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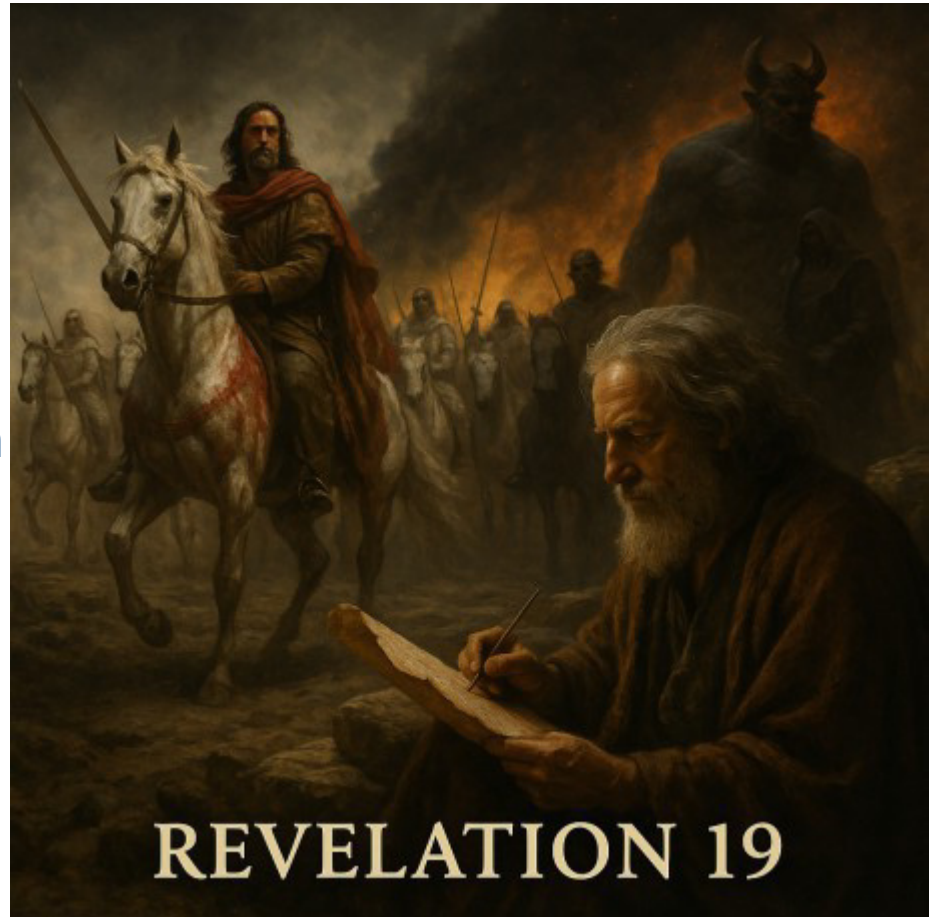
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## **Revelation 19**

### **Revelation 19:1-2**

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God, because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her."

† The multitude praises God for judging Jerusalem, the great prostitute. Her destruction vindicates the martyrs.

† Proof, Matthew 23:35-37 links Jerusalem with killing the prophets and saints, bringing all judgment upon her.

### **Revelation 19:3**

And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! Her smoke rises forever and ever."

† The imagery of smoke forever mirrors Isaiah 34:10, describing Edom's judgment. It represents permanent destruction, not unending burning.

† Proof, Jerusalem's destruction was final; she would never rise again as covenant Babylon.

### **Revelation 19:4-5**

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great."

† The twenty-four elders represent the fullness of God's covenant people, both old and new. Their worship acknowledges the fulfillment of God's promises.

### **Revelation 19:6-7**

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude, and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself."

† The marriage of the Lamb represents the full union of Christ and His church after Jerusalem's fall. The old covenant harlot is judged, and the faithful bride is revealed.

† Proof, Paul in Ephesians 5:25-27 describes Christ sanctifying

the church as His bride.

### **Revelation 19:8-9**

It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

† The fine linen symbolizes purity and faithfulness. Unlike the prostitute, the bride is adorned with righteousness.

† Proof, 2 Corinthians 11:2 Paul betrothed the church to Christ as a pure virgin.

### **Revelation 19:10**

Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

† John is reminded that worship belongs to God alone. The essence of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus, proving that all prophecy pointed to Him and is fulfilled in Him.

### **Revelation 19:11-13**

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

† This is Christ, the divine warrior. His robe dipped in blood recalls Isaiah 63:3, trampling the winepress of wrath.

† Proof, His name "The Word of God" connects to John 1:1. His victory is righteous judgment, not carnal war.

### **Revelation 19:14-15**

And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

† The sword from His mouth is the Word of God. The saints follow clothed in purity, participating in His victory.

† Proof, Psalm 2:9 foretold the Messiah ruling with a rod of iron.

### **Revelation 19:16**

And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

† This title proclaims His universal sovereignty. Rome's Caesars claimed lordship, but only Christ is King of kings.

### **Revelation 19:17-18**

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great feast of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slaves, and small and great."

† This gruesome feast contrasts with the marriage supper of the Lamb. While the saints feast with Christ, His enemies become the feast for judgment.

† Proof, Ezekiel 39:17-20 describes the same imagery in judgment against Gog.

### **Revelation 19:19-21**

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by

which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

† The beast (Nero and Rome's imperial power) and the false prophet (apostate Israel) are judged. Their destruction represents the end of their covenantal and political opposition to Christ.

† Proof, Josephus (Wars 6.9.4) records Jerusalem's fall as the climactic defeat of the covenant traitors. Rome's beastly power was soon broken as well, proving Christ's sovereignty.

### **How it applies to us today**

† Christ reigns as King of kings. His victory is not future but accomplished in the first-century judgment of His enemies.

† The church is His bride, purified and secure, called to faithfulness.

† The marriage supper of the Lamb is our eternal communion with Christ, contrasted with the judgment of His enemies.

† Prophecy's fulfillment proves the absolute reliability of God's Word.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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† Isaiah 34:10 – smoke rising imagery

† Isaiah 63:3 – robe dipped in blood

† Ezekiel 16; 39:17-20 – harlotry and judgment feast

† Psalm 2:9 – Messiah ruling with a rod of iron

† John 1:1 – Word of God

† Matthew 23:35-37 – Jerusalem killing prophets

† 2 Corinthians 11:2 – church as pure virgin

- † Ephesians 5:25-27 – bride prepared for Christ
- † Josephus, Wars 6.9.4 – destruction of Jerusalem
- † Tacitus, Histories 5.13 – awareness of Judea's ruin

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