

# Revelation Chapter Nineteen

- After the fall of Babylon (religious and commercial), heaven erupts in a “Hallelujah Chorus” [19:1-3].
  - The chorus begins with praise for God to whom belongs salvation, glory and power [19:1].
  - The praise continues proclaiming the true and righteous nature of God’s judgments [19:2a].
  - The specific judgment of Babylon is then praised noting that both religious and commercial Babylon persecuted the saints [19:2b] followed by a second “Hallelujah” rejoicing over her destruction [19:3].
- The twenty-four elders and four living creatures then respond with their “Amen” [19:4].
- A voice from around the throne of heaven then calls for all believers to join in the praise for God [19:5].
- A new proclamation, looking forward rather than at the judgment just executed, sounds forth [19:6-7].
  - The reign of Christ is anticipated [19:6].
  - The marriage of the Lamb (Christ) and His bride (the Church) is announced [19:7].
- The bride is seen clothed in fine linen – the righteous acts of the saints (the fruit of the Spirit) [19:8].
- An angel once again instructs John to write about those who are blessed [19:9 cp. 14:13].
  - The bride is not invited to the wedding supper, so this verse refers to saints of other dispensations.
  - In Jewish weddings, the wedding supper is a feast which is the last of the three stages of the wedding.
  - This indicates that the first two stages of the wedding are completed prior to the 2nd Advent.

- John then falls down to worship the angel [19:10].
  - John had previously fallen down for worship, but that was proper, being before the Lord [1:17].
  - The angel humbly tells John that he is a fellow servant and that John should worship God only.
  - The angel points out that the purpose of prophecy is to testify about Christ and bring Him glory.
- Once the apostate church (religious Babylon) has been judged on earth and the true Church has been wed in heaven, the stage is set for Christ to come.
- John sees the triumphant return of Jesus Christ at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent [19:11-16].
  - His titles of Faithful and True [19:11] and The Word of God [19:13] are mentioned along with a name which only He knows [19:12].
  - An army of saints follows Christ out of heaven on white horses [19:14].
  - Christ comes armed for war and, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, he will rule the nations with a rod of iron in the Millennium [19:15-16].
- Christ and His army will defeat the earthly armies that stand in opposition to Him [19:17-21].
  - The military victory will be the greatest in history with carnage so vast that an angel calls for the birds of the air to feast on the carcasses [19:17-18, 21b].
  - The opposition army will be led by Antichrist and the kings who will stand in support of him [19:19].
  - The beast and the false prophet will be captured and thrown alive into the Lake of Fire [19:20].
  - Christ is the agent in achieving this victory [19:21a].