

Revelation Chapter 19

V: 1 “After these things” – “meta tauta”, after God’s judgment upon religious & commercial Babylon, the system of the Anti-Christ.

Chronology:

- Ch. 1, introduction, promise of blessing; authors forward so to speak. “The things that were.” Revelation 1:19
- Ch.’s 2-3: Specific letters to each church, and to the church in general. – The things that are.
- Ch.’s 4-5: The Heavenly scene, followed by Ch.’s 6-18 God’s judgment, - The things to come
- Ch. 19 – The completion of things to come, earthly judgment and Heavenly judgment.

• Ch. 19 brings us back to the Heavenly scene.

• Allelulia (Hallelujah) = “Hallel” = “praise” + “Yah” = “Jehovah” / “YHVH”

• Hallal –Yah = Hallelujah = “Praise the Lord”

Psalm 104:35 “Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

- Salvation, glory, honor, power unto the Lord = doxology, praise, God be magnified and lifted up.

V: 2 *“True and righteous are His judgments:”*

- The world often challenges the righteousness of God’s decisions. “How could a God of love? Why would a God of love? There is an insinuation in the question itself that God is not loving or fair.
- We’ve seen enough of the judgment of men in court or in the newspapers to not trust man’s judgments, but God’s judgments are right on and those that are in Heaven attest to that.
- We don’t always have to understand God’s judgments, but we do agree with them!

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

- This the Heavenly response to God's judgment of Babylon.
- "Amen" = "so be it"; verily, verily; an affirmation the modern day equivalent of "right on!"
- More information helps us to form better judgments. The more we know God, the more we are certain to agree with what He does.

Illustration: End of police pursuit or use of force scene, crowd gathered & observing, forming an opinion. "Hey officer, what's going on" response #1 – "Police business - stand back citizen or I'll have to utilize deadly force to neutralize you. VS: Gather around while I tell you a tale of woe."

- Those that are in Heaven at this time have been given greater revelation, more information and they're saying "Amen! Right on God!"
- At this moment we have a lot of information about God and His character, through His Son, Jesus and the written word. Using that information to draw a conclusion we too can say "Amen! Right on God." Not seeing with our eyes, but with our hearts because we know that God is good, He is righteous, and that His judgments are altogether perfect. We do this in part by faith, in part based on our experience, and upon His revelation of himself to us through His Word.

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God"

- "*Fornication*": Spiritual fornication, religion, idol worship, worshipping any god except the True and the Living God.
- Avenged: our God is the avenger.

Romans 12:19 "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Genesis 9:5-6 "And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."

V: 3 Again they say "right on!", and her smoke rose up forever:

Isaiah 34:10 "It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever."

Revelation 14:11 "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

Mark 9:43-44 “And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”

V: 4 24 Elders & Beasts (Living creatures.) 5th time fall down and worship.

V: 5 A voice from the throne: Jesus? Or an angel?

- His servants do praise Him!

V: 6 “*Lord God omnipotent*” - Lord God Almighty, all powerful.

- There can only be one of those at any given time or place.

Matthew 6:10 “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

- The Lord reigns, His will is now being done on Earth as it has been in Heaven, our prayers over the years have been answered, they have come to fruition.

V: 7 The marriage of the Lamb has come, we are His bride, His wife.

2 Corinthians 11:2 “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

Ephesians 5:32 “This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

V: 8 Arrayed in fine linen:

Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.”

- The righteousness of the saints:

Romans 4:3 “For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.”

Philippians 3:9 “And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.”

Romans 3:21-22 “²¹But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets. ²²Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.”

- Compared to our own righteousness:

Isaiah 64:6 “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

V: 9 “He” – we don’t know who that is... “Blessed are they who are called:”

- “Blessed”, “Oh how happy”
- 4th of the 7 beatitudes in the book of Revelation: Rev. 1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14.
- Marriage supper of the Lamb:

Jesus said:

Matthew 26:29 “But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

Matthew 22: 1-14 Wedding feast - [turn to / read](#).

Matthew 25:1-13 Wise & foolish virgins – [turn to / read](#).

Luke 14:15-24 Great supper – [turn to / read](#).

- Chronology: Wedding feast 1st - then the return 2nd.

V: 10 See thou do it not: **We are to worship God alone**, no others.

^{1st} commandment

Exodus 20:2-3 “I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Matthew 4:10 “Then saith Jesus unto him, get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.”

- That have the testimony of Jesus:

1 John 5:10 “He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.”

- Testifying of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy:

John 5:39 “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.”

Hebrews 10:7 “Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.”

- The way you can tell that it is not of Jesus: some don't testify of Jesus.

1 John 4:1-3 “¹Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ²Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: ³And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

Galatians 1:8 “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”

V: 11 This is a picture of the 2nd advent of Christ; the 2nd coming of Jesus – Maranatha!

- Faithful & True: title

1st attribute listed:

Revelation 1:5 “And from Jesus, who is the faithful witness,…”

Laodicea

Revelation 3:14 “These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;” (martus / martyr)

2 Timothy 4:8 “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

V: 12 “His eyes were as a flame of fire,…” speaks both of passion, and of judgment.

Revelation 1:14 “His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;”

(Thyatira)

Revelation 2:18 “And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;”

Beema Seat judgment:

1 Corinthians 3:13 “Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.”

- Many crowns: power / authority.

Describing Jesus:

Ephesians 1:21-22 “²¹Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church,”

Philippians 2:9-11 “⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

V: 13 Clothing dipped in blood: Doesn’t look like a mamby, pamby weak God...

Isaiah 63:1-6 “¹Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. ²Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? ³I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. ⁴For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. ⁵And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. ⁶And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.”

- His name: “*The Word of God*”...

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

1 John 5:7 “For there are three that testify in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

Psalms 33:6 “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”

Psalms 138:2 “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

V: 14 Armies: - The saints, us.

Colossians 3:4 “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”

Jude 14-15 “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

- Clothed in fine linen, mentioned in verse 8.

(Sardis)

Revelation 3:5 “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”

V: 15 Sharp sword:

Revelation 1:16 “And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

2 Thessalonians 2:8 “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:”

- Nations = gentiles.
- Rule with a rod of iron, as the Shepherd.

Psalm 23:1-4 “¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

Psalm 2: 9 “Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

- The fierceness and wrath of God:

Hebrews 10:31 “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

V: 16 “**KING of kings, and LORD of lords**”

1 Timothy 6:15 “Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;”

Webster's: Potentate: a person who possesses great power, as a sovereign, monarch, or ruler.

Revelation 17:14 “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

- In this chapter we see a representation of the four Gospels:

V: 16 **Matthew** – King, Lion of the tribe of Judah.

V: 11 **Mark** – faithful & true, servant

V: 12 **Luke** – He has a name, the Son of Man, His humanity expressed.

V: 13 **John** – The Word of God, “In the beginning was the Word...”

V: 17-18 Finally, a fest that the non-believers are invited to...

- In the end times, the birds eat well.
- This is different than what we read in Ezekiel: (Magog vs: Megiddo)

Ezekiel 39:17-20 ¹⁷And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. ¹⁸Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. ¹⁹And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. ²⁰Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.”

Matthew 24:27-28; Zephaniah 1:7; Isaiah 2:12

Romans 2:11 “For there is no respect of persons with God.”

- Contrast the two different feasts mentioned in this chapter:

V: 19 The Beast, the kings, and their armies gathered:

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 ⁶Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; ⁷And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

⁹Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”

Joel 3:14 “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.”

V: 20 This is a picture of the “**anti-rapture**”

- Enoch & Elijah were taken up before Christ came to us a man.
- Two are taken down, the Anti-Christ and the False Prophet.
- They each get 1000 year pre-view of what’s to come.

V: 21 Jesus simply uses the Word to slay the remnant, no prolonged battle – then the birds feast.

Isaiah 66:16 “For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.”

Psalms 110:5-6 ⁵The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. ⁶He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.”

John 12:48 “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

Proverbs 1:24-33 ²⁴Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; ²⁵But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: ²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; ²⁷When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. ²⁸Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: ²⁹For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: ³⁰They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. ³¹Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. ³²For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. ³³But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.”