

Lesson 12: The Day of the Lord Has Come!

1 REVELATION CHAPTERS 19-20

Hallelujah Babylon is Fallen
Marriage Supper of the Lamb
Christ Returns on a White Horse
The Millennial Kingdom
The Great White Throne Judgment

2 PRAISING THE GOD WHO REIGNS 19:6-10

The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns

- Be glad, rejoice, and give Him glory
- The marriage of the Lamb has come
- His wife has made herself ready
- It was granted to her to be arrayed in fine, clean and bright linen – the righteous acts of the saints

3 PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST MATTHEW 22:1-14

The kingdom of heaven is like...

- A King = God the Father
- His Son = Jesus Christ
- Marriage = glorification celebration of the saints
- Those who were invited to the wedding = Israel
- Servants = the Holy Spirit
- Good and bad on the highways = Gentiles
- Wedding garment = blood of Christ
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4 PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST EPHESIANS 5:25-27

Marriage on earth is a model of Christ and His church

- Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her
- Christ washed His bride through the redemptive power of God's word
- That He might present her to Himself as a glorious church without spot, wrinkle or blemish
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5 MARRIAGE CUSTOMS OF ISRAEL

Betrothal

- Prior to marriage and celebrations
- Binding on bridegroom and bride
(Deut. 22:23-24, Matt. 1:18-20)
- Typically arranged by parents
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6 MARRIAGE CUSTOMS OF ISRAEL

Betrothal

- Exchange of gifts

- *Mohar* / marriage present from father of the bridegroom to seal or bind the agreement (Gen. 34:12, Ex. 22:17)
- Dowry gift from bride's father to bride and / or bridegroom such as handmaids or property (Gen. 24:59-61, 29:4)
- Bridegroom to bride such as clothing or jewelry (Gen. 34:12)

7 ☐ **MARRIAGE CUSTOMS OF ISRAEL**

Wedding Ceremonies – proper attire

- Required public acknowledgement of marriage
- Bridegroom and bride would wear special garments (Isa. 61:10, Jer. 2:32),
 - Veil for the bride and white garments provided by the bridegroom (Gen. 24:65, Eph. 5:27)
 - Garland for bridegroom

8 ☐ **MARRIAGE CUSTOMS OF ISRAEL**

Wedding Ceremonies - procession

- In the evening (Matt. 25:7)
- The bridegroom and friends went in procession to the bride's house and typically escorted her back to the bridegroom father's house for the marriage celebration

9 ☐ **MARRIAGE CUSTOMS OF ISRAEL**

Wedding Ceremonies - feast

- Usually held at the house of the bridegroom's father
- Many friends and family were invited
- A steward or friend supervised the feast (John 2:9-10)
- It was an insult to refuse to attend (Matt. 22:7)
- Guests were also expected to be in proper attire

10 ☐ **MARRIAGE CUSTOMS OF ISRAEL**

Wedding Ceremonies – binding relationship

- The bridegroom might cover his bride with his skirt (Ruth 3:9), a symbol that she is now under his authority
- The father of the bridegroom would draw up a written marriage covenant
- Consummation and proof of virginity. The couple was escorted to a special chamber by parents; a blood-stained cloth was produced validating her virginity (Deut. 22:13-21).
- Wedding festivities continued for a week (Gen. 29:27) in celebrations marked by music, food and drink

11 ☐ **PRAISING THE GOD WHO REIGNS 19:6-10**

Worship is for God alone

- John fell at the angel's feet upon seeing the marriage supper events
- The angel responds swiftly "See that you do not do that!"
 - Believers are the virgin bride of Christ

- Worshiping anything or anyone other than God is adultery / harlotry
- The angel is a fellow servant, created by the same God
- Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of (the ultimate purpose of all prophecy). It is a call to purity and faithfulness as the bride of Christ must be

12 **CHRIST'S GLORIOUS RETURN 19:11**

- Rev. 19:11 marks the true fulfilment of all that was prophesied about the Messiah who would come in glory to conquer and rule as the King of Israel (the Messiah Israel was expecting since the time of Moses, David and Solomon)
 - Ps. 2:1-9, 24:7-10, 9:13, 110
 - Is. 9:6-7, Jer. 23:1-8, Eze. 37:15-28, Dan. 2:44-45, 7:13-14
 - Zech. 2:10-12, 14:1-9

13 **CHRIST ON A WHITE HORSE 19:11-16**

- He is called Faithful and True
 - The only One who has perfectly done all the Father has given and required Him to do
 - He is the true and real Messiah, all others are imposters
- He judges and makes war in righteousness
- His eyes were like a flame of fire (Dan. 10:6, Rev. 1:14). He is coming in judgment of sin and He sees all.
- He wore many crowns on His head (King of kings)
- He had a name which no one knew except Himself

14 **CHRIST ON A WHITE HORSE 19:11-16**

- He was clothed in a white robe, dipped in blood (Isaiah 63:1-6)
- His name is called the Word of God (John 1:1)
- Armies, clothed in white, followed Him on white horses
- A sharp sword to judge the nations comes out of His mouth – He will judge all according to the Scriptures
- He will rule with a rod of Iron (Psalm 2:9)
- He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God – commensurate with the seven bowls

15 **CHRIST ON A WHITE HORSE 19:11-16**

- "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" is written on His robe and on His thigh (1 Tim. 6:15)
 - No one will be able to deny His identity when He comes
 - Those who have not accepted Him in faith will be judged for their wickedness in the flesh (another judgement is coming at the conclusion of all things).

16 **BEAST, FALSE PROPHET, SATAN AND THEIR ARMIES DEFEATED 19:17-21**

- An angel standing in the sun cries to the birds to eat the flesh of those arrayed against the Lamb and His army. Unrepentant sinners are also invited to this feast, but they are the main course!
- The beast and false prophet are captured and cast alive into the lake burning with fire. The world will see that the true Messiah is far greater than the false Messiah and his false prophet.
- The rest of the combatants were killed with the sword in the Lamb's mouth
- All the birds were filled with flesh

17 **THE MILLENNIUM 20:1-6**

- Satan bound by an angel from heaven and cast into the bottomless pit for 1000 years
 - A seal was set on him that he should not deceive again until the 1000 years were finished
 - He will be released again for a short time
- John sees thrones set up for judgment
- The souls of those who had been beheaded (in the time of the antichrist for their faithfulness) lived and reigned with Christ for the 1000 years
- The rest of the dead did not live again until the 1000 years were finished – the wicked to be judged later (11-15)

18 TWO DEATHS & TWO RESURRECTIONS

- Two Deaths
 - First Death
 - End of this present life
 - Separation of the soul from the body (Gen. 35:18)
 - Second Death
 - Eternal judgment of the soul
 - Separation of the soul and the spirit?
- Two Resurrections
 - First Resurrection – of the faithful
 - Second Resurrection – of the unjust
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19 THE “FIRST” RESURRECTION

1. Christ, the Firstfruits (1 Cor. 15:23)
2. Select saints confirming Christ’s resurrection (Matt. 27:52-53)
3. Faithful sleepers and raptured saints (1 Thes. 4:13-18)
4. The two witnesses (Rev. 11:3,11)
5. Beheaded martyrs in the resurrection (20:4-5). Only this group is included in the 1000 years

20 SATAN RETURNS AND IS JUDGED 20:7-10

- At the end of the 1000 years
 - Satan released from prison
 - Will deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth (Gog and Magog)
 - He gathers as many unfaithful as the sand of the sea to surround the beloved city (Jerusalem)
 - People and nations will be born and exist in the 1000 years of Christ’s reign (Isa. 65:18-25)
- Fire comes down from heaven to devour them
- Satan is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. He will be tormented day and night forever and ever (false Christ and false prophet have been there 1000 years and are still in torment)

21 THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT 20:11-15

- The dead, small and great, stand before God
 - There was no place found for them anymore (not on the earth and not in heaven)
 - The books were opened
 - They were judged according to their works
 - The sea, death and Hades delivered the dead to the presence of God (all dead will be rejoined to their bodies, even from the depths of the sea or cremation)

- Death, Hades and all who were not found written in the Book of Life were cast into the lake of fire
 - this is the second death, only for those not found in the Book of Life