

The Victory of Jesus over Antichrist and his armies

Revelation 19

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Introduction

- The Seventh Trumpet has sounded, and we are reading about various activities that occur during the Seventh Trumpet.
- In Revelation 15-16 we were told about the angels with the seven last plagues.
- These seven last plagues are also called the golden "bowl" judgments.
- These seven plagues occur at the end of the Tribulation Period, during the last 3 ½ years which is known as "the great tribulation."

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- We are seeing what happens during the seventh bowl judgment which is within the seventh trumpet.
- In **Rev. 17** we saw the destruction of the one-world church which was supported by Antichrist.
- The "religious" Babylon (the one-world church) will be destroyed by Antichrist (the beast) at the midpoint of the Tribulation Period and the worship of Antichrist will supplant all former worship (2 Thes. 2:4; Mat. 24:15).
- In **Rev. 18** we saw the destruction and judgment of Antichrist's one-world government in its political and economic aspects.

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- In **Revelation 19** we learn about the victory of Jesus over the Antichrist and his armies.
- This chapter describes the "Battle of Armageddon" at the very end of the seven-year Tribulation Period.

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Jesus Rides Forth!



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The People in heaven praise God for judging and avenging the blood of martyred Christians 19:1-6

Revelation 19:1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God!

- "After these things" – after the destruction of Antichrist's commercial and political center (Babylon) at the end of the Great Tribulation (Rev. 18) just before Jesus establishes His earthly kingdom.
- The rejoicing over Jesus' destruction of Antichrist's commercial city (Babylon) was inaugurated at the end of Rev. 18 and reaches a crescendo here in Rev. 19.
- Jesus, the Lamb of God, is an avenging warrior.

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² "For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her."

- Godly people love righteousness and hate sin, for righteousness honors God and sin mocks Him.
- Believers long for a world of righteousness and justice and Jesus comes the second time to establish such a world.
- Jesus judgment is always true and impeccably just.

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³ Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

- "His servants" are those who "fear" Him – that faithfully love and obey Him

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⁶ And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

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The marriage of Jesus (the Lamb) to His wife (the church) 19:7-10

⁷ "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

- To give God glory is to ascribe all that is noble, all that is just, all that is righteousness, all that is good comes from God and from God alone.
- We who are by faith united with Christ value and pursue that which is noble, just, righteous and good.
- The bride made herself ready. Christians must make the right choices.

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⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- The "fine linen" stands for the righteous acts of the saints (believers).
- Thus the bride (the church) is robed in her righteous acts— not Christ's imputed righteousness.

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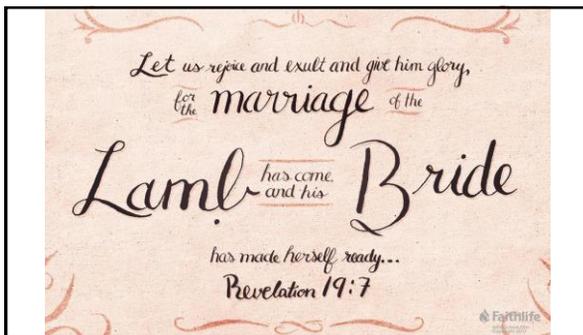
⁹ Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

- We are not told where the wedding takes place (in heaven or on earth).

¹⁰ And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See *that you do not do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

- The Bible forbids worship of any created thing (Angels, etc.). We are to worship only our triune God.

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The triumphant Second Coming of Jesus to conquer Antichrist and his armies 19:11-21

A description of Jesus' majesty (11-16)

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

- Earlier, in the message to the church at Laodicea, Jesus had identified Himself as the faithful and true witness (3:14). Now He appears as the faithful and true Judge.
- Prior to this event, Jesus, the Lamb of God, was offering love and mercy to the rebels who would repent and turn from their sins.

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• Now, the day of mercy is past and Jesus, the Lamb of God, appears as a Mighty Warrior who with justice wages war upon all unrepentant sinners.

¹² His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

• These descriptions of Jesus' "eyes" and the "many crowns" heighten the sense of awesomeness, justice, and irresistible power and authority.

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• Satan's followers have appeared with "crowns." Jesus comes wearing "many crowns" indicating that all power and authority is His.

¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

• John 1:1 reminds us that Jesus is the "Word" of God.

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¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

• The armies consist of angels and the redeemed saints of God.

• **Matthew 25:31** – "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

• **2 Thessalonians 1:7-8** – when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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• **1 Thessalonians 3:13** – so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

• **Jude 1:14** – Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints"

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¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

• Jesus, the Creator, through the spoken word created the universe. All Jesus needs to do is speak a word to strike down the Antichrist and the nations who rise against him.

¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

• Of all kings Jesus is the King. Of all lords, Jesus is the Lord.

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The decimation of Antichrist and his armies 19:17-21

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

¹⁸ "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great."

- This supper of God is the feast for flesh-eating birds to clean up the carnage of the dead bodies of the rebels that is about to happen.

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¹⁹ And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

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- Antichrist (the "beast") and the false prophet are captured and cast into the lake of fire.
- All the rest of those who served with them are killed by the powerful word ("sword") of King Jesus.

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²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

- The description of Jesus' revelation from heaven when He comes to destroy all who have rebelled against His authority, is much different from the rapture (1 Thes. 4:13-18).
- At the rapture, Christ receives His own in the air. In this event, He comes with them to the earth.

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