

REVELATION 19 - LESSON 24

REVELATION 19:1-10

Tribulation 6 - 18 in our study has come to an end.

It's His FINAL boarding call.

All of those chapters were heavy and difficult so I'm glad to be turning the page to Ch 19.

IT'S THE SECOND COMING!

Remember it's in 2 phases.

1) Rapture - in the clouds (I Thess 4)

It culminates with the Battle of Armageddon and Jesus will come all the way to the earth.

2) It will not be only in clouds but He will literally touch down on the earth.

In fact, Bible teaches He will come back to same place He ascended. (Mt Olives in Jerusalem).

It is then He will establish a 1000 year reign on earth known as the Millennial Reign.

When John writes about this Second Coming, it is really about sights and sounds.

1 - SOUNDS (1 - 6)

2 - SIGHTS (11, 17, 19)

VS 1) Heard Heaven Rejoicing over the destruction of the great Harlot.

Vs 6) Heard Heaven Rejoicing over the Wedding Banquet of the Lamb.

Vs 1 - 10

Vs 1 - “these things” is referring to the things of Ch 17 & 18.

It refers to the Harlot and Prostitute and the political and religious systems of the Tribulation Period.

This text reminds and reinforces that Heaven is occupied during the tribulation period.

John hears sounds of rejoicing coming from Heaven.

He hears “Alleluia” - that word is repeated 4 x ‘s in first 10 verses.

So heaven is a place of absolute rejoicing. Why? Because the time of God’s justice and His judgement has come.

There is a time of vindication coming upon the earth.

We see and wonder why the wicked prosper and we wonder why God has allowed these things to happen and prosper.

Listen - God is recording all the injustices and every evil thing, He sees and will bring justice.

These Saints are rejoicing because they can see God’s justice going forth.

Alleluia is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word “Hallelujah”.

It's a word made up of 2 words:

“Hallel” = “to praise” or “to worship”

“Jah” = “Yahweh” = “The Lord”

It literally means to PRAISE THE LORD!

In the original language, the definite article, “The” is actually in front of every noun. It literally would read:

“The SALVATION”

“The GLORY”

“The HONOR”

“The POWER”

Why? There is no other salvation and it belongs to God.

He is on the throne, in charge and is sovereign, and we need to hear and know that because we live in troubling times.

We need to be reminded of that cause the world is nuts and getting nuttier each and every day.

Vs 2

God will bring justice where justice is needed and truth where truth is needed.

Ps 73 - Psalmist struggled with why evil seems to be winning and happening.

Ps 73:1-14 - The Psalmist is saying, I get disciplined all the time but it seems like all these heathen folks have it easy and get by with it.

Vs 15 - 16

Vs 17

We must live in the awareness we live in a fallen sin sick world and bad things are going to happen. Courts are not always going to get it right. Politicians are not going to either. BUT God will one day.

We have to be reminded that heaven is our home, we are merely pilgrims, strangers, sojourners and aliens, and we are not home yet.

This is why He says “True and Righteous are your Judgements”.

Vs 2 - This is a reference to what we saw back in Ch 6.

Rev 6:9-10

Remember those who accept Christ during the tribulation will be martyred and killed.

The souls of those Saints cry out when is our blood going to be “avenged”?

Vs 3

Ashes of Ancient Babylon and the end of the One World System is coming to an end, and there is great rejoicing.

Vs 4

24 Elders are a representation of the Raptured Church.

4 Living Creatures = Angelic beings that attend to the Lord.

Vs 5 Vs 6 Vs 7

This is ancient language related to a Jewish Wedding.

In biblical typology the language pertaining to the church is referred to as the Bride and Jesus is pictured as the Groom.

The Groom is coming to this Wedding Banquet and the Bride has made herself ready and has adorned herself in fine linen.

Vs 9

Remember “Lamb” most used title for Jesus in book of Revelation. (28 times).

“Marriage Supper of the Lamb”

Vs 10

First of all we need to scrub our western mindset of what a wedding is like.

We need to go back centuries to a New Testament wedding banquet.

So what are some of the original aspects of a Jewish 1st century wedding?

1 - Betrothal Period - It was a time when a contract was agreed to by the 2 dads.

Weddings in those days were arranged marriages.

The Dads would agree, shake on it and a Dowry would be paid.

The Father of Groom would pay the price of cattle, sheep, land, whatever for the bride.

So it was contractual, dowry paid, vows were exchanged.

The groom would leave and go to Father's house, build an addition. In this time, 3 to 4 generations would live in the same house.

This time frame was for basically him being gone for a year.

Groom would go away and then after a year return for his Bride.

2 - Bridegroom Returns (Matt 25)

Parable of 10 virgins (Bridesmaids)

They are a wedding party, 10 Bridesmaids and it was their job to be watching for the Return of the Groom.

It was their responsibility to be watching and take their lanterns out when they saw him coming at a distance.

In the parable in Matt 25 of the 10 bridesmaids:

5 had oil in their lamps.

5 did not have oil in their lamps.

The 5 not ready turn to the 5 who are ready, can you give us some of your oil.

Answer? No (“Can’t get to JESUS on borrowed faith or someone else’s oil”).

3 - Wedding Banquet

7 day celebration, consummate marriage.

When he would come (Groom), the wedding party would lift up the bride on their shoulders.

Betrothal - Bridegroom returns - wedding banquet.

Betrothal = salvation - Jesus paid the “Bride price” with His blood.

Bridegroom Returns - Rapture of the church.

*** WE ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE BETROTHAL PERIOD
RIGHT NOW! ***

Wedding Banquet = Wedding Feast Rev 19

Christ returns to celebrate the marriage with us His Bride.

It's the day our faith becomes sight and feasting with the Lord.

