

# REVELATION 19

## Unit 26: *The Marriage Supper of the Lamb and The Defeat of the Two Beasts*

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### CONTEXT REVIEW:

1. Jesus reveals the doom and death of the Great Prostitute [Babylon, AC Empire]
2. The Great Prostitute [Babylon] is drunk on the blood of the martyrs.
3. God calls Faithful Believers to come out [ecclesia] of the Great Prostitute.
4. Kings and Merchants of the earth LAMENT their own seduction by Great Prostitute.
5. But heaven rejoices as Babylon falls prior to the Last Day.

## I. REJOICING IN HEAVEN OVER THE FALL OF BABYLON

**REVELATION 19:1-5** <sup>1</sup> After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, <sup>2</sup> for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants." <sup>3</sup> Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The **smoke from her goes up forever** and ever." <sup>4</sup> And the **twenty-four elders** and the **four living creatures** fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" <sup>5</sup> And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

- (1) *Hallelujah* - Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) word means *Praise the LORD!*
- (3) *smoke goes up forever* - God's judgment is irreversible
- (4) *twenty-four elders* - Agents (distributors) of the Word of God on the earth
- (4) *four living creatures* - Areas of God's providential care in the world

## II. THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

**REVELATION 19:6-10** <sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"--for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." <sup>10</sup> Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

(7) *marriage of the Lamb* - Climax of human history at the Second Coming of Christ

- a. Jesus is the GROOM ... Church of Jesus in the BRIDE
- b. In the NT, betrothal is 'marriage' after payment of MOHAR
- c. The Church is 'betrothed' to Christ now.
- d. Marriage is 'consummated' at the Last Day

### III. THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE

**REVELATION 19:11-21** **11** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a **white horse**! The one sitting on it is called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. **13** He is clothed in a **robe dipped in blood**, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God**. **14** And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. **15** From his mouth comes a **sharp sword** with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. **16** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. **17** Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, **18** to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." **19** And I saw **the beast** and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. **20** And the beast was captured, and with it the **false prophet** who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. **21** And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the **birds** were gorged with their flesh.

(11) *white horse* - The Word of God which lifts up Jesus as King of Kings / Lord of Lords

\* Recall the first Horseman of the Apocalypse (Revelation 6:12-2)

(11) *Faithful and True* - Self-appointed name that Jesus chose for Himself [unique]

(13) *robe dipped in blood* - Reminder of the Cross and bloody death for sin

(13) *The Word of God* - Jesus is the Incarnate Word [Word made Flesh] ... John 1:1,14

(15) *sharp sword* - Thracian Great Sword (rhomphia) = the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17)

(17) *birds* - Probable reference to carrion-eaters [crow, eagle, vulture, buzzard]

(19) *the beast* - The Beast from the Sea (Anti-Christian Ideologies and Powers)

(20) *false prophet* - The Beast from the Earth (Anti-Christian Propaganda)