

The Wedding Bells of Armageddon

Hallelujah is the chorus

Rev. 19:1 ¶ After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

→ hallelujah (praise the Lord)

- Rev 19:3, 4, 6 (only here in Bible)(halle=praise, jah=God)

Doomed is the harlot

Rev. 19:2 for his judgments are true and just;

for **he has judged the great prostitute**

who corrupted the earth with her

immorality,

and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

Rev. 19:3 ¶ Once more they cried out,

"Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

Rev. 19:4 ¶ And the twenty-four elders (last time they appear) and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

Rev. 19:5 And from the throne came a voice saying,

"Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

small and great."

→ prostitute

- Rev 18:20-24 (city of Man)

- Rev 3:12; 21:2 (city of God)

Ready is the Bride

Rev. 19:6 ¶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

Rev. 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

Rev. 19:8 **it was granted her to clothe herself**

with fine linen, bright and pure"—

¶ for the fine linen is the **righteous deeds** of the saints.

→ Bride

- Eph 5:22-31 (we are His Bride)

- 2 Cor 11:1-3 (betrothed)

- Jn 14:1-3 (while He goes to prepare our dwelling)

→ made ready, granted

- Rev 3:4-5, 18; 4:1,4 (we will wear white)

→ clothe herself

- Eph 2:10 (making our own wedding dress - not casual)

Blessed are the guests

Rev. 19:9 ¶ And the angel said to me, "Write this: **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**" And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Rev. 19:10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

→ invited

- Jn 3:29 (friend of bridegroom)

- Matt 22:1-14; 25:1-13 (invited to reception)

Coming is the couple

Rev. 19:11 ¶ Then I saw **heaven opened**, and **behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.**

Rev. 19:12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

Rev. 19:13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. (Jn 1:1)

Rev. 19:14 **And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.**

Rev. 19:15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

Rev. 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

→ heaven opened

- Rev 1:7 (crescendo - presentation of the couple)

→ armies of Heaven, following Him

- Rev 17:14 (chosen and faithful)

- Jn 17:17-26 (perfectly one)

Bloated are the birds

Rev. 19:17 ¶ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice **he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God,**

Rev. 19:18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great."

Rev. 19:19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.

Rev. 19:20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Rev. 19:21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, **and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.**

→ birds

- Matt 24:27-28 (vultures gathered)

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Intro:

our culture has devalued, diminished and deconstructed one of the most important symbols of the Bible, a symbol seen at the very crescendo of Scripture in Revelation 19

Problem:

- Jn 2:1-11

When Christ came the first time He chose to do so at a wedding
When He comes the second time, He will do so at a wedding as well, His own!

In Rev 19, at final crash of armageddon, at the peak of wrath upon the wicked, we find ourselves at a wedding...our wedding.

Main Idea:

Hallelujah is the chorus
Doomed is the harlot
Ready is the Bride
Blessed are the guests
Coming is the couple
Bloated are the birds

Implication:

a picture of contrasts - Matt 24:27-28
2 women - which do you want to be part of?
2 feasts - which one do you want to be at?

Application:

In light of Revelation 19 its hard not to see the gospel as a sort of marriage proposal
- will you follow Him?

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/hallelujah.html>

<http://www.pre-trib.org/articles/view/marriage-supper-of-lamb>

Revelation 19:14 thesis on barabbas.com