voice, 1:15, the sound of the voices of the 144 thousand 14:2, sounds again as a multitude, who sound like a waterfall and thunder and declares that it is now time, the bride is prepared, the marriage feast is prepared, the groom is about to enter. Ezek. 16:60 speaks of a marriage covenant between God and Israel. It is now fulfilled in Rev. 19.

We come to our 4th blessing in 19:9, a blessing for those invited to the marriage feast. The children’s fable of Cinderella is the story of a poor mistreated stepchild who is magically transformed and invited to the ball in the prince’s castle where he is seeking a future wife. Cinderella becomes the apple of his eye. They are separated by circumstances and he goes seeking her. The story, which ends with a grand reunion and marriage, has in the background, Jesus and his bride, the church. The true story involves no magic, only grace and the mighty power of God to love and provide. For all “for whom the shoe fits” it will be a great day of celebration.

**19:10** - But don’t worship the messenger angel, worship God and know this prophecy is guaranteed as the truth by none other than Jesus himself.

#### **19:11-16 The 4th Judgment – The Word of God**

Jesus is no longer depicted by coded language as a Lamb with seven horns and seven

eyes. We encounter Jesus as the returning victorious, warrior king (cf. Ex. 15:3 the Lord is a warrior). Earlier we saw the four horsemen who brought plagues. Now we see the mighty king who's powerful word defeats the anti-Christ, the beast and all the armies of the earth (cf. 2 Thes. 2:8 "with the breath of His mouth). No one can oppose Him! As He did for us on the cross, Jesus fights the battle for us.

**19:11** The Rider is called *Faithful and True*. He is the true and living Son of God and there is no other way of salvation, (cf. Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12). He is God returning for his people, (cf. Isaiah 63:1-3) and will ultimately tread the winepress of judgment. The focus for believers is not, here comes the judge, but here comes our Savior (cf. Jn. 12:47; Heb. 9:28), and he will bring justice.

**19:12** Jesus is great, and no one will want to come under his justice. (Cf. Heb. 10:31) His unknown name is like the Old Testament Covenant name of God. Throughout the Bible the name Yahweh is translated as LORD. We cannot know Him in his fulness until we reach heaven. (Cf. 1 Cor. 10:12)

**19:13** He who shed his blood for the atonement of our sin, wears a robe indicating his Holiness, sprinkled with his own blood, (Cf. Heb 9:12, 14, 22, 26-28)

**19:14** The heavenly army is made up of angels and saints. (cf. Jud. 1:14; 1 Th. 4:14)

**19:15** The sword of his mouth is the Word (1:16) is the only weapon he needs. (cf. Lk. 4:8-13; Heb. 4:12). He is powerful and nothing can stand against Him. He rules with a rod of iron (Ps. 2:9). He, who is the God of mercy and grace, patient to send Jesus back again, 2 Peter 3:9, 15, now comes with a fury so great it will be like a tsunami, an EF5 tornado, a 10+ earthquake, and a raging wild fire all at once. There are no safe storm shelters, and no places to run and escape. The flood in Noah's day was a worldwide catastrophe, and 2 Peter 3:7 says there will be worldwide wildfire that will destroy the earth. (Cf. Lk. 17:26 "as in the days of Noah")

**19:16** Who is this mighty one? He is the Savior who has a title inscribed on His robe and thigh, "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." There is no one like Him. There is no other, and his enemies should tremble.

### **19:17-18 The 5<sup>th</sup> Judgment – The Angel in the Sun**

An angel in the bright light of the sun declares that Armageddon (16:16) is about to begin. Gather to watch the defeat. The feast of the wicked is in complete contrast to the marriage feast as birds of prey are called to eat. (cf. Ezek. 39:17-20)

### **19:19-21 The 6<sup>th</sup> Judgement – The Battle of Armageddon**

A one punch fight. Don't blink. The beast anti-Christ and the false prophet get there due, and are thrown into hell, :20. (cf. 2 Pet. 2:4, Jude 1:6) In Act 6, Scene 6 those who bore the anti-Christ's # 666 are also killed.

### **20:1-3 The 7<sup>th</sup> Judgment - Satan Cast into the Hell**

The gate of hell that can't prevail against the church is opened and Satan is cast in for 1000 years by a mighty angel. Jesus holds those keys (1:18) and gives the angel does his bidding.

## **WEEK 11 – The Seven Promises 20:4-22:21**