



Vision 6 – Part 2: Beast and False Prophet Judged Rev 19

Three Hymns and a Command

Rev 19:1

1. Hallelujah. Found only in Psalms in the Old Testament (Ps 104, 106, 113-118, 146-150) and only in Rev 19 in the New Testament. The Psalter closes with God's chosen people singing "Hallelujah," and the New Testament closes with God's redeemed in heaven singing "Hallelujah." Rev 19 contains the last series of hymns in the book. (Kistemaker, 2001)
2. Salvation and glory and power belong to our God
 - a. Rev 4:11 – Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.
 - b. Rev 7:10 – and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
 - c. Rev 12:10 – And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Rev 19:2

1. For his judgments are just and true (Rev 15:3; 16:7)
2. Salvation (vs 1) includes judgment.
 - a. Ex 33:18-19 – Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."
 - b. Ex 34:5-7 – The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."
 - c. Is 61:1-2 – The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 to proclaim the year



of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn

3. And has avenged on her the blood of his servants (Rev 6:10)

Rev 19:3 – The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever

1. Rev 14:11 – And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.
2. Is 34:8-10 – For the Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion. 9 And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and her soil into sulfur; her land shall become burning pitch. 10 Night and day it shall not be quenched; its smoke shall go up forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever.

The Wedding

Rev 19:7 – For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready

1. Matt 25:1-13 – Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps¹ and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
2. John 3:29 – The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.
3. Hos 2:19-20 – And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.
4. Is 54:5 – For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.



In Christ the bride was *chosen* from eternity. Throughout the entire Old Testament time the wedding was *announced*. Next, the Son of God assumed our flesh and blood: the *betrothal* took place. The price – the *dowry* – was paid on Calvary. And now, after an *interval* which in the eyes of God is but a little while, the Bridegroom returns and “It has come, the wedding of the Lamb.” The church on earth yearns for this moment, so does the church in heaven. (Hendriksen, 1967)

Rev 19:8

1. It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure (Rev 6:11; 7:14)
 - a. Ps 45:13-15 – All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold. 14 In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. 15 With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.
 - b. Ez 16:10 – I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk
 - c. Is 61:10 – I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
 - d. Zech 3:3-4 – Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. 4 And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.”
 - e. Eph 5:25-27 – Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.
 - f. Matt 22:11-14 – But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.
2. Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints
 - a. Eph 2:10 – For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



- b. Matt 25:37-40 – Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Rev 19:9 – These are the true words of God (Rev 21:5; 22:6)

Worship

Rev 19:10

1. 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.”
 - a. Rev 22:8b-9 – I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, 9 but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”
 - b. Matt 4:10 – Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”
 - c. Col 2:18 – Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind
2. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
 - a. 2 Cor 1:19-20 – For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. 20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.
 - b. Rom 15:8 – For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs

The Final Battle

Rev 19:11

1. Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! ...and in righteousness he judges and makes war.
 - a. Rev 6:2 – And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.



- b. Ps 9:7-8 – But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, 8 and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.
 - c. Ps 98:8-9 – Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together 9 before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.
 - d. Is 11:1-5 – There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips she shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
2. The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True
 - a. Rev 3:7 – And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.’
 - b. Rev 3:14 – And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.’
 - c. John 14:6 – Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Rev 19:12

1. His eyes are like a flame of fire
 - a. Dan 10:6 – His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.
 - b. Rev 1:14 – The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire
 - c. 2:18 – And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.’
2. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself.
 - a. Rev 2:17 – He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.



- b. Rev 19:16 – On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.
- c. Pro 30:4 – Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know!

Rev 19:13

- 1. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood
 - a. Is 63:1-6 – Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? “It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.” 2 Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? 3 “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. 4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. 6 I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”
 - b. Gen 49:8-12 – Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. 9 Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. 11 Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. 12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.
- 2. The name by which he is called is The Word of God
 - a. John 1:1 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - b. John 1:14 – And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - c. 1 John 1:1 – That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life
 - d. Heb 4:12 – For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of



joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- e. Its use as a personal name here is reminiscent of John 1:1-14, and it underscores the point that fidelity to the gospel's message is not mere intellectual concurrence but personal allegiance to the Son who uniquely reveals the Father, having been with the Father from the beginning and having become flesh that we might see the Father's glory through him. (Johnson, 2001)

Rev 19:14

1. And the armies of heaven, ... were following him on white horses.
 - a. Matt 13:41 – The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers
 - b. Matt 13:49 – So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
 - c. Matt 16:27 – For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.
 - d. Matt 25:31 – When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
 - e. 2 Thes 1:7 – and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels
2. Arrayed in fine linen, white and pure (Rev 15:6; 19:8)

Rev 19:15

1. From his mouth comes a sharp sword
 - a. Rev 1:16 – In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and this face was like the sun shining in full strength.
 - b. 2 Thes 2:8 – And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.
2. He will rule them with a rod of iron
 - a. Ps 2:9 – You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
 - b. Rev 2:27 – and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.
 - c. Rev 12:5 – She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne
3. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty



- a. Is 63:2-3 – Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? 3 “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.”
- b. Rev 14:20 – And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.
- c. John 5:22 – The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son
- d. Acts 17:30-31 – The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

Rev 19:16 – King of kings and Lord of lords

1. Rev 17:14 – They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.
2. Dt 10:17 – For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.
3. Dan 2:47 – The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.”
4. 1 Tim 6:13-16 – I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14 to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Rev 19:17-18 – The fulfillment of Ezekiel’s prophecy against Gog in the land of Magog.

1. Ez 39:4 – You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your hordes and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.
2. Ez 39:17-20 – As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God: Speak to the birds of every sort and to all beasts of the field, ‘Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood. 18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the



- princes of the earth—of rams, of lambs, and of he-goats, of bulls, all of them fat beasts of Bashan. 19 And you shall eat fat till you are filled, and drink blood till you are drunk, at the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you. 20 And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all kinds of warriors,' declares the Lord God.
3. In the recapitulation or replay, the pagan peoples deceived and gathered by the dragon to assault God's holy community are named "God and Magog" (20:8), confirming that Revelation 19:17-21 and 20:7-10 contain complementary visions of the same last battle. (Johnson, 2001)

Rev 19:19

1. Rev 16:14 – For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.
2. Rev 17:14 – They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.
3. Ps 2:1-3 – Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

Rev 19:20

1. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. (Rev 13)
2. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.
 - a. Dan 7:9-11 – As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. 11 I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.
 - b. Rev 14:9-10 – And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb."



- c. Rev 17:16 – And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire
 - d. Rev 20:10 – and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
 - e. Rev 21:8 – But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.
3. If the beast and the false prophet portrayed mere human beings, there would be no reason for Christ to spare them the first death (physical death) before casting them into the second death, the lake of fire (20:14). Their followers will experience both. (Johnson, 2001)

Rev 19:21

1. And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse
 - a. 2 Thes 2:8 – And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.
 - b. Rev 19:15 – From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
 - c. Rev 1:16 – In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and this face was like the sun shining in full strength.
2. And all the birds were gorged with their flesh
 - a. Rev 19:17 – Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God.”
 - b. Is 66:24 – And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.

Such a presentation of a divine Warrior, full of wrath and vengeance against those who disregard his authority, is offensive to many today. How can such an image be made winsome to people attracted more by tolerant love than by strict justice? Scripture, however, paints a realistic picture of the moral structure of the universe. Despite the preferences of naïve wishful thinkers, at the cosmic level there can be no true mercy, no genuine redemption, apart from justice. “Day of vengeance” and “year of redemption” are closely associated by the parallelism in Isaiah 63:4:

For the day of vengeance was in My heart,
And My year of redemption has come.



Redemption for those who are God's friends by grace entails vengeance on those who stubbornly persist as God's enemies. (Johnson, 2001)