

Three Angel's Message Series
Lesson 11: The Battle of Armageddon!
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Revelation chapter 19 is the beginning of the seventh vision that is given to John. Like the previous visions it begins with a heavenly scene.

After John is given the vision of the final fall of Babylon in Revelation 18, what does he see and hear next?

Revelation 19:1-4

- 1 And after these things I heard **a great voice of much people in heaven**, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:
- 2 For **true and righteous are his judgments**: for **he hath judged the great whore**, which did **corrupt the earth with her fornication**, and hath **avenged the blood of his servants at her hand**.
- 3 And **again they said**, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
- 4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

The 24 elders are from the "first fruits" that Jesus resurrected at His resurrection and took to heaven with him. The four beasts are a depiction of the character and mission of Jesus Christ.

Remember, who is "the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication"?

Revelation ch 17 – The great whore is depicted as sitting on a red colored seven headed beast with ten horns. John here is shown the judgment of the great whore.

Revelation 17:1-4

- 1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of **the great whore** that sitteth upon many waters:
- 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
- 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw **a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns**.
- 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.

The woman on the red colored seven headed beast with ten horns is the great whore. This scene in vision prophetically and symbolically describes the Papal Roman system as a whole. The great whore represents their corrupt church that has religious power and delusions over the people of the earth. The beast that the woman is sitting on depicts their worldwide governmental and political power over all the nations, governments, and merchants of the earth.

All major religions of the world have united with the Papacy in brotherhood.

What did John hear next coming from the throne of God?

Revelation 19:5-6

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, **Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.**

6 And I heard as it were the **voice of a great multitude**, and as the **voice of many waters**, and as the **voice of mighty thunderings**, saying, **Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.**

What message did the voice declare to John?

Revelation 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Verse 7. The voice declares “for the marriage of the Lamb is come.” From our previous studies in Daniel 7, when does the official “ceremony” of the marriage of the Lamb to his bride take place?

Daniel 7:14

14 And there was given him (Jesus) dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

This is the marriage ceremony that takes place in the Most Holy place after the investigative judgment is complete. All of the righteous faithful who are in the book of life make up the kingdom of God and are ready for the marriage.

Who makes up the kingdom of God? At the end of the judgment all who are written in the book of life will be a part of God’s everlasting kingdom from every nation and languages of people. **They are not defiled and corrupted with the world or sin. They have been totally washed by the blood of the Lamb!**

They have on the fine linen, clean and white which represents the righteousness of the saints as Revelation 19:8 states. Jesus is the one who gives His righteousness to them as a gift as a result of their faith in Him and his Everlasting Covenant.

After the investigative judgment is complete by Jesus, God the Father who presides over the court, officiates a “wedding ceremony” to marry Jesus and His bride, (the Kingdom of God). In this ceremony God the Father officially gives Jesus (the Husband), everlasting dominion/glory with His bride—the kingdom of God. They are made one in holy matrimony. **After the official marriage is complete, Jesus returns to the earth the second time to get all those who make up His kingdom, His wife.**

The Second Coming of Jesus is the consummation of His marriage to His bride. They are unified together, physically and spiritually, never to depart!

Let’s go back to Revelation 19, whose voice is John hearing from the throne?

Revelation 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The voice coming from the throne room is the voice of an angel. This angel is more than likely a cherubim angel that stands next to the throne of God. Even though angels are created beings of God as Heavenly ambassadors and holy messengers, they are not to be worshiped.

Psalms 99:1

1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

Also the angel reveals to John in Revelation 19:10 that “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Testimony (Greek): marturia [mar-too-ree'-ah]

From G3144; evidence given (judicially or generally): - record, report, testimony, witness. - Strong's Dictionary

The Bible reveals Jesus as the Messiah who is the architect of our salvation. The **Spirit of Prophecy** gives the evidence of Jesus Christ. It not only reveals his purpose and mission, but it confirms the reality of the Messiah through Bible prophecy.

Everything that was prophesied in the Old Testament about the Messiah, the “anointed one,” was accurately fulfilled in the New Testament. Jesus is the Christ, “the anointed.” Remember Daniel 9:24 – 25 prophesied that Christ would begin His ministry at His baptism in 27 AD. The fulfillment of this prophecy as well as over 125 prophecies of the Messiah in the Old Testament were fulfilled in the New Testament in the life of Jesus Christ. The prophecy is a testimony as evidence.

During the sixth plague in Revelation 16, right before the coming of Jesus in the seventh plague, Satan gathers His people for battle against God Almighty and Jesus gathers his people on the symbolic spiritual mountain known as **Armageddon**.

Revelation 16:14-16

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon**.

- Armageddon = A mountain gathering!
- Armageddon is a spiritual symbolic mountain of Jesus, the Rock

The Battle of Armageddon takes place at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

In the second half of Revelation 19 John sees in vision Jesus coming to the earth to deliver His faithful and leading the charge against Satan’s army.

Revelation 19:11-14

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a **flame of fire**, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a **vesture (robe) dipped in blood**: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

This is no other but Jesus Christ. He is the Faithful and True, Word of God leading the charge of the great battle at His Second Coming to deliver His people from the earth.

These are some of the same descriptions and character of Jesus Christ given at the beginning of Revelation.

Faithful and true Witness

Revelation 1:5

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the **faithful witness**, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our **sins in his own blood**.

Revelation 3:7, 14

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is **true**, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the **faithful and true witness**, the beginning of the creation of God;

Eyes like a flame of fire

Revelation 1:14

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

Revelation 19:13 describes Jesus as the The Word of God who spilled His blood that was shed for the remission of sins.

John 1:14

14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

As John sees Jesus leading the charge, what does he see and hear next?

Revelation 19:15-16

15 And out of his **mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he **treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God**.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.

A sword coming out of the mouth of Jesus is also described in the first vision of John.

Revelation 1:16

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Remember, the Word of God that comes out of His mouth is sharper than any two edged sword!

The Word as a sword will fight and kill all the rebellious.

Revelation 2:16 (Jesus says...)

16 **Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.**

Rod of iron: Ancient kings of the past were known to rule with a rod that was only temporary. The rod of iron is a description of Jesus ruling forever as King of kings in his everlasting kingdom!

Winepress of the fierceness of and wrath of Almighty God: All who receive the mark of the beast will go through the great winepress like the juicing of grape of the seven last plagues. Those rebellious who are still living after the sixth plague and at the Second Coming of Christ will be the last on earth to be killed.

This winepress of the fierceness of God was described in Revelation 14:18, 19

Revelation 14:18-19

18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Wrath of God = seven last plagues (Revelation 15:1)

Revelation 19:16 – what is written on the robe and thigh of Jesus in John’s seven vision?

King of kings and Lord of lords!!!

What announcement and command is given to the birds of the air as Jesus leads the charge?

Revelation 19:17-18

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

In other words, the battle of Armageddon will be lop sided. ALL the rest of the living wicked will be killed.

What did John see next?

Revelation 19:19

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

This is the gathering of the great day of Almighty, the Battle of Armageddon at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

How will the wicked be killed at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?

Revelation 19:20

20 And **the beast** was taken, and with him **the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The beast = Papal Rome

False prophet = image of the beast (All apostate churches)

The leaders of these two systems who deceived them who received the mark of the beast and worship His image will be cast alive into a special lake of fire at the Second Coming of Jesus. This is not the final lake of fire. This is specifically for the beast and its image.

What will happen to the rest of the wicked?

Revelation 19:21

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 also reveals this plus the wicked will be destroyed by the brightness of the Second Coming of Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

At the end of the battle, the wicked will be scattered over the earth like dung!

How does Jeremiah describe this destruction of the wicked and the wicked pastors of the beast and the image of the beast at the Second Coming of Jesus?

Jeremiah 25:33-36

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

34 Howl, ye shepherds (**Hebrew: pastors**), and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel.

35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.

36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.

What does John see next after the earth is made desolate after the Second Coming of Jesus? What happens to the Devil and His demons? To be continued...

Appeal – This vision in Revelation 19 is will be our reality very soon. We must be doers of God's word! This is not the TIME hypocrisy! Love the TRUTH and LIVE by the TRUTH.