

REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 30 (19:11-10) The Heavenly Wedding

Introduction: In this study we will go only to the 10th verse as verse 11 begins the study of the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Read verse 1 - We have been studying judgment and now it is all over. The seven drinking vials have been poured out and now is coming the Wedding Feast, the marriage supper.

- "alleluia" - means "praise to the Lord"
- "lord" - is not in the original.

Here is a great wedding supper. Today our modern weddings are not out of the Bible. We think of aisles, candles, dressed in white, music, the preacher standing there, "...dearly beloved, etc..."

Weddings are not a Christian institution! Everybody wants the blessing of being married in the Church by the preacher, BUT marriage is NOT a Christian institution. IT IS A DIVINE INSTITUTION. Marriage is for all mankind, the lost as well as the saved. Weddings are really a State institution as there has to be a license, it is a State law. So how does the Church fit in? The Roman Catholic Church wanted to rule the people so it demanded that all the people be married by the Church and thus we have weddings in the Churches today.

Weddings in the days of Jesus were nothing like we have today. Often the groom didn't even see the bride until after the ceremony. The parents of the groom would go to see the parents of the bride and the marriage agreement would be made. The bride's father would offer a dowry (gifts, money, property, etc) to get the boy/man to "take the girl off the father's hands." Thus weddings in those days agreement were made. The groom would go by and pick up his bride and the mother would be crying and the father standing there - "is the bride ready?" The groom went over and took the bride by hand and they would go out the door - THEY WERE MARRIED. He then took his bride to the groom's (his) house and then the wedding supper. This often lasted for all night or even for several days, maybe a week. Thus a wedding in Jesus' day.

THERE IS NO WEDDING CEREMONY THAT WILL MAKE THE MARRIAGE WORK.....

No preacher can perform such a ceremony. It must come from the very souls of the two married. When you find the right person, God can bless.

NOW, we are going to see a HEAVENLY wedding.

NOW believers (us) are a part of the BODY of Jesus Christ, but at the wedding believers (us) are going to be the BRIDE and celebrate for a thousand years.

v1 - "after" - after the judgments, etc.

- "in heaven" - notice where they are
- "alleluia" - we say "Halleluia" - but there is no "H" letter in the Greek but it means the same, to praise God. The people say four things to God. Do you know what you are saying when you say "Praise the Lord?" "Halleluia?" Someday you will.
- "salvation" - That's the way we're all going to get there, the same way. All different testimonies of how one was saved, no matter, for there is but ONE WAY TO BE SAVED. Don't feel different if somebody had a more "exciting" experience than you did at salvation, for everybody is saved EXACTLY the same way. There is one door and only one and that is faith in Jesus Christ. Some cry, some crawl, some run, some leap, some are on sick beds, but all are saved the exact same way - faith in Jesus.
- "glory" - what is glory? Romans 3:23, "short of the glory" - means the essence of God. God is love, justice, veracity, immutability, etc..the characteristics of God. We are short now, but one day we will share the characteristics of God.
- "honor" - all honor goes to God, not a Church, not a preacher, not the choir, etc..only to God.
- "power" - innate power - power within Himself to accomplish these things.

v2 - "true and righteous" - everything God does is right so don't blame God for your misfortunes in life.
- "judged great whore" - ecumenical religion. The golden statue in Jerusalem, etc.

v3 - "her smoke" - praise to God lasts forever, not just for a while.

v4 - "elders" - presbuteros - outstanding angels - Gabriel, Michael, etc. twenty four leading angels.
- four beasts" - zoa - living creatures
Remember the devil fell from his estate in heaven and to take his place the four living creatures were appointed to move in and take his place.
- "saying" - joined in on the anthem.

v5 - "small and great" - We are a little lower than angels. We are small and the angels are great. Jesus Christ died, ascended up to the right hand of God. Humanity of Jesus Christ sat down and it was the first time Humanity of any form was higher than angels. So when we get to heaven, we will be higher than the angels. They will become small and we shall become great. All angels are also saved.

v6 - "multitude" - we will be a part of this
- "many waters" - describes many millions of people
- "alleluia" - why praise?
- "Lord God" - always refers to Jesus Christ
- "omnipotent reigneth" - the devil has been put down forever and Jesus Christ is reigning forever. "Handel" wrote his great "Messiah" and got it from this verse.

v7 - "us be glad" - why glad? Happy now, but what does our happiness depend upon? Circumstances, but in heaven what?
- "glad" - inner happiness
- "rejoice" - outer happiness
- All of a sudden we (believers) will be changed into a resurrected body (discuss the new body) and be indestructible.
- Realize we don't have the old sin nature, no mean words, not anger, etc. No one can ever be worthy of this, but God loves us and gives us these precious gifts.
- All human good is gone. No need to try to impress anyone - the wood, hay and stubble are gone. How could anyone swap a few years on this earth for all that?
- "marriage is come" - time is at hand
- "made herself" - has been made ready. WE can't make ourselves ready.

v8 - "granted" - was given
- fine linen, clean and white" - no sin nature, spotless
- "righteousness - don't have it right now, but we will have it someday.

v9 - "write" - write it down - so we could have it today.
- "blessed" - happiness is in the plural
- "true sayings" - promises of God, the words of God
Don't worry about that, Jesus Christ will keep His word.

v10 - "fell at feet" - John was going to worship an angel, DON'T EVER WORSHIP A PREACHER OR ANY MESSENGER - ONLY Jesus Christ - don't ever tie your affections around any other person.
- "see thou do it not" - command to DON'T DO IT!
- "worship God" - that is what we are here to do.

- prophecy" - what is it? It is the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

NOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN JESUS MOUNTS UPON THAT WHITE HORSE?

There is still much more to come so stay with us in this study.