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# The Book of Revelation: Session 24

## Revelation 19:1-10

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**YouTube:** "Verse by Verse Teaching | Revelation 19:1-10 | Gary Hamrick"  
(on January 13, 2021 | 38:58 minutes)

**Notes:**

"I heard..."

- ...heaven rejoicing over the destruction of the great harlot" (19:1)
- ...heaven rejoicing over the wedding banquet of the Lamb" (19:6)

"Hallelujah (Hebrew)/Alleluia (Greek)" → "Praise Yahweh"

Literal translation of v. 1: "THE salvation and THE glory and THE honour and THE power belong to the Lord our God!"

**The Jewish Wedding Parallel**

1) <i>Betrothal period</i> - marriage contract; dowry paid	↪ <i>Salvation</i> - Jesus paid the "bride price" with his blood
2) <i>Bridegroom returns for bride</i> - Parable of 10 Virgins (Matt. 25)	↪ <i>Rapture of the Church</i> - Jesus comes to receive His bride (see John 13:33-14:3)
3) <i>Wedding banquet</i> - 7 day celebration; couple would consummate the marriage	↪ <i>Wedding Banquet of the Lamb</i> - Rev. 19; Christ returns to celebrate the marriage feast w/ the Church

**Questions:**

1. Read Revelation 19:1-3. According to these three verses, why is God to be praised? Which of these aspects of Him resonate with you as this point and time, and why?

"Some think of heaven's rejoicing over Babylon's destruction to be insensitive and uncaring. But that shortsighted view ignores the reality that those sinners will have had the greatest opportunity to repent of any people who have ever lived. ... The heavenly rejoicing is not over the damnation of those who reject God, but because Jesus Christ will soon remove those obstinate sinners from the world. God will then be properly honoured,

the Lord Jesus Christ enthroned, and the earth restored to its lost glory. Heaven rejoices because history is finally going to reach its culmination as the true King establishes His Kingdom on earth.”

- John MacArthur

2. Read Revelation 19:4-8. “Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory, for the wedding of the Lamb has come...” (v. 7). Author Joe Amaral writes: “After the acceptance of the marriage contract, the bridegroom would leave [his betrothed] with gifts. These gifts were, first of all, *a demonstration of his joy* for her acceptance and, second, *a sign of his affection for her*. The gifts were also *to serve as a reminder to her of him*. Every time she would use one of the gifts that he had left for her, it would remind her of him and bring a smile to her face. So, the purpose was to keep the bride focused on her groom in his absence.” What gifts has Jesus, your Bridegroom, given you? Do you sense His affection for you when you think on and steward these gifts? Do these gifts increase your affection for Him, and cause you to long for His return?
  
3. Read Revelation 19:9-10. Amaral describes a Jewish wedding a bit different than others do: “After he comes to take his bride away, the groom takes her back to his father’s house, to what was called the wedding chamber. This is where we get our modern version of the honeymoon. The couple would spend the next seven days together on their own. The members of the wedding party would wait for the seven days to be over and then come together again to hear the announcement that the marriage had been consummated. Then they would celebrate for seven days. ... The Jews believed there would be a seven-year “time of trouble” that would come upon the earth. It was also known as the time of “Jacob’s Trouble” or “the Birth Pains of the Messiah.” It was believed that the righteous would be resurrected just before this time and that they would enter the wedding chamber with the Messiah and be protected from this great terrible time of trouble. ... As the Bride of Christ, we will be “caught up” before the time of trouble and will spend that seven-year period in the wedding chamber in the Father’s house.” Read 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18. How does it impact you to be the Bride of Christ, that you are with and will “be with the Lord forever” (v. 17)?

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