

## REVELATION Chapter 19

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**INTRODUCTION:** We saw in **CHAPTER 13** the **SEA BEAST** (the persecuting power of Rome) and the **EARTH BEAST** (the false religion of Rome). **CHAPTERS 17 and 18** concerned God's judgment against the harlot (Rome). **CHAPTERS 19 and 20** concern God's judgment against Satan which begins with judgment against the **SEA BEAST** and the **EARTH BEAST**. In **CHAPTER 16** we saw **ARMAGEDDON**, the victory of God over His enemies. This is **CHAPTER 19!**

### I. REJOICING OVER THE DOWNFALL OF THE HARLOT, 19:1-10

#### A. **FIRST ALLELUIA**, vv. 1-2

1. A multitude in heaven proclaims "Alleluia" ("Hallelujah" = "PRAISE THE LORD").
2. The message: Salvation, glory, honor, power unto God!
3. What God had done: judged the great whore and avenged the blood of His servants.
4. **PERFECT JUSTICE!** See 6:9ff; 14:17-20; 18:20

#### B. **SECOND & THIRD ALLELUIA's**, vv. 3-4

1. Her smoke rises forever and ever: perpetual burning.
2. The 24 elders (4:4) and four beasts (4:6) worship God (4:10).

#### C. **FOURTH ALLELUIA**, vv. 5-9

1. A great multitude worship God (14:1; 19:6) – those called upon to praise God do so!
2. God reigns! (*God's reign is made manifest*)
3. The marriage feast is come: celebration!
4. The Lamb's bride has made herself ready:
  - a. She is arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: *the righteousness of the saints* (through persecution, righteousness has been maintained).
  - b. The bride of Christ = the church

***THE LAMB = CHRIST***

***THE BRIDE = THE CHURCH***

*Ephesians 5:23-32; Romans 7:4;  
2 Corinthians 11:2; Matthew 9:15;  
Mark 2:19; Luke 5:34-35; John 3:29*

4. Jesus had said to be faithful to receive the crown (2:10); the saints had been faithful, and they are now ready to reign with Him! (chapter 18).
5. John attempts to worship the messenger but is told "WORSHIP GOD": the purpose of this prophecy is to glorify Christ (*see also Matthew 4:10; John 4:23-24*).

## II. THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST, 19:11-21

### A. The description of the **VICTOR**, vv. 11-16:

1. He sits upon a white horse (6:1-2; 19:19).
2. He is Faithful and True (1:5; 3:7, 14)
3. In righteousness He judges and makes war (Isaiah 11:4-5)
4. His eyes are a flame of fire (1:14)
5. Upon His head are many crowns: *rule, dominion, kingship* (6:2).
6. He has a name written that no man knew but Himself (3:7-12; 19:16)
7. He is clothed in a vesture (garment) dipped in blood (Isaiah 63:3)
8. His name is called “the Word of God” (John 1:1-3, 14; 1 John 1:1-4)
9. His armies are heavenly, and out of His mouth goes a sharp sword (1:16; Hebrews 4:12) with which He smites the nations and rules them with a rod of iron (2:27; Psalm 2:6-9).
10. He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of God (14:19-20).
11. He has a name written: **KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS** (17:14; Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:15; cf. Psalm 136:3) – *this is Jesus!*

### B. The Fall of the **TWO BEASTS**, vv. 17-21

1. The angel cries for all to gather for the supper of God:
  - a. To eat the flesh of kings, captains, mighty men, horses, riders, all men.
  - b. This “supper of God” is judgment! (compare 1 Samuel 17:46; Ezekiel 39:4, 17-20; Joel 3:9-13; Matthew 24:28).
2. The Beast and kings of the earth come to make war against the White Horse Rider and His army.
  - a. The battle is fought: **Armageddon!** (16:16; see also 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Ezekiel 39).
  - b. The **BEAST** (Sea Beast of 13:1-10) and the **FALSE PROPHET** (Earth Beast of 13:11-18) are cast in the lake of fire and brimstone (utter destruction).
  - c. The remnant were slain (the rest of the Roman Empire – the Roman kingdom is no more!).
  - d. The fowls are filled with their flesh (eating their decaying corpses).

**CONCLUSION:** *We have seen God’s judgment: the Great Whore, the Sea-Beast and Earth-Beast are all fallen. Only the Great Dragon, Satan, is left. He goes down to defeat in the next chapter!*