

A  
STUDY  
OF  
THE  
COMING  
MARRIAGE  
SUPPER  
OF  
THE  
LAMB

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## Introduction

We will take up in this study one of the great subjects in the Bible. This subject has been talked about and many a song has been written about this event over the last 2,000 years. With this in mind we will look at the passages that speak to this great subject. I hope that all who read this will be blessed in their spirit and that they will press ever upward until we all sit down together at the MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.

# The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19: 6-10

I. We will go first to our main passage in Revelation 19: 1-10

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Reread verses 7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto

me, These are the true sayings of God. John is witness to the great call in the future to the bride and to the friends of the bridegroom to the great supper of the Lamb. Jesus had said He would not eat again with His saints until this time in the following passage in Luke 22 16-18 "For I say unto you, I will not anymore eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of God shall come.

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The announcement of the Marriage Supper of The Lamb is associated with the Last of the Four Hallelujahs (Rev. 19:7-9). The Great Supper occurs after Babylon is destroyed in Rev. 18 & 19: 1-3. It appears the supper is going to take place just prior to Christ's Return as the last part of chapter 19 is a record of that very event.

This supper is not to be confused with The Supper of The Great God. The first is for the Redeemed the saints of the Lord the Bride of Christ. The other is for Scavenger Birds which shall eat the flesh of Kings, Captains, Mighty men, Horses and all Men Rev. 19:17-18 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 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.

A Heavenly multitude tells John about the Marriage Supper of The Lamb in Rev 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

To have a Marriage Supper, there must be a Bride and a Groom. The Lamb is the Groom in Rev. 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come. The Bride is the Church housed in the New Jerusalem as seen in Rev.21:2, 3,9,10 prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with

men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

This is part of the "Marriage" Nuptials to which all the Redeemed of Heaven is invited.

Jesus referred to it in Luke 22:16-18 when he said he would again eat and drink with His followers.

Let us look now at the "He" of Revelation 19:9 to know this we need first find out who is the "He" of Revelation 19:2.

First "He" is associated with "A great voice of much people" in Rev. 19:1.

Second "He" is associated with the 24 elders and the Four Beasts in Rev. 19:4

Third "He" is associated with a voice that came out of the Throne calling the multitude to "Praise" in Rev. 19:5. The voice is that of many speaking as one praising and glorifying God in (Rev. 19:1, 5-9). It is "The Voice of a Great Multitude" Rev. 19:6. Let us notice that the multitude is in Heaven.

They must be Saints of God, who are the Heavenly host rejoicing and praising God for the destruction of Babylon and because "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth" (Rev. 19:6)

The "He" to whom John speaks is identified in Revelation 19:10 as being a "fellow servant" and "Of They Brethern."  
1. He is a "fellow servant" possibly a Prophet notice what Rev. 22:9 says See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. He is a saved individual and of thy Brethren possibly a Jew definitely a believer. Notice also he is a member of the "Hallelujah" crowd. Lastly he may be the same person of John's encounter in Rev. 22:8-9.

We turn now to look at the  
II. Blessedness Of Those Who Are Called To The  
Marriage Supper Of The Lamb

Lets read again Revelation 19:9 Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. There shall be an actual meal with Christ lets compare Rev. 19:9 and Matt. 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

We see that Jesus will eat with the redeemed in the Kingdom of God and He made it a personal promise. Look also here in Mk. 14:25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God and Luke 12:37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

There is a blessedness an inner happiness accorded to those who are called to the Marriage Rev. 19:9. John was asked to write regarding the Blessedness (Supremely blessed) of those Called (to call aloud with a loud voice) to the Marriage (nuptials) Supper (feast) of the Lamb Rev. 19:9

1. There will be a Marriage Supper - a part of the Wedding Nuptials; a Ceremony of a Wedding; a public and open statement regarding Christ's Marriage Rev. 19:6-7 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

2. Christ uses the term "marriage" as an allegory to express the unique unity that will characterize His relationship with the redeemed saints who are now ready to be His helpmeet a "wife" in the administration of the Kingdom under His reign. Look here in John 17:21 "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also maybe one

in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." This is an important fact that the Saints have been in training toward the day when they shall be called "ready" (Rev. 19:7) to join Christ on white horses descending out of Heaven to take the Kingdoms of the world as we read in Rev. 19:11-16 and to reign with Him as John tells us in Rev. 20:4 lets read that it says "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

The Supper is associated with the reign of Christ Rev. 19:6 The process of this "Wedding" includes the Millennium, at the close of which the place that Jesus said He was going away to build the "New Jerusalem" descends from God out of Heaven, and is declared to be adorned as a Bride in Rev. 21:9-10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

3. The last of the four hallelujahs proclaims "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth."

A. The singular voice of the multitude of Saints says: "Let us be glad and rejoice" Rev. 19:7

To make necessary preparations, get everything ready; this was the oriental custom of sending forerunners before Kings to smooth out the roads, to prepare the minds, to give the Messiah a fit reception and secure His Blessings.

B. The event that follows is Christ return to earth on a white horse let's read Rev. 19:11-16

C. Daniel 7:18, 27 will give us a picture of this Marriage so lets read verse 18 first "But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." Now lets add verse 27 "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him".

1. There are several other allusions such as the following verses first there is John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also., next lets read John 17:21,23 and Rom.12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

2. In Marriage two become one just compare the following Matt 19:5-6 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And Eph. 5:31 "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

The reign of Christ and the Church will be as one Dan. 7:18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever; & 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him., also Rev. 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years". & 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

We find from these verses that all are invited, but many will not accept His invitation to attend the Supper read Matt. 22:3-5 "And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto



the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:" and also Luke 14:18-20 "And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."

1. There is a distinct Blessedness to those who are called to the Marriage Supper Luke. 14:15 "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God"

2. The greater Blessing is to be in the company of Christ and of the Redeemed at the Marriage Supper Mt. 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

### III. Now the Marriage Supper of the Lamb

The Marriage Supper is the Marriage of Christ. We know that Jesus is the Lamb of the Revelation. The entire book is the revealing of Jesus Christ as declared in Rev. 1:1 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:"

WE also know that the Lamb takes the book out of the right hand of Him that sat on the Throne Rev. 5:5-7 "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne". It is the Lamb who breaks the seals Rev. 6:1, 3, and 5, 6, 7, 12 & 8:1

2. Jesus is the Lamb of the Marriage Supper

3. The title "Little Lamb" speaks of the continuance of His Pascal or Sacrificial, position as seen in the following verses in Heb. 4:15; 7:17, 24, and 26-27 & 8:1. Perhaps the crowning moment of the Wedding Supper is when He (Christ) the Redeemer and the Redeemed sit at the same table and eat together Luke 22:11 "And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?" and verse 30 "That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel".

One needs to bear in mind that in ancient cultures only those of the same class ate together. At this Supper we will be elevated to Heavenly Positions to eat and drink with God the Son.

Next it is essential to keep in mind that there is no Marriage now. Jesus is not married now He is away at the Fathers house preparing the new home for us. He is not in complete

union and harmony with the Redeemed Eph. 4:11-13, John 17:21-23, I John 1:8-10

2. There are many characteristics of the Redeemed that reveal a lack of unity among ourselves and with God, but we are guided towards Him. The body is divided I Cor 1:10-13

Out of the same mouth, there is blessing and cursing according to Jam. 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

There are sins that beset the Redeemed Heb. 12:1 The Redeemed are always developing toward perfection Eph.2:19, 4:13 II Cor. 8:6 C.

#### There must be a Bride

The Bride is mentioned in Revelation as something of the future Rev. 21:2; 22:17. The Bride is represented as a city Rev. 21:9-10.

#### The time of the Marriage Supper

1. It occurs after the Judgment Seat

a. It is a time when the Bride is ready Rev. 19:7-8 & I John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

b. It is a time when the Saints are "one" with Christ

2. It occurs after the fall of Babylon Rev. 18-19:3 after the last plague Rev. 16:17, 19

3. It occurs after the Supper of the Great God Rev. 19: 17-18, Matt. 24:28, Ezek. 39:12; and Zech. 14:12 at the end of Daniels 70th week.

#### The Place of the Marriage Supper

1. It will occur in the Kingdom Mt. 26:29

2. It may be on earth

3. It may be in Heaven (each view held by notable teachers)

#### The Purpose of the Marriage

1. In human marriage, the goal is for husband and wife to become one Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:5, Mk. 10:6-9

2. This marriage is the ultimate function which is to find supreme fulfillment in God by personnel involvement.

## The Reward of the Saints

1. The Saints will receive their reward in Heaven Matt. 5:12; 6:4, 6, 18 They are given openly

They will be certain Matt. 10:42 given according to ones works Matt. 16:27, I Cor. 3:8, 2 Tim. 4:14, Rev. 22:12 d. The rewards will be great. Luke 6:23-35 the rewards will be full (complete) 2 John 1:8

2. The return of Christ is in two parts. 1) Rapture 2) His return to earth Saints will be given administrative assignments. Rev. 20:4, 6; Dan. 7:18, 22

1) The Bema Seat will take place after the Church is Raptured.

2) The Judgment may well determine ones place of service, Saints accompany the return of Christ. I Th. 4:4; Tit. 2:3; Jude 14; Dan. 7:13; Zech 14:5 c.

When He comes it will be with His reward. Mt. 16:27

H. John tried to worship the Angel who was instructing Him. Rev. 19:10

1. The Angel forbid John to worship Him "See thou do it not"

2. The Angel identifies Himself: "I am thy fellow servant" He is one of the Redeemed, In Revelation 22:8-9 John again falls down to worship the Angel

1. This also is a Redeemed person.

2. The bearer of good news may be respected but worship is for God alone.

Conclusion