

### Revelation 19:7-10 **Marriage of the Lamb**

The imagery of the bride is widespread in the Bible: Israel as Yahweh's bride - Isaiah 54:6; Ezekiel 16:8-ff; Hosea 2:14ff; etc. Jesus often used the imagery in the Gospels - Matthew 22:2ff; 25:1ff; Mark 2:19; John 3:29; etc. and in Revelation – 19:9; 21:2, 9; 22:17.

The followers of Christ are the bride contrasted with the great whore or prostitute Babylon.

Ephesians 5:25-33 The church makes herself ready by submitting to the lordship of Christ, and by grace, we are cleansed and prepared for the marriage. The marriage imagery represents the perfect union with Him with full participation in His holiness; joy, glory, and Kingdom. Today, even with Christ within us via the spirit, we are separated from the groom, but the day is coming when the two will be one continuously.

Ephesians 5:31 and 32

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Revelation 19:8 The wording is exact. What is given to the bride is by the grace of God, but she must also accept what is given by living righteously.

Ephesians 4:24

Put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Revelation 19:9 All the believers from the ages are those invited to the supper of the Lamb. We do not want to analyze this section too much and lose the main point of the rejoicing and worship of Yahweh for finally the covenants are fulfilled and His dream is realized. The marriage feast was the most joyous celebration in their culture and especially so for the parents and those in the wedding.

Revelation 19:10 Angels have many differences from humans, but the focus here is on the sameness. Angels and disciples are servants, and both worship God. The worship of angels was a problem that was developing in Asia.

Colossians 2:18

Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind

Jesus is the "spirit" or "heart" of prophecy starting in Genesis 3:15 all the way to Revelation 22:21.

Revelation 19:11 White horse is the sign of the victor.

Faithful and true (Revelation 3:14) He is called what he is.

In righteousness, he judges and wages war (Psalm 96:8-13). John is seeing another picture that is not progressive from the previous. The war is the same as we have already seen with the vials of wrath.

Revelation 19:12 Eyes a flame of fire (1:14; 2:18) represent the capacity to perceive and comprehend with understanding. The fire signifies purity and judgment. This is when Jesus baptizes with fire.

Head with many diadems represents his sovereignty over all. In 12:3, the red dragon had the diadems, and in 13:1, the beast had ten diadems; but in the end, Jesus will wear the diadems (crowns).

Name – once again our attention is drawn to his new name (3:12).

Revelation 19:13 The blood must be his own, through which the victory will come.

Revelation 19:15 Mouth a sharp sword (1:16; 2:12)

Revelation 19:16 KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS refer to Christ in his capacity as supreme ruler. Four names are given to him in this section.

11 – Called Faithful and True

12 – A name written which no one knows except himself

13 – His name is called the Word of God

16 – Name written King of kings and Lord of lords

Revelation 19:17 and 18 This supper is in contrast to the marriage supper.

The fowls that fly in the midst of heaven are birds of prey that feed on flesh such as hover over a battlefield (Isaiah 18:6; 56:9; Jeremiah 7:33; 12:9; Ezekiel 39:4-20).

Every man and beast that are at the battle will be destroyed – Armageddon.

Revelation 19:19 We are viewing another vision regarding the same thing with some additional details.

Revelation 19:21 All but the beast and false prophet are killed with the sword which is their first death, but they will be part of the second death at the resurrection of the unjust. The beast and the false prophet seem to experience their first and second death at the same time since they are thrown into the lake of fire.

## REVELATION 20

Revelation 20:1 After all the seals, trumpets, and bowls are complete, Satan will be bound for a thousand years.

The devil was not created evil; rather, according to Ezekiel 28, he was beautiful and blameless, the cherub anointed to cover in Eden. He did not become evil until he was in the garden. He allowed himself to become prideful and jealous of his Creator. His fall seems to be simultaneous with the fall of Adam and Eve, for after their sin the devil is cursed. Genesis 3:14 states, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life."

Sometime between the fall of man and the flood, he convinced 1/3 of the angels to join with him against Yahweh and His purpose of the ages (Revelation 12:4). The demons were with him before the flood because some of them were locked in chains since that time according to 2 Peter 2:4. He deceived Eve through his craftiness and strives to do the same with everyone since (2 Corinthians 11). He is the thief that steals, kills, and destroys (John 10:10). He is the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10), the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works within the children of disobedience (Ephesians 2:2).

He is the one we fight against, spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12). He is the god of this age, the object of man's worship (2 Corinthians 4:4). Jesus has already defeated him and sealed his destiny in the lake of fire but has not yet carried the sentence out (Colossians 2:15). In the end, he will empower the beast and the false prophet as he has done with other political and religious leaders (Revelation 13). After the seven bowls of God's wrath are poured out, he will be put into the abyss for 1,000 years (Revelation 20). He will be released for a short time and then cast into the lake of fire to be annihilated forever (Revelation 20). (He is wrongly called Lucifer because of the wrong understanding of Ezekiel 28 that speaks about the king of Babylon past and future.)

Revelation 20:5 In 1 Corinthians 15:1ff, the resurrection is called "the resurrection of the just" (Acts 24:15; Luke 14:14). Those who partake are called "the children of God, being the children of the resurrection" (Luke 20:36). This resurrection is also called "the first resurrection" (Revelation 20:5 and 6), "the better resurrection" (Hebrews 11:35), the resurrection "to everlasting life" (Daniel 12:2; John 5:29).

Revelation 20:6 The following is a summary of the millennial Kingdom from the Kingdom Covenant's Class.

**•The Messiah's Kingdom will be over all the kingdoms of the earth.**

Daniel 2:35, 44; 7:13 and 14, 27

Psalms 2:6-9; 67:1-7; 102:22; 72:8, 11

Isaiah 2:4; 42:1

Zechariah 8:21 and 22; 9:9 and 10; 10:11 and 12

Acts 17:31

Revelation 11:15

Some nations that will be in subjection are specifically named: Egypt, Assyria, Tarshish, Pul, Lud, Tubal, Javan, Midan, Ephah, Sheba, Kedar, Nebaioth, Lebanon, Moab, Ammon, and Elam (Psalm 72:10; Isaiah 19:22-25; 11:16; 27:13; 60:6 and 7; 66:19; Jeremiah 48:47; 49:6, 39; Zechariah 14:18 and 19). Note: there will be no survivors from Edom or Esau (see Obadiah 15-21).

•**Jerusalem will be the capital city of the world.**

Matthew 5:35

Psalms 2:6; 148:1 and 2, 8; 110:1-3

Isaiah 2:2-4

Jeremiah 3:14-18

Micah 4:1-8

Zechariah 14:8 and 9

•**The Messiah will rule over a re-gathered Israel.**

The nation of Israel will come back to their land.

Jeremiah 3:14, 18; 23:5-8

Ezekiel 39:25-29

•**David will rule as vice-regent over Israel.**

Hosea 3:4 and 5

Isaiah 55:3 and 4

Jeremiah 30:3, 7-9

Ezekiel 34:23-34; 37:24 and 25

•**The twelve apostles will judge the twelve tribes of Israel.**

Isaiah 1:26 and 27

Psalms 122:5

Matthew 19:28

Luke 22:24-30

Matthew 20:20-28 Servant leaders

•**All the saints will reign with Christ as kings and priests on the earth.**

Revelation 1:5 and 6; 2:26 and 27; 3:21; 5:9 and 10; 20:4-6

1 Corinthians 6:2

2 Timothy 2:12

Psalms 149:5-9

Daniel 7:18, 22, 27

Luke 19:11-17

•**There will be a rule of law; judgment in righteousness, equity, and justice.**

Isaiah 16:5

Psalms 96:10; 98:1-9

Isaiah 2:3-5; 11:1-5; 26:4-9; 42:4; 51:4, 7

Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15

Ezekiel 45:9 and 10

Micah 4:2 and 3

Those that rule during the millennial Kingdom will not be as the corrupt leaders or politicians of today.

In that day, those that reign will be righteous rulers.

Isaiah 32:1 and 2

**•There will be learning and understanding of God in all the earth.**

Isaiah 11:9; 26:9

Isaiah 2:3 This could possibly be part of the responsibility of the priests in the millennial Kingdom. During the time of restoration, the priest Ezra taught the people distinctly and caused them to understand the Law (Nehemiah 8:1-8).

Isaiah 29:24; 32:4

Jeremiah 3:15; 23:1-4

Habakkuk 2:14

**•There will be peace and safety in the earth.**

Psalms 46:9; 85:6-13; 122:6-8

Isaiah 9:6 and 7; 32:1, 16-18; 54:13 and 14; 60:17 and 18, 21; 65:21-23; 66:10-13

Jeremiah 23:5-8; 31:23-26

Ezekiel 28:24-26; 34:25-28

Hosea 2:18

Micah 5:2-5, 10-15 Witchcraft and Idolatry will be destroyed.

**•There will be deliverance for the poor and needy.**

Psalms 72:2, 4, 12, 14

Isaiah 11:3 and 4; 29:17-19; 35:1-10

Ezekiel 45:9 and 10

Jeremiah 33:6

**•There will be joy, rejoicing, and singing.**

Psalms 47:1-9; 67:1-7; 96:9-13; 98:1-9

Proverbs 29:2

Isaiah 12:1-6; 25:6-9; 26:1-4, 19; 35:10; 42:10-12; 51:3, 11; 52:8 and 9; 61:3, 7, 10, 11

Jeremiah 30:18 and 19; 33:7-11

Zechariah 2:10-12

Revelation 20:9 During the 1,000 years, many people will be born, and the earth will be repopulated. These people live during a time when the temptations of the devil are nonexistent, so perhaps they, like all those before them, must decide the lordship of Christ when facing the evil choices. Apparently, many are deceived.

Revelation 20:11-15 is the second resurrection and final judgments for all those who were not included in the first resurrection (includes those born in the millennial).

## REVELATION 21

Revelation 21:1 The Greek word "*protos*" translated "first" can also be translated "former" which would fit better here. The first heaven and earth began in Genesis 1 and ended with the flood. The second started with the flood and will end when the bowls of wrath are completed. The third and final is the topic in this chapter that begins after judgment and progresses with time into everlasting paradise.

Isaiah 65: 17 and 18

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing, And her people *for* gladness.

Revelation 21:2 The vital importance of focus on this information cannot be overstated. Our forefathers give a sterling example of how to remain faithful until the end.

Hebrews 11:13-16

Hebrew 12:2

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels

Revelation 21:3 Yahweh's desire and plan for the ages is finally fulfilled. He gets what He has always wanted – a people He can love and that will faithfully love Him. The covenant that He made to David is completed with the millennial Kingdom, and here the covenant made to Abraham is realized.

Hebrews 8:10

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, And I will write them upon their hearts. And I will be their God, And they shall be My people.

Revelation 21:5 Having all things new is why the need to destroy all that is old and undesirable – the systems of the old world like the love of money and self-centeredness.

Revelation 21:7 The great reward for the overcomer is Yahweh for eternity.

Revelation 21:8 The reverse side of the overcomer is the end that awaits the sinner. The cowardly head the list. In the circumstances of the last days when everyone is worshipping the beast, courage will be needed. To be cowardly before the enemies of God is to lose the things of God, to resort to self and safety before Christ. The threats and fears of the beast will be intense, and only the courageous will withstand. 2 Timothy 1:7

The specific things listed here must stand out to us - cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, immoral persons and sorcerers, idolaters and all liars.

The lake that burns with fire and brimstone is the second death and not eternal life torment.

Revelation 21:9-27 The New Jerusalem described

Revelation 21:16 Fifteen hundred miles is huge! The height of this distance is into outer space.

Revelation 21:20 The two other similar times when precious stones are described are in Exodus 28 and 39 for the high priest's apparel and in Ezekiel 28 for Satan before he sinned.

## REVELATION 22

**Ezekiel 47:1** Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east. And the water was flowing down from under, from the right side of the house, from south of the altar.

**Zechariah 14:8** And it will come about in that day that living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

**Psalms 46:4** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, The holy dwelling places of the Most High.

Revelation 22:3 The new is in strong contrast with our present world that has been cursed since the fall. The earth will be no more cursed and will produce no more thorns and thistles. Man will be no more compelled to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow; woman will be no more doomed to bear the sufferings that she does now. Humanity will no longer be cursed by sickness, sorrow, tears, and death and the many curses described in Deuteronomy.

Revelation 22:4 No man has seen God at any time (John 1:18 and 1 John 4:12).

Revelation 22:6 The same is said in 21:5.

Revelation 22:7 The end is coming!

**Revelation 1:3** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

**Revelation 3:11** I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown.

**Revelation 22:12** "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

**Revelation 22:20** He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

### THE END IS NEAR

**Romans 13:11 and 12** And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

**1 Peter 4:7** The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

**1 Colossians 7:29** But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none;

**Matthew 24:42** "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

**Mark 13:35** "Therefore, be on the alert for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, or in the morning

**James 5:8** You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**1 John 2:18** Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.

Revelation 22:9 John did this before in 19:10.

Revelation 22:11 He probably means that the Lord's coming will be so swift that there will be no time for change. As people are at that moment, so the Lord will find them. The words are an encouragement to the believers and a warning to the sinner.

Revelation 22:15 This does not mean that this kind will be outside the city walls. When the city comes, all evil has already been destroyed in the lake of fire.

Revelation 22:19 What a powerful way to end the Bible; yet, how many have failed to heed!

### **EMBRACE THE PROMISES AND STAND UNTIL THE END**

Revelation began with Jesus speaking with the seven churches, commending their good works, and condemning their bad works. He reminded each church of the reward promised to the overcomer.

**OVERCOMER'S REWARD** ("He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.")

EPHESUS in 2:7 To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the paradise of God.

SMYRA in 2:11 He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

PERGAMUM in 2:17 To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.

THYATIRA in 2:25-29 He who overcomes, and he who keeps my deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from my Father; and I will give him the morning star.

SARDIS in 3:5 and 6 He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels.

PHILADELPHIA in 3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my new name.

LAODICEA in 3:21 He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on His throne.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

Ephesians 6:10, 13, 14

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

...having done everything, to stand firm...stand firm therefore....

Ephesians 1:9-2:7; Colossians 1:9-14 Prayers