

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

I once asked a Revelation class I was hosting if they knew what the Marriage Supper of the Lamb might be? A little Jewish girl popped up with, "I don't know, but it sure ain't pork."

Right on! So is it going to be, garden salad, prime rib or pheasant under glass with potatoes au gratin, asparagus with hollandaise sauce, topped off with baked Alaskan for desert? Or could it be some really far out culinary delight like twittering rhinoceros with ecstasy sauce? Well, regardless of how exotic a physical meal might be, any food for the flesh would not be much of a reward for the beloved saints who were burned at the stake or tortured to death by those of the ungodly who hate God's servants.

Revelation shows that the Marriage Supper of the Lamb is not a physical supper at all, but a spiritual reward for the saints, described in figurative language:

Revelation 19:9-18 (excerpts) "And he *(a saint already with the Lord)* saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse *(horses were weapons of war)*; and he that sat upon him *(Jesus)* was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. And the armies which were in heaven *(redeemed Old Testament and New already with the Lord)* followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean *(the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ)*. And I saw an angel standing in the sun *(Jesus, Rev 1:16)*; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven *(the redeemed meeting the Lord in the air, 1Th 4:17)* , Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 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 *(all the lost)*."

The army of "holy ones" are the saints who have already gone to be with the Lord.

The "fowls flying in mid-heaven" are the saints who are taken up to meet the Lord in the air at His coming.

The real reward is that Jesus will permit all the redeemed to join with Him in His victory over those who hate His appearance.

The "ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men," is figurative of course! The saints are not really going to "eat" the physical flesh of anyone. Instead, we'll be taking part in the final destruction of the works of Satan and and of the wicked who follow him. A privilege far beyond our worth, surely.

Now isn't that a much grander reward than any tidbit for the belly, no matter how exotic?