REVELATION 19:5-10

LESSON: THE WEDDING FEAST OF THE LAMB—

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INTRODUCTION:

Chapter 18 This chapter is a funeral song. ¹The song is in three parts. In the <u>first 8 verses</u>, it describes the ruin of Babylon. And the song tells God's people to leave Babylon. In <u>verses 9 to 20</u>, three groups of people cry and are sad because of the ruin of Babylon. These are the kings, the merchants and the sailors. The third part describes the ruin of Babylon (<u>verses 21-24</u>).

An angel came down from heaven. He came with great authority from God. As he came, he shines with a great light. That light was so bright that it lit up the whole world. v2 With a strong voice, the angel shouted the news. Lastly, v23 Never again will people see the light of a lamp in Babylon. Nobody will hear the voices of bridegroom and bride in Babylon. This is because Babylon's merchants were the great people of the earth. And it was Babylon's magic that caused all the nations to believe lies. v24 Babylon was guilty of the death of the prophets and of God's people. Babylon was guilty of the death of people all over the world.

Chapter 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:— ²After the fall of Babylon a heavenly celebration followed. John heard what sounded like the roar of a great crowd in heaven. They were shouting, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God, for all praise belonged to God! "Alleluia" is a Latin derivative of the Hebrew phrase "Hallelujah" meaning "God be praised"; "praise God!"

- 1. It will be a Hallelujah of Salvation!
 - a. Salvation belongs to Him! The One who wrought Salvation!
 - b. Glory belongs to Him! The One who possesses glory, light, and splendor of heaven and earth.
 - c. Honor belongs to Him! The One who is the source and Creator of all!
 - d. Power belongs to Him! The One who is Supreme power in the universe! Saved man and the world!

1Pt.2:9 says "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of the darkness into the marvelous light."

19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. God's judgements are fair and real. God has punished the great city called Babylon. Babylon was like an evil woman who sold her body for sex. And the whole world became evil because of Babylon. Now, God has punished Babylon because Babylon was responsible for the deaths of His servants.

2. It will be a Hallelujah of Victory! (vv.2-3).

19:3 And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. Then the great

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crowd shouted again, Praise God! The smoke from the flames that burned Babylon will never end. It's final. Babylon will never rise again. And it won't be rebuilt. The smoke that rose up from the flames, proves it. Babylon is gone, and will never exist again!

19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. God was sitting on His throne, and the 24 elders, and the 4 creatures fell down in front of Him, worshipping Him, saying, Amen. Praise the Lord!

3. It will be a Hallelujah of Worship!

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REVELATION 19:5-8 LESSON: ı.

19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. John heard someone call from the throne. And it was that voice that they followed and began to say, "Praise our God, all you who serve Him. Praise Him, all you who respect Him, small and great! Praise Him, whoever you may be." This was for everyone. All God's people on earth and in heaven will shout their praises to God.

19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. ³God's people answered the voice that told them to praise God. The sound of their praise was loud. It was as loud as the sound of water in a flood. It was loud like the sound of thunder. God had now destroyed all the power of evil things. God has always controlled history, but He allowed other people to rule for a time. Now God had begun to rule as king over all. The Lord is our God. He is the God who has all power. He has control. And now He would rule over all things.

4. It will be a Hallelujah of God's Omnipotent reign! (vv.5-6)

19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. The rejoicing at the great Marriage Supper will be focused upon the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, for the bride has made herself ready. Usually on earth, the focus is upon the bride, but not so here! 4The bride refers to the true church. So, this is a description of the unity of Christ and the church. The bride belongs to Christ, but the church waits for the Lord Jesus to come. He will take her, and they will be together. In that day, the marriage of Christ, and the church will be complete. It will then be like a great wedding meal.

In a Jewish wedding, 5the first part was the agreement to be married. When the man and the woman made their agreement, they became husband and wife. But until the actual wedding, they did not live together, and they did not have sex. The second part was the wedding itself. The bridegroom went to the house of the bride. He then took her back to his own house. There they had a great meal, and they were married. The Jewish wedding ceremony is usually shorter than the celebration which lasts 7days.

The church has made herself ready as a bride does for her wedding. Jesus loved the church. He gave Himself for her by His death. His purpose was to remove all sin, and to make her clean. So, the church would be fit to live with Him (Ephesians 5:25-27). The Lord has done it all. But the church must be active. She must put into effect what Jesus has done for her. In this, she makes herself ready for Him.

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The Bride/Church prepares herself...

- <u>by receiving the Lamb of God as Savior</u>. A person will not be acceptable at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb unless he/she accepts the sacrifice of the Lamb as the sacrifice for his/her own sins.
- <u>by following the Lamb</u>. The Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself to the ultimate degree—He gave His life totally and died for man! Likewise we die daily and take up our cross and follow Him!

19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Even though the bride has to make herself ready, she can't get her own clothes. God is the "Gifter" of these clothes. Although the garment is a gift, there must also have been action by the bride. These clothes are beautiful white fine linen cloth that is bright and clean.

⁶The **"fine linen"** represents *purity and righteousness*, often associated with priestly garments in the Old Testament (Exodus 28:39-43). The "**brightness and purity of the linen**" emphasize the *holiness and sanctity* expected of the Church. The "**white cloth**" symbolizes the *good deeds* that she has done. She has not earned her salvation, but she has obeyed the Lord, and she has done what is right—for faith without works is dead.

- 2. The Bride/Church prepares herself...
 - by righteous deeds or acts. God takes your faith in His Son, and counts your faith as righteousness because you believe that the death of the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ was for the sins of the world. You believe that the penalty and judgment of your sins have been paid for by Christ!
 - by serving the Lamb of God to the fullest degree with our heart, soul (mind), and body.

The condition of the provision of the garment made of fine linen, clean and white, given by the Lamb at the Marriage Supper is because of their righteous deeds and acts (their service). Some do not serve. They do as little as possible, but they will be saved. All rewards will not be the same (1 Cor.3:11-15).

Just as the bride is given fine linen, believers are called to "put on" Christ and His righteousness in their daily lives.

II. REVELATION 19:9-10

19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. Then the angel told John to write, "Blessed are the people whom God has invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (the meal at the wedding), These are true words from God." Nobody can earn the right to go to the wedding meal. The invitation has to come, and it's only to those whom God invites, and they will be happy and blessed. If God said It. That Settles It! He emphasizes these words are true sayings! All of what God says is true!

- The Marriage Supper will be a blessed event for one reason: all of the heavenly host will be there, all believers, and all angelic beings, and our Lord and God, all gathered together for the first time in history! WOW!
- The Marriage Supper will be blessed because it is for the purpose of worshiping God and Him alone!

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19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. After hearing all this from the Angel, John fell at the Angel's feet to worship him. But he said, "Do not worship me. I serve God as you and the other Christians do." Why?

- 1. First, all creatures, even the majestic angels of heaven are only servants of God. They may be majestic beings, but they are not God!
- 2. Second, Jesus Christ Himself is the One who bears testimony of the truth. No Angel or any other creature possesses the truth. Jesus says I am the Way, Truth, and Life! <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jheses-page-10.1007/jh

We are to follow the truth that Jesus taught. And this truth that Jesus showed to John is the spirit of prophecy. The purpose of prophecy is to show who Jesus is. So, Christ is the main subject of prophecy. The Holy Spirit speaks about Him, and about things that will happen in the future. So, we must worship God alone. The purpose of the Book of Revelation is to reveal the full identity of Jesus Christ, and to give warning and hope to Believers!

SUMMARY:

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