

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 5 (c. 95–96)

### Revelation 19–22

#### The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

19:1 After these things I heard what sounded like the loud voice of a vast throng in heaven, saying,

“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

2 because his judgments are true and just.

For he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality,

and has avenged the blood of his servants poured out by her own hands!”

3 Then a second time the crowd shouted, “Hallelujah!” The smoke rises from her forever and ever.

4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures threw themselves to the ground and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne, saying: “Amen! Hallelujah!”

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

“Praise our God

all you his servants,

and all you who fear Him,

both the small and the great!”

6 Then I heard what sounded like the voice of a vast throng, like the roar of many waters and like loud crashes of thunder. They were shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God, the All-Powerful, reigns!

7 Let us rejoice and exult

and give him glory,

because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready.

8 She was permitted to be dressed in bright, clean, fine linen” (for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints).

9 Then the angel said to me, “Write the following: Blessed are those who are invited to the banquet at the wedding celebration of the Lamb!” He also said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

10 So I threw myself down at his feet to worship him, but he said, “Do not do this! I am only a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony about Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony about Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

#### Jesus Rides to War

11 Then I saw heaven opened and here came a white horse! The one riding it was called “Faithful” and “True,” and with justice he judges and goes to war.

12 His eyes are like a fiery flame and there are many diadem crowns on his head. He has a name written that no one knows except himself.

13 He is dressed in clothing dipped in blood, and he is called the Word of God.

14 The armies that are in heaven, dressed in white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses.

15 From his mouth extends a sharp sword, so that with it he can strike the nations. *He will rule them with an iron rod*, [\[Ps 2:9\]](#) and he stomps the winepress of the furious wrath of God, the All-Powerful.

16 He has a name written on his clothing and on his thigh: “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

#### The Beast and the False Prophet Are Cast Into the Lake of Fire

17 Then I saw one angel standing in the sun, and he shouted in a loud voice to all the birds flying high in the sky:

“Come, gather around for the great banquet of God,

18 to eat your fill of the flesh of kings,

the flesh of generals,

the flesh of powerful people,

the flesh of horses and those who ride them,

and the flesh of all people, both free and slave,

and small and great!”

19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to do battle with the one who rode the horse and with his army.

20 Now the beast was seized, and along with him the false prophet who had performed the signs on his behalf—signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. Both of them were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with sulfur.

21 The others were killed by the sword that extended from the mouth of the one who rode the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves with their flesh.

### **Satan Is Bound for 1,000 Years**

20:1 Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a huge chain.

2 He seized the dragon—the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan—and tied him up for a thousand years.

3 The angel then threw him into the abyss and locked and sealed it so that he could not deceive the nations until the one thousand years were finished. (After these things he must be released for a brief period of time.)

### **The First Resurrection—Martyred Saints Rule With Christ in the Millennium**

4 Then I saw thrones and seated on them were those who had been given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. These had not worshiped the beast or his image and had refused to receive his mark on their forehead or hand. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were finished.) This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is the one who takes part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

### **Satan Defeated and Cast Into the Lake of Fire**

7 Now when the thousand years are finished, Satan will be released from his prison

8 and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to bring them together for the battle. They are as numerous as the grains of sand in the sea.

9 They went up on the broad plain of the earth and encircled the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and devoured them completely.

10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are too, and they will be tormented there day and night forever and ever.

### **The Great White Throne Judgment**

11 Then I saw a large white throne and the one who was seated on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne. Then books were opened, and another book was opened—the book of life. So the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to their deeds.

13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each one was judged according to his deeds.

14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire.

15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, that person was thrown into the lake of fire.

### **The Eternal State—A New Heaven and a New Earth**

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had ceased to exist, and the sea existed no more. [cf. [Isa 65:17](#); [66:22](#); [2 Pet 3:13](#)]

2 And I saw the holy city—the new Jerusalem—descending out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: “Look! The residence of God is among human beings. He will live among them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them.

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not exist any more—or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have ceased to exist.”

5 And the one seated on the throne said: “Look! I am making all things new!” Then he said to me, “Write it down, because these words are reliable and true.”

6 He also said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the one who is thirsty I will give water free of charge from the spring of the water of life.

7 The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

8 But to the cowards, unbelievers, detestable persons, murderers, the sexually immoral, and those who practice magic spells, idol worshipers, and all those who lie, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. That is the second death.”

### **The Heavenly City—The New Jerusalem**

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven final plagues came and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb!”

10 So he took me away in the Spirit to a huge, majestic mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

11 The city possesses the glory of God; its brilliance is like a precious jewel, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

12 It has a massive, high wall with twelve gates, with twelve angels at the gates, and the names of the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel are written on the gates.

13 There are three gates on the east side, three gates on the north side, three gates on the south side and three gates on the west side.

14 The wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 The angel who spoke to me had a golden measuring rod with which to measure the city and its foundation stones and wall.

16 Now the city is laid out as a square, its length and width the same. He measured the city with the measuring rod at fourteen hundred miles (its length and width and height are equal).

17 He also measured its wall, one hundred forty-four cubits according to human measurement, which is also the angel’s.

18 The city’s wall is made of jasper and the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

19 The foundations of the city’s wall are decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation is jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

20 the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates are twelve pearls—each one of the gates is made from just one pearl! The main street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 Now I saw no temple in the city, because the Lord God—the All-Powerful—and the Lamb are its temple.

23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God lights it up, and its lamp is the Lamb. [cf. [Isa 60:20–21](#)]

24 The nations will walk by its light and the kings of the earth will bring their grandeur into it.

25 Its gates will never be closed during the day (and there will be no night there).

26 They will bring the grandeur and the wealth of the nations into it,

27 but nothing ritually unclean will ever enter into it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or practices falsehood, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life—water as clear as crystal—pouring out from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

2 flowing down the middle of the city’s main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life producing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month of the year. Its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

3 And there will no longer be any curse, and the throne of God and the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him,

4 and they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

5 Night will be no more, and they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign forever and ever.

### **The Certainty of the Blessed Hope**

6 Then the angel said to me, “These words are reliable and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon.”

7 (Look! I am coming soon!  
Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy expressed in this book.)

### **John Told to Worship God Alone**

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things, and when I heard and saw them, I threw myself down to worship at the feet of the angel who was showing them to me.

9 But he said to me, “Do not do this! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets, and with those who obey the words of this book. Worship God!”

### **Proclaim the Prophecy—Present Choices Determine a Permanent Outcome**

10 Then he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy contained in this book, because the time is near.

11 The evildoer must continue to do evil, and the one who is morally filthy must continue to be filthy. The one who is righteous must continue to act righteously, and the one who is holy must continue to be holy.”

**Invitation to Eternal Life**

- 12 (Look! I am coming soon,  
and my reward is with me to pay each one according to what he has done!  
13 I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end!)

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes so they can have access to the tree of life and can enter into the city by the gates.

15 Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the sexually immoral, and the murderers, and the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood!

16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, [cf. [Isa 11:1](#)] the bright morning star!” [cf. [Num 24:17](#)]

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say: “Come!” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wants it take the water of life free of charge.

**The Final Testimony of Jesus Christ**

18 I testify to the one who hears the words of the prophecy contained in this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.

19 And if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.

20 The one who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon!” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

**Benediction**

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

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