

BOOK OF REVELATION — REVELATION 19:1-16

THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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Revelation 4–18 deals primarily with the events of the **7 year Tribulation** with some interludes.

Revelation 17 concerns the **Judgment** and Falling of **the Harlot, the Woman, the City of Babylon the Great**, who rides on **the Beast, the Antichrist**, and sits on **many waters** or **the Nations of the Earth**.

The Beast, the Antichrist, and his 10 Kings, will wage war against **the Lamb** but will be overcome.

The Beast, the Antichrist, and his 10 Kings, will **destroy the Harlot, the Woman, the City of Babylon**.

Revelation 18 concerns the Falling of **the Harlot, the Woman, the City of Babylon the Great**, who has corrupted **the Nations of the Earth** with **her immorality** and shedding **the blood** of **the saints** and **prophets**.

Then in one day **she Babylon** will be **burned up** by **the Antichrist** and **his agents**, who **God** uses to **Judge the Harlot**. **The Kings** and **the merchants, the great men of the Earth**, stand and watch **her** being thrown down and **burned** and **they** both weep and mourn over **her destruction** and **her wealth** being eliminated.

This **Judgment** was by **God** was for **the saints, the apostles, and the prophets**.

Revelation 19 concerns the **Great Multitude** and **the saints** in **Heaven** praising **God**, the proclaimed **reign of the Lord, the marriage of the Lamb, the marriage supper of the Lamb**, and

the Second coming of Christ with **His armies of saints** in **Wrath**, to **smite and Rule the Nations**.

Then there is the assembling of **the Birds** for **the Great Supper of God**, the assembling of **the Beast**

and **the Kings of the Earth** to **make war** with **Christ** and **His army**, the throwing of **the Beast** and **the False Prophet** into **the Lake of Fire**, the **Killing** of **the Beast's army**, and the eating of **their flesh** by **the Birds**.

Jesus taking back **all Rule** and **all Authority** of **the Earth**

The Kingdom of the World becoming **the Kingdom of the Lord** and **His** beginning to **reign** and **His Wrath** at **His coming** and **His Judging** the Dead and **His rewarding His bondservants the saints** and **the prophets**

and **His destroying of the Earth**, was first announced with the **7th Trumpet Angel**, in **Rev 11:15-18**

and is **fulfilled** here in **Rev 19:11-21**. Also, **His Kingdom** and **authority** have come, **Rev 12:10**

The God of heaven will set up **a kingdom** which will **never be destroyed**

Daniel 2:44

44 “In the days of those **kings** **the God of heaven** will set up **a kingdom** which will **never be destroyed**, and that **kingdom** will not be left for another **people**;

it (that **kingdom**) will **crush** and **put an end to all these kingdoms**,

but **it** (that **kingdom**) will **itself endure forever**.

When He (Christ) has abolished **all rule** and **all authority** and **power**

then comes **the end**, when **He (Christ)** hands over **the kingdom** to **the God and Father**

1 Corinthians 15:22–28

22 For as in **Adam** **all die**, so also in **Christ** **all will be made alive**.

23 But each in **his** own order: **Christ** the first fruits, after that **those who** are **Christ's** at **His coming**,

24 then comes **the end**, when **He (Christ)** hands over **the kingdom** to **the God and Father**,

when **He (Christ)** has abolished **all rule** and **all authority** and **power**. **Dan 7:14**,

25 For **He (Christ)** must **reign** until **He** has put all **His enemies** under **His** feet.

26 The last **enemy** that will be abolished is **death**.

27 For **He (Christ)** has put **all things in subjection** under **His** feet.

But when **He (Christ)** says, “**All things are put in subjection**,”

it is evident that **He (the Father)** is excepted **who** put **all things in subjection** to **Him (Christ)**.

28 When **all things are subjected** to **Him (Christ)**,

then **the Son Himself** also will be **subjected** to **the One (the Father)**

who **subjected all things** to **Him (Christ)**, so that **God** may be **all in all**.

A Great Multitude in Heaven, praising and glorifying God for His Judgments

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 19:1-6** (Portion of Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 19:1-6

- I. **1** After these things Rev 1:19, 4:1, 7:9, 9:12, 15:5, 18:1, 19:1, 20:3
- A. **I (John)** heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, 7:9, 11:15, 19:6
1. saying, “Hallelujah! 19:3, 19:4, 19:6
 2. **Salvation** and **glory** and **power** belong to **our God**; 7:9, 10, 12, 4:9, 11, 12:10
 3. **2** because **His judgments** are **true** and **righteous**; 6:10, 15:3, 16:6-7, Ps 19:9, Jn 8:16,
- B. **for He** has **judged the great harlot (Babylon)** 17:1, 18:20, 16:19,
1. **who** was corrupting **the earth** with **her immorality**, 17:2, 17:4, 18:3, 18:9,
 2. and **He** has **avenged the blood** of **His bond-servants** on **her.**” 6:10, 16:6, 18:20, 18:24, Deut 32:43
- C. **3** And a second time **they** said, “Hallelujah! 19:1, 19:4, 19:6
1. **Her (Babylon)** smoke rises up forever and ever.” 14:11, 18:9, 18:18,
 2. **4** And **the twenty-four elders** and **the four living creatures** 4:4, 4:6, 4:10,
 - a. **fell down** and **worshiped God** 4:10, 5:14, 7:11, 11:16,
 - i. **who sits** on **the throne** saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” 19:1, 19:3, 19:6
- D. **5** And a **voice** came from **the throne**,
1. saying, “Give **praise** to **our God**, all **you His bond-servants**, Ps 135:1,
 - a. **you** who **fear Him**, the small and the great.” 11:18, 19:9, Ps 115:13, Ps 22:23,
- E. **6** Then **I (John)** heard something like **the voice** of a **great multitude** 7:9, 11:15, 19:1
1. and **like** the sound of many waters 1:15,
 2. and **like** the sound of mighty peals of thunder,
 3. saying, “Hallelujah! **For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.** 11:15, 17, 12:10, 19:15, Lk 1:32-33, 1 Cor 15:25, Ps 146:10, Is 24:3,

After these things, John heard a loud voice of a **great multitude** in **heaven**, Rev 19:1-2a

Rev 19:1 begins with “**After these things**”, meaning after the events of Rev 18:1-24.

“**After these things**”, is referred to **9 times** in Revelation,

which speaks to the *Chronology of Events* in Revelation, in Rev 1:19, 4:1, 7:9, 9:12, 15:5, 18:1, 19:1, 20:3, especially in Rev 1:19 and then from Rev 4:1 to Rev 19:1.

I (John) heard something like a loud voice of a **great multitude** in **heaven**, like in Rev 7:9, 11:15, 19:6
(a loud voice) saying, “Hallelujah! , like in Rev 19:3, 19:4, 19:6

The word **alleluia** is the *Greek* form of the *Hebrew* word **hallelujah**, which means “**praise the Lord.**”

The **Praising of the Lord** in **Heaven** is sung for the following **reasons**.

- 1) **Because He (God)** has **judged the great harlot**, Rev 19:2
- 2) **Because He (God)** has **avenged the blood** of **His bond-servants**, Rev 19:2
- 3) **Because the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns**, Rev 19:6
- 4) **Because the marriage of the Lamb (Jesus)** has come, Rev 19:7

saying, “**Salvation, glory, and power** belong to **our God**”, like the **praising** in Rev 7:9, 10, 12, 4:9, 11, 12:10

These things belong to **God**, “**because His judgments** are **true** and **righteous**”, as in Rev 6:10, 15:3, 16:6-7

for He has **judged the great harlot**, Rev 19:2b

for (Reason) He (God) has **judged the great harlot (Babylon)**, **judgment** as in Rev 17:1, 18:20, 16:19,

who (Babylon) was corrupting **the earth** with **her immorality**, as in Rev 17:2, 17:4, 18:3, 18:9,

and **He** has **avenged the blood** of **His bond-servants** on **her.**” 6:10, 16:6, 18:20, 18:24, Deut 32:43

God has **avenged His bond-servants**, as promised in the **5th Seal**, for those under **the altar**, in Rev 6:10

as in the **3rd Bowl Judgment**, Rev 16:6, as in the **Judgment of Babylon**, Rev 18:20, 18:24,

and in Deut 32:43, “**For He** will **avenge the blood** of **His servants**, and will render **vengeance** on **His adversaries.**”

Romans 12:19

“Never take **your own revenge, beloved**, but leave room for the **wrath of God**, for it is written, “**vengeance is mine, I will repay**,” says **the Lord**.” Also, in Deut 32:35, Heb 10:30, 1 Thes 4:6

a second time **they** said, “**Hallelujah! Rev 19:3**

Then a second time **they**, the **great multitude** in **Heaven**, said, “**Hallelujah!** or “**praise the Lord**”.

Her (Babylon’s) smoke, of **her burning**, rises up **forever** and **ever**”, as in Rev 18:9, 18:18,

The Beast’s worshippers smoke of **their torment** goes up **forever** and **ever**, in Rev 14:11

“**Hallelujah!** is interpreted as “**praise the Lord**” **50 times** in the OT.

Rev 19:2-3 continues the last segment of Rev 18:20–24 by emphasizing **Babylon’s judgment**.

The 24 elders and **the 4 living creatures** fell down and **worshiped God**, Rev 19:4

Then **the twenty-four elders** and **the four living creatures** fell down and **worshiped God**.

The **24 Elders**, Rev 4:4, 4:10, 5:8, 7:11, 11:16,

Elders in the Bible are always **Men** and Not **Angels** the only other choice.

Therefore, if **Men**, **they** are **Men** who are, at this point in time, in **Heaven**. See *Lesson 09* for more.

The **24 Elders** Rev 4:6-8, 5:6, 5:8, 5:14, 6:1, 6:3, 6:5, 6:6, 6:7, 7:11, 14:3, 15:7, 19:4

The **4 living creatures**, Rev 4:6, 4:8, 5:6, 5:8, 5:14, 6:1, 6:3, 6:5, 6:6, 6:7, 7:11, 14:3, 15:7, 19:4

The **4 living creatures**, each one of **them** having **six wings**, Rev 4:8, Isa 6:2,

Only **Angels** are said to have **wings** in the Bible, so the **four living creatures** must be **Angelic Spiritual Beings**.

Seraphim Angels are said to have **6 Wings**, in Isa 6:2, Rev 4:8, therefore, these **4 living creatures** must be

Seraphim Angels. See *Lesson 09* for more.

They both, **fell down** and **worshiped God who sits** on **the throne**, as in Rev 4:10, 5:14, 7:11, 11:16

They both were saying, “**Amen** (to affirm) and **Hallelujah!**” or “**praise the Lord**”, as in Rev 19:1, 19:3, 19:6

a voice came from **the throne**, saying, “Give **praise to our God**, all **you bond-servants**, Rev 19:5

Then a (**divine**) **voice** came from **the throne**, saying, “Give **praise to our God**, Ps 135:1, 148:1-2, 150:1-6,

praise > to glorify, honor, and commend **God** in worship

all **you His bond-servants (believers)**, Rev 1:1, 2:20, 7:3, 11:18, 15:3, 19:2, 22:3, 22:6.

you (believers) who **fear** (reverence) **Him**, the small and the great.” Rev 11:18, Ps 115:13, Ps 22:23,

Therefore, the **24 Elders**, the **4 living creatures**, and **God’s bond-servants (believers)**, all Give **praise to God**.

the voice of a great multitude saying, “**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, reigns**, Rev 19:6

Then **John** heard something like **the voice of a great multitude**, as in Rev 7:9, 11:15, 19:1

and **like** the sound of many **waters**, and **like** the sound of mighty peals of **thunder**, Rev 1:15, 4:5, 8:5, 14:2, 16:18

a great multitude saying, “**Hallelujah !** or “**praise the Lord**”,

For (Reason) **the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns**. Rev 12:10, 19:15, Lk 1:32-33, 1 Cor 15:25, Ps 146:10, Is 24:3,

“**The kingdom of the world** has become **the kingdom of our Lord** and of **His Christ**;

and **He will reign forever** and **ever**”, Rev 11:15, and **He** has “**begun to reign**”, Rev 11:17

The Lord has always **reigned (ruled)** over **All Creation**, but **the Triune US God** said let **man Rule Over**

All the Earth, Gen 1:26. This is called “**Theocratic Rule**” or a “**Theocracy**” as a form of **government** or **Rule**

in which **God** is recognized as the supreme **Ruling authority**, but **He** delegates His **divine authority**

to another to **manage the affairs** of or **Rule of His government** or **Kingdom**.

But **man falls** and forfeits **his Rule**, and **Satan** became the **Ruler** of this world or **Earth**, Jn 12:31, 16:11.

Satan has been **Ruling** since **the Fall**, but is still under the supreme **Ruler Yahweh** and still subject to

the **Restrainer, the Holy Spirit**, 2 Thes 2:1-10, but **he Satan**, like **the Antichrist**, will be **slain** by **Christ**

and brought to an end at the appearance of **Christ**, 2 Thes 2:7-9, Rev 19:20, 20:10, 1 Cor 15:24.

“then comes **the end**, when **He** hands over **the kingdom to the God and Father**,

when **He** has **abolished all rule and all authority and power**”, 1 Cor 15:24

The marriage of **the Lamb** has come, and **His bride** has made **herself** ready

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 19:7-10** (Portion of Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 19:7-10

1. 7 “Let **us** rejoice and be glad and give the glory to **Him**, 11:13, Lk 2:14, Rom 4:20
 - a. for (Reason) **the marriage of the Lamb** has come 19:9, Eph 5:22-32,
 - b. and **His (Jesus’) bride** has made **herself** ready.” 21:2, 21:9, 22:17, 2 Cor 11:2,
- B. 8 It was given to **her (bride)** to clothe **herself** in fine linen, bright and clean; 3:4-5, 3:18, 19:4,
 1. for (Reason) the **fine linen** is the **righteous acts of the saints**. 3:4-5,
- C. 9 Then **he (angel)** said to **me (John)**,
 1. “**Write, 1:19** ‘**Blessed** are **those** who are invited to **the marriage supper of the Lamb**.’
 2. ” And **he (angel)** said to **me (John)**, “These are **true words of God**.”
- D. 10 Then **I (John)** fell at **his** feet to **worship him**. 22:8,
 1. But **he (angel)** said to **me (John)**, “Do not do that; 22:8-9, Acts 10:25-26,
 2. **I am (angel)** a fellow **servant** of **yours** and **your brethren** 22:8-9, Heb 1:14,
 - a. **who** hold the testimony of **Jesus**; worship **God**. Rev 1:9, 6:9, 12:17, 20:4, Matt 4:10, 1 John 5:10,
 - b. For the testimony of **Jesus** is the spirit of **prophecy**.” 1:2

The marriage of **the Lamb** has come, and **His bride** has made **herself** ready, Rev 19:7-8

Then **he (the angel)** said “Let **us** rejoice and be glad and give the glory to **Him (the Lamb)**,

Rejoice, Matt 5:12, Lk 10:20, 1 Pet 4:13, and give the glory to **Him**, Rev 11:13, Lk 2:14, Rom 4:20

Rejoice Because, **the marriage of the Lamb** has come Rev 19:9, Eph 5:22-32,

and **His (Jesus’) bride** has made **herself** ready.” 21:2, 21:9, 22:17, 2 Cor 11:2,

the marriage of the Lamb has come, Rev 19:7

The Marriage of **Christ** the **Bridegroom**, Jn 3:29, has now come for **Him** to formally marry **His Bride**.

His Bride has made **herself** ready by having been given by **God** “to clothe **herself** in fine linen”

because “the **fine linen** is the **righteous acts of the saints**”. Those in **fine linen** are clearly **those** in “**the Book of Life**”, Rev 3:4-5, or **Believers** or **the Church** as defined here.

the Church is all **those baptized in the Spirit**, Matt 3:11, or those made to drink of **the Spirit**, 1 Cor 12:13, or those “born of **the Spirit**”, Jn 3:8, or those permanently indwelt by **the Holy Spirit**, John 14:16, after the Death and Resurrection of **Jesus Christ**.

the Church is All **those** now under the **New Covenant**, “as servants of a **new covenant**, not of **the letter (the Law)** but of **the Spirit**; for **the letter kills**, but **the Spirit** gives **life**”, 2 Cor 3:6

This includes All **Jews** and **Greeks** baptized of **the Holy Spirit** from Acts 2 until **Christ’s** coming, often called **the Church age**, that ends with **the Rapture of the Church**.

the Church is made up of primarily of **Gentiles** with a remnant of **Jews**, Rom 11:5-10.

The **mystery** Marriage of **Christ** to **the Church**, under the **New Covenant**

There is the marriage of **the Lamb** to **His People the Church**,

the marriage of **the Lamb**, to **His bride the Church**, has come, Eph 5:22-32,

This **mystery** is great; but **I am** speaking with reference to **Christ** and **the church (His wife)**, Eph 5:32.

The **Mystery**: **the Gentiles** are fellow heirs with **Israel** and members of **the body of Christ** Ephesians 3:3-6

3 that by revelation there was made known to **me** the **mystery**, as **I** wrote before in brief.

4 By referring to this, when **you** read **you** can understand **my** insight into the **mystery** of **Christ**,

5 which (**mystery**) in other generations was not made known to **the sons of men**,

as **it (mystery)** has now been revealed to **His** holy **apostles** and **prophets** in **the Spirit**;

6 to be specific, that **the Gentiles** are fellow **heirs** and fellow **members** of **the body**,

and fellow partakers of the promise in **Christ Jesus** through **the gospel**,

Mysteries > Hidden Things or Kept Secret Things of God

Mysteries in the Bible are those things revealed by God,
that were previously hidden by God. Rom 16:25-26

The Metaphor of: the Marriage of Christ and Believer's Marriages

Ephesians 5:22-32

22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head (Husband) of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body (the Church, His wife).

24 But as the church (His wife) is subject to Christ,
so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

27 that He might present to Himself the church (His wife) in all her glory,

having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she (His wife) would be holy and blameless.

28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his own wife loves himself;

29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it,

just as Christ also does the church (His wife),

30 because we (His wife) are members of His body (the Church).

31 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.

32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church (His wife).

Conclusion From Lesson 08 See Chart there

Those Born of God, Overcomers, His Bride will be Given by God Clean White Fine Linen Robes, Rev 3:4-5, 19:8

Because the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints, Rev 19:8

Because they are Worthy and have Overcome the World by Faith and Belief in Jesus, Rev 3:4-5, 1 John 5:4-5

Because they were Washed, Sanctified, and Justified with the Blood of Lamb, Rev 7:15, 1 Cor 6:11

Because of the Blood of Lamb their Sins are Forgiven and they are Reconciled to God, Col 1:21-22

The Marriage of Christ to the Church, is different from the Marriage to Israel

The Marriage, Divorce, and Re-Marriage of the Nation of Israel, under the Old Covenant

There is the marriage of God to His People, the Nation of Israel, as described in Hosea.

First, the Lord a faithful husband, marries by Covenant an adulteress harlot wife, Israel, Hos 2:2, 4, 5

Israel, an adulteress harlot wife, goes after other lovers, Hos 2:2, 4, 5

the Lord says; therefore Israel is Not My wife and I am Not her husband, Hos 2:2

the Lord divorces His wife, He gives her a Writ of divorce, Hos 2:2, Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1, Deut 24:1-2

the Lord sends her away, as in dispersing, (10 Tribes, Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1, 2 tribes, 2 Kings 24:1-2, Deut 28:64-65)

the Lord is separated from His wife Israel, and has No compassion for her children, Hos 2:4-5

the Lord divorces His wife, for many days, she will be without a King or sacrifice, Hos 3:4

After many days, in the last days, Israel His wife will return and seek the Lord and David her King, Hos 3:4

in the last days, Israel His wife, will come trembling to the Lord, and return and seek her husband, Hos 3:4-5

the Lord a faithful husband, will re-marry His adulteress harlot wife Israel, Hos 3:5

"I will betroth you to Me forever, in righteousness, justice, lovingkindness, and compassion, Hos 2:19

"I will sow her for Myself in the land and have compassion on her, Hos 2:23

"I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' they will say, 'You are my God!'", Hos 2:23

This is explained in great detail on my personal website, <http://allscriptureinspired.com/hosea/>

Married Harlot



Wife Adulteress



Divorced Wife



Re-Marries Wife

the marriage supper of the Lamb, Rev 19:9

9 Then he (angel) said to me (John),

“Write, 1:19 ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’”

And he (angel) said to me (John), “These are true words of God.”

The Marriage of Christ the Bridegroom, Jn 3:29, has now come for Him to formally marry His Bride.

His Bride has made herself ready by having been given by God “to clothe herself in fine linen”, Rev 19:7.

Then the angel continues by saying, “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb”

There are many different views as to WHERE this supper is and WHO will attend it.

I think the ones Blessed are those invited to the supper, which are those who clothe themselves in fine linen, and those who made themselves ready, in Rev 19:7.

These invited are the Bride, the wife of the Lamb, the Church, or truly prepared (ready) Believers.

I don't think those outside of Church are the ones invited as supper guests, in this context.

Those invited are there because they are “Blessed” or shown favor by God, and they are the ready ones.

Also, there will be millions of Church members there, all saved over the last 2000 years.

This doesn't mean that no one outside of the Church will attend, it means that only the Church is spoken of in this passage. Probably the angels and the living creatures and Elders will be there.

Jewish Wedding Customs

the marriage supper of the Lamb is best understood in light of the Jewish wedding customs in the time of Christ. These Jewish wedding customs had three major parts.

First, a marriage contract as in a covenant agreement was signed by the parents of the bride and groom, and the parents of the groom or the groom himself would pay a dowry to the bride or her parents.

This began what was called the betrothal period, what we would today call the engagement.

This period was the one Joseph and Mary were in when she was found to be with child (Matt 1:18, Luke 2:5).

The second step in the process usually occurred a year later, when the groom, accompanied by his male friends, went to the house of the bride at midnight, creating a torchlight parade through the streets.

The bride would know in advance this was going to take place, and so she would be ready with her maidens, and they would all join the parade and end up at the groom's home.

This custom is the basis of the parable of the ten virgins in Matt 25:1-13.

The third phase was the marriage supper itself, which might go on for days, as illustrated by the wedding at Cana in John 2:1-2.

Jewish Wedding Customs applied to the marriage supper of the Lamb

Rev 19:7-10 concerns

the marriage supper of the Lamb (Jesus Christ) and His bride (the Church) in its third phase.

The first phase was completed on earth beginning in Acts 2, when each individual called person, of the newly formed Church, Eph 2:11-13, placed their faith in Christ, under the New Covenant.

The dowry paid to the bridegroom's (Jesus') parent (the Father) was the blood of Christ

“which He purchased with His own blood”, Rev 5:9, 14:3-4, Acts 20:28, Eph 2:13,

that dowry paid on the Bride's behalf, she was “bought for a price”, 1 Cor 6:20.

The Church on earth today, then, is “betrothed” to Christ, like the parable of the virgins, Matt 25:1-13.

We should be ready, for the appearance of the Bridegroom at the Rapture for the Church.

The second phase symbolizes the Rapture of the Church, when Christ comes to claim His Bride and take her to the Father's house, before the 7 year Tribulation begins.

The third phase is the marriage supper of the Lamb when the Church is already in Heaven, with Christ, which takes place in heaven at the end of the 7 year Tribulation on earth.

The marriage supper of the Lamb is a glorious celebration of all who are in Christ!

Chart

The Church betrothed, caught up, Judged, Married, and Celebrated

First: The Church betrothed is caught up to Heaven or Raptured, 1 Thes 4:13-17

Second: The Church betrothed is in Heaven and is Judged at the judgment seat of Christ, 2 Cor 5:6-10

Third: The Church betrothed is with Jesus always during the 7 year Tribulation, 1 Thes 4:17

Fourth: The Church betrothed makes herself ready for her marriage to the Lamb, Rev 19:7-8

Fifth: The Church is Married to the Lamb, Rev 19:9

Sixth: The Church participates in and celebrates the marriage supper of the Lamb, Rev 19:9

Seventh: The Church Married is with Jesus always and at His 2nd Coming, 1 Thes 4:17, Rev 19:14, 17:14

Marriage Illustrations in the Bible

Key Point, Marriage Illustrations, Parables, Analogies, and Metaphors must be understood in their proper context, especially according to the intended people group.

Marriage Illustrations, in the Old Testament relate to the Nation of Israel, like in Hosea.

Marriage Illustrations and Parables, and in the 4 Gospels, relate to the Nation of Israel, like the Parables of the Wedding Feast, Matt 22, the 10 Virgins, Matt 25, and when the “bridegroom” is referred to in Matt 9:15, Jn 3:29.

Marriage Illustrations in Paul's Epistles relate mostly to the Church, like Eph 5:22-32

Marriage Illustration in Rev 19:7-10, relates to the Marriage of the Bride, the Church.

Marriage Illustrations in Rev 21:2, 21:9-10, relate to the “Holy City” “Jerusalem” as a “Bride”, 1000 years later.

John fell at his feet to worship him, Rev 19:10

Then I (John) fell at his feet to worship him (angel), as John did in Rev 22:8, Heb 1:14

But he (angel) said to (John), “Do not do that”, as the angel did in Rev 22:8-9.

Then the angel said,

I am a fellow servant of yours (John) and your brethren, as the angel did in Rev 22:8-9,

where he explains who John's brethren are, “the prophets and those who heed the words of this book”.

This is referred to in Rev 1:3.

Revelation 1:3

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 (Reason) the time is near.

Also, “(those) who hold the testimony of Jesus, as in Believers Rev 1:9, 6:9, 12:17, 20:4, 1 John 5:10, instead worship God, like Jesus said to Satan, in Matt 4:10

1 John 5:10

10 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because (Reason) he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.

I am a fellow servant of yours (John) and your brethren,

Hebrews 1:14

14 Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service (servants) for the sake of those who will inherit salvation (Believers)?

“For the testimony of Jesus”, is the spirit of prophecy.”

as in “the testimony of Jesus”, Rev 1:2, and further explained in Rev 1:5-8

Revelation 1:5–8

5 and from **Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and **the ruler of the kings of the earth**.

To **Him** who loves **us** and released **us** from **our sins** by **His blood**—
6 and **He** has made **us** to be a **kingdom**, priests to **His God** and **Father**—
to **Him** be the glory and **the dominion** forever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, **He** is coming with **the clouds**, and every eye will see **Him**, even those who pierced **Him**;
and all **the tribes** of the earth will mourn over **Him**. So it is to be. Amen.

8 “**I am the Alpha and the Omega**,” says **the Lord God**,
“who is and who was and who is to come, **the Almighty**.”

“For **the testimony of Jesus**”, is the **spirit of prophecy**.” Rev 19:10 This means **Jesus testimony** concerning
who **He** is, what **He** has done, and what **He** has foretold **prophetically**.

Is the **spirit of prophecy**, which is **those things revealed** to **John** in the book of Revelation.

Jesus’ testimony in “**spirit**”, “the activating or essential principle influencing a person”, **Websters**

Whereas **Jesus** is acting in a “**spirit**” of revealing what **He** has said, as in **His testimony**.

The marriage of **the Lamb** has come, and **His bride** has made **herself** ready

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 19:11-16** (Portion of Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 19:11-16

- I. 11 And **I (John)** saw **heaven** opened, and behold, a **white horse**, 4:1, 19:19, 19:21
 - A. and **He (Jesus)** who sat on it is called **Faithful and True**, 3:14, 16:7,
 - B. and in **righteousness He judges** and **wages war**. 19:2, 19:19, Ps 96:13, Ps 9:8, Isa 11:4a,
 - C. 12 **His eyes** are a **flame of fire**, 1:14, 2:18, Dan 10:6,
 - D. and on **His head** are many **diadems (crowns)**; 14:14, 4:4,
 - E. and **He** has a **name** written on **Him** 19:16,
 1. which **no one** knows except **Himself**.
 - F. 13 **He** is **clothed** with a **robe** dipped in **blood**, Isa 63:1-6,
 - G. and **His name** is called **The Word of God**. Jn 1:1-5, Jn 1:14, Heb 4:12,
- II. 14 And **the armies** which are in **heaven**,
 - A. clothed in **fine linen, white and clean**, 3:4, 7:9, 19:8,
 - B. were following **Him** on **white horses**.
- III. 15 From **His (Jesus’) mouth** comes a **sharp sword**, 1:16, 2:12, 2:16, 19:21, Isa 49:2, Heb 4:12,
 - A. **so that** (Reason) with it **He** may **strike down the nations**, Isa 11:4, 2 Thes 2:8
 - B. and **He (Jesus)** will **rule them** with a **rod of iron**; 1:5, 2:27, 12:5, Isa 11:4, Ps 2:8-9,
 - C. and **He (Jesus)** treads the **wine press** 14:19-20, Isa 63:2-6, Joel 3:13,
 1. of the fierce **wrath** of **God, the Almighty**. 14:10, 14:19-20, 16:19, Jer 25:15,
 - D. 16 And on **His robe** and on **His thigh He** has a **name** written, 19:12,
 1. “**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.” 17:14, 1 Tim 6:15, Deut 10:17, Dan 2:47,

John saw **heaven** opened, and behold, a **white horse**, Rev 19:11

Then **John** saw **heaven** opened, like in Rev 4:1, where **heaven** is open to **the throne room** of **God** is.
and behold, a **white horse**, the same **horse** as in Rev 19:19, 19:21

and **He (Jesus)** who sat on it (**horse**) is called **Faithful and True**, as said in Rev 3:14 and “**True**”, in Rev 16:7.

The one on the **horse** must be **Jesus**, as identified by **His** many Names, as in “**the word of God**”, Rev 19:13.

and in **righteousness He (Jesus) judges**, as **prophesied 3000 years** ago, in Ps 96:13, Ps 9:8, Isa 11:4a
Psalm 96:13

13 Before **the Lord**, for **He** is coming, For **He** is coming to **judge the earth**.

He will **judge the world** in **righteousness** And (**judge**) **the peoples** in **His** faithfulness.

And “because **His judgments** are **true** and **righteousness**” Rev 19:2
And because all **judgment** has been given to **the Son (Jesus)** John 5:22, Jn 5:27, Jn 5:30,
22 “For not even **the Father judges anyone**, but **He** has given all **judgment** to **the Son**, John 5:22
in **righteousness He (Jesus)** wages war.
Jesus wages war righteously, or **rightly, justly, or correctly**, according to **God’s standard for righteousness**.
“**He will judge the world in righteousness**”, Ps 9:8, Acts 17:31
Jesus wages war with those who do not **repent**, Rev 2:16
This is, “**the war of the great day of God, the Almighty**”, in Rev 16:14
This is, the **war waged** against **the Lamb**, in Rev 17:14, Rev 19:19

the Second coming of Jesus Christ to Earth Chart

This is the **Second coming of Jesus Christ to Earth** from **Heaven**
as **prophesied** and **promised** many, many times in the **Old and New Testament**.
This is the **Second coming of Jesus**, as said by **2 men** in white (**angels**) at **Jesus’ ascension**, in Acts 1:11
“This **Jesus, who** has been **taken up** from **you** into **heaven**,
will **come** in just the same way as **you** have watched **Him** go into **heaven**.” Acts 1:11
This is the **Second coming of Jesus**, as **prophesied** by **Enoch**, **5000 years** ago, in **Jude 14**
“... Behold, **the Lord came** with many thousands of **His holy ones**, **Jude 14**
This is the **Second coming of Jesus**, as said in **Rev 1:7**
“behold, **He is coming** with the clouds, and every eye will see **Him**, even those who pierced **Him**;
and all the tribes of **the earth** will mourn over **Him**”, **Rev 1:7**
This is the **Second coming of Jesus**, in **Matt 24:37-39, Luke 21:27**
“Then **they** will see **the son of man coming** in a cloud with power and great glory”, **Luke 21:27**
This is the **Second coming of Jesus**, will be just like the **Days of Noah**, in **Matt 24:37-39, Luke 17:26-30**,
“And just as it happened in **the days of Noah**, so it will be also in **the days of the Son of Man**”, **Lk 17:26**
This is the **Second coming of Jesus**, will be the same as the **Days of Lot and Sodom**, in **Luke 17:28-30**,
“It will be just the same on **the day that the Son of Man is revealed**”, **Luke 17:30**
This is the **Second coming of Jesus**, is a fixed day that **He judges the world**, **Acts 17:31**
“because **He has fixed a day** in which **He will judge the world in righteousness** through a **Man**
whom **He** has appointed, having furnished proof to **all men** by raising **Him** from the dead”, **Acts 17:31**

The coming of Jesus Christ in the Air vs. Second coming of Jesus to Earth Chart

This **Second coming of Jesus to Earth** is not to be confused with the coming of **Jesus Christ in the Air**
as **prophesied** by **Paul**, in **1 Thes 4:13-18** and **1 Cor 15:51-52**
the coming of **Jesus Christ in the Air**, is for **His saints, the Church**, **1 Thes 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:51-52**
the **Second coming of Jesus to Earth**, is with **His saints, the Church**, **Rev 19:14, Jude 14**
the coming of **Jesus Christ in the Air**, **Jesus** doesn’t war or **judge anyone**, **1 Thes 4:13-18**,
the **Second coming of Jesus to Earth**, **Jesus** wages war and **judges Unbelievers**, **Rev 19:11, 19:19**
the coming of **Jesus Christ in the Air**, **Jesus** doesn’t come with a sword or in **wrath**, **1 Thes 4:13-18**,
the **Second coming of Jesus to Earth**, **Jesus** comes with a sword and in **wrath**, **Rev 19:15, 22, Rev 1:16**
the coming of **Jesus Christ in the Air**, was a **mystery**, and Not revealed in the OT, **1 Cor 15:51-52**
the **Second coming of Jesus to Earth**, Not a **mystery**, but clearly revealed in the OT, **Ps 96:13, Isa 24:1-6**
the coming of **Jesus Christ in the Air**, will occur in a **twinkling of and eye**, No one will see, **1 Cor 15:51-52**
the **Second coming of Jesus to Earth**, will occur and every eye will see, **Matt 24:30, 33, Mk 13:26, 29**
the coming of **Jesus Christ in the Air**, will Not have any **Signs** beforehand, **1 Thes 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:51-52**
the **Second coming of Jesus to Earth**, will be preceded by **Signs** beforehand, **Matt 24:4-24, Mk 13:5-23**

See **Lesson 19** for more on the **Rapture of the Church**

How **Jesus Christ** will appear at **His Second coming**, **Rev 19:12-13**

Jesus' eyes will be a **flame of fire**, as in **Rev 1:14, 2:18, Dan 10:6**,

on **Jesus' head** will be many **diadems (crowns)**, because **He** is the **King of Kings**, **He** many **crowns**.

Jesus' will have a **name** written on **Him** which **no one** knows except **Himself**.

Jesus will be **clothed** with a **robe** dipped in **blood**, as in **Isa 63:1-6**

This identifies **Jesus** with **Judgment** in the **blood** shed by **Unbelievers**, in **Isa 63:1-6, Rev 14:20, Rev 19:21**

Jesus' name is called **The Word of God**, as in **Jn 1:1-5, Jn 1:14, Heb 4:12, 1 Jn 1:1**

This identifies **Jesus** as **God**, with **the Father** in the beginning, **who** brought all things into being, **Jn 1:1-3**

This **Jesus** is the one from the beginning, with **the Father**, **who** was manifested, seen, and heard, **1 Jn 1:1-3**

the armies which are in **heaven**, in **fine linen**, were following **Him** on **white horses**, **Rev 19:14**

Also, **the armies** which are in **heaven**, were following **Jesus**

“**the armies** which are in **heaven**” can refer to either **Angels** or **saints/holy ones** or both **Angels** and **saints**.

Angels are referred to as **coming** with **Christ**, in **Matt 24:31, Matt 25:31, 2 Thes 1:7**

Saints/holy ones are referred to as **coming** with **Christ**, in **1 Thes 3:13, 2 Thes 1:10, Jude 14-15**

We know that **believers** will be with **Him** always, in **1 Thes 4:17**, once **raptured**.

We know that **believers** are clothed in **fine linen, white** and **clean**, **Rev 3:4, 7:9, 19:8**,

We know that **fine linen**, “is the righteous acts of **the saints**”, in **Rev 19:8, Rev 7:14**

With these things in mind, I think the **Saints** and the **Angels** are with **Him** when **He** comes.

“...and **those (believers)** who are with **Him** are the **called** and **chosen** and **faithful**”, **Rev 17:14**

But neither does war with **Christ's enemies**, **Christ** does all the **killing** by **Himself**, **Rev 19:21, Isa 63:3**

The **Angels** have already carried out much **destruction/killing** in the **Seal, Trumpet**, and **Bowl Judgments**.

The **Saints** have been told that **vengeance** is to be carried out by **God** and Not by **them**.

“Never take **your own revenge, beloved**, but leave room for the **wrath** of **God**,

for it is written, “**vengeance** is mine, **I will repay**,” says **the Lord**.” **Rom 12:19**

the armies, Saints and **Angels**, were following **Him** on **white horses**.

Then **Christ** went forth first, and the **Saints** and **Angels**, were following **His** lead.

From **Jesus' mouth** comes a **sharp sword**, that **He** may **strike down the nations**, **Rev 19:15**

Jesus is on **His white horse** and from **His mouth** comes a **sharp sword**, **1:16, 2:12, 2:16, 19:21, Isa 49:2, Heb 4:12**,

This the “**sharp two-edged sword**” is spoken of by **John** in **Rev 1:16** and **Rev 2:12**

This is the “**the sword of My (Jesus') mouth**” that **Jesus** “will make **war**” with, in **Rev 2:16**.

This is the “**the sword** which came from **the mouth**” of **Jesus** that **kills the earth's armies**, in **Rev 19:21**.

The meaning of **the sword** is revealed in, **Isa 11:4, Heb 4:12, 2 Thes 2:8**

Isaiah 11:4

4 But with **righteousness** **He** will **judge** the poor,

And **decide with fairness** for the afflicted of the earth;

And **He** will **strike the earth** with **the rod** of **His mouth**,

And with **the breath** of **His lips**, **He** will **slay** the **wicked**.

Hebrews 4:12

12 For **the word of God** (what **God** says) is living and active and **sharper** than any **two-edged sword**,

and (**the word** is) piercing as far as the division of **soul** and **spirit**, of both **joints** and **marrow**,

and (**the word** is) able to **judge** the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

8 Then that **lawless one** will be revealed whom **the Lord** will **slay** with **the breath** of **His mouth**

and bring to an end by the appearance of **His coming**;

The sword in **Jesus' mouth** is **Not a metal sword**, but is a **figure of speech**, as in **Personification**.

Personification is a **literary device** that gives human characteristics to nonhuman things or inanimate objects.

The sword in **Jesus'** mouth is “**the word of God**” (what **God** says), **Heb 4:12**
that **He** will use to “**slay** with the breath of **His mouth**”, **the lawless one, the Antichrist, 2 Thes 2:8**,
and what **He** will use to “**slay** the **wicked**” “with the breath of **His lips**”, **Isa 11:4**
and what **He** will use to “**strike down the nations**”, here in **Rev 19:15**
Jesus' word(s) “the breath of **His mouth**”, will “**slay** the **wicked**” and “**strike down the nations**”.

The sword is so that (Reason) with it (sword) **He** may **strike down the nations**, **Isa 11:4, 2 Thes 2:8**
The sword (**Jesus'** word) is so that (Reason) with it (**His word**) **He** may **strike down the nations**.

Jesus will **rule** the nations with a rod of iron, **Rev 19:15b**

He (**Jesus**) will **rule** them (the nations) with a rod of iron (a scepter or staff), **Rev 2:27, 12:5, Isa 11:4, Ps 2:8-9**,
Revelation 2:27

27 and **He** shall **rule** them with a rod of iron, as **the vessels of the potter** are broken to pieces,
as **I** (**Jesus**) also have received authority from **My Father**;

Revelation 12:5

5 And **she** gave birth to a son (**Jesus**), a male child,
who is to **rule** all the nations with a rod of iron (scepter);
and **her child** (**Jesus**) was caught up to **God** and to **His throne**.

Isaiah 11:4

4 But with **righteousness** **He** will **judge** the poor,
And **decide with fairness** for the afflicted of the earth;
And **He** will **strike the earth** with the rod of **His mouth**,
And with the **breath** of **His lips**, **He** will **slay** the **wicked**.

Psalms 2:8-9

8 'Ask of **Me**, and **I** will surely give **the nations** as **Your** inheritance,
And (give) the very ends of **the earth** as **Your** possession.
9 '**You** shall break **them** (**the nations**) with a rod of iron (scepter),
You shall shatter **them** (**the nations**) like **earthenware**.' ”

Jesus will first **break** and **shatter** the nations with a rod of iron (a scepter or staff),
and then **Jesus** will **rule** the nations with a rod of iron (a scepter or staff).

Jesus will **rule** the nations with a rod of iron (a scepter or staff), **Rev 19:15b**

scepter > something carried by **rulers** as a symbol of **sovereignty, authority, power, and strength**.

Genesis 49:10 As said by **Jacob, Blessing Judah**

10 “The **scepter** shall not depart from **Judah**, Nor **the ruler's staff** from between **his** feet,
Until **Shiloh** (**Messiah**) comes, And to **him** shall be the obedience of **the peoples**.”

a rod of iron (a scepter or staff), (a **metaphor**) for **Jesus'** **rule** of all the nations by the word of **His** mouth.

Jesus treads the **wine press** of the fierce **wrath** of **God, the Almighty**, Rev 19:15c

and **He (Jesus)** treads the **wine press** Rev 14:19-20, Isa 63:2-6, Joel 3:13

of the fierce **wrath** of **God, the Almighty**. 14:10, 14:19-20, 16:19, Jer 25:15,

Revelation 14:19-20

19 So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them (clusters) into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

20 And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

Isaiah 63:2-6

2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press ?

3 "I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no man with Me.

I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath;

And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My raiment.

4 "For the day of vengeance was in My heart, And My year of redemption has come.

5 "I looked, and there was no one to help, And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold;

So My own arm brought salvation to Me, And My wrath upheld Me.

6 "I trod down the peoples in My anger And made them drunk in My wrath,

And I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

Joel 3:13

13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full;

The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.

the wine press (a metaphor) for the wrath of God crushing or destroying the men of the nations.

on His robe and thigh He has a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Rev 19:16

And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, 19:12,

"King of Kings, and Lord of Lords" 17:14, 1 Tim 6:15, Deut 10:17, Dan 2:47

Revelation 17:14

14 "These (Kings) will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them,

because He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings,

and those (believers) who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful." Rev 19:14

1 Timothy 6:14-15

14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach

until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 which He will bring about at the proper time—

He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,

Jesus in 2 places on His person that identifies Him as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords"

Deuteronomy 32:39

39 'See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me;

It is I who put to death and give life.

I have wounded and it is I who heal,

And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.