

Syllabus
The Book of Revelation
Chapter 19

Rev. 19:1 ¶ *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:*

Rev. 19:2 *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.*

Rev. 19:3 *And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.*

Rev. 19:4 *And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.*

Rev. 19:5 ¶ *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. (KJV)*

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

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.*

Rev. 19:7 *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.*

Rev. 19:8 *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.*

Rev. 19:9 *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. (KJV)*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth

If we could include sound here, you would hear me singing this line from Handel's *Messiah*. This is our wedding music, I believe. And George Handel wrote it. I've read much about his writing the music for *The Messiah*.

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Handel is believed to have composed "Messiah" in only 24 days. Many believe it was divinely inspired...

It's said that Handel never left his house during those three weeks, and a friend who visited discovered him sobbing with intense emotion.

After he wrote the “Hallelujah” chorus, Handel was quoted as saying, “I did think I did see all heaven before me, and the Great God Himself.”

...George Frideric Handel did not want the credit.

At the end of “Messiah,” Handel wrote the letters “SDG” for Soli Deo Gloria, which means, “To God Alone the Glory.”

The Lord is taking quite a number of people to Heaven now and sending them back with a report of its Glory. Brother Kenneth E. Hagin told me this would happen just before Jesus came, and that I was to write a book about it. Well, it is happening and they are writing their own books. Several have said they were told how music is composed there and sent to earth through those who can receive it.

Weddings of the Kings and Queens of earth’s royalty through the ages do not compare with The Marriage of the Lamb and His Bride, The Glorious Church.

The Church, The Bride

The Lord Jesus declared Himself as the Bridegroom.
(Matthew 9:15, Mark 2:19, 20; Luke 5:34, 35.)

He is the most Glorious Bridegroom ever there was, or ever will be.
He will have the most Glorious Bride ever there was, or ever will be.
He will have us ready. We will be The Glorious Church before we leave.

Eph. 5:25 ¶ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

Eph. 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Eph. 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Eph. 5:28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

Eph. 5:29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,

Eph. 5:30 because we are members of His body.

Eph. 5:31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

Eph. 5:32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. (NAS95S)

I used the New American Standard Revised here because it, like the Amplified and others, correctly translates the pronoun “her” rather than “it.” In fact everywhere in the N.T. where the word *ecclesia* is used, it is feminine. (Though the best translation of *ecclesia* would be assembly, it is most often translated church.)

The picture in Ephesians 5:26 is that of the Bridegroom preparing His beloved as a bride is prepared in the East. The Bible is an Eastern book. To understand, see how Esther was prepared to go before the king (Esther 2:12).

Presentation of the Bride

Notice in verse 27 that He prepared her for *presentation* to Himself. I like the King James translation's using "a Glorious Church."

Eph. 5:27 That he might present it [her] to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it [she] should be holy and without blemish.

[For what immediately precedes "The Presentation" of the church, see Appendix: The Rapture.]

2Cor. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (KJV)

2Cor. 4:14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. (KJV)

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, (KJV)

New Jerusalem, Home of the Bride

My dear friend and mentor, Dr. Hilton Sutton (and you can see from this syllabus how much we agreed on) did not see that the church is the bride of Christ. He saw New Jerusalem as the bride based on the following:

Rev. 21:9 ¶ *And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb.*

Rev. 21:10 *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,*

This is a Hebrew idiom.

For instance when one says Israel, it can mean either of two things, or both of them together: the Land, or the people, or both. They go together.

Consider these examples:

Matt. 3:4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Matt. 3:5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

The city of Jerusalem and its buildings did not go out to see John.
The people did. Jerusalem can mean the city, or the people of the city.

Matt. 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee,

The city and its buildings did not kill the prophets. The people did.
Throughout the Bible when Jerusalem is named, it can mean the city, or it can mean its people. Or, it can mean both together.

It is the same with Heavenly Jerusalem.
We were born there (Galatians 4:23). We are born from above (John 3).
We are citizens of Heaven right now (Philippians 3:20).
Our minds and affections are to be placed there (Col. 3:1-4).
We are seated there now, from there we are to rule and reign now (Eph. 2:4-7; Ro. 5:17).

Heavenly Jerusalem is *The Place* He prepared for His Bride (John 14).
The Place (*Ha Makom* in Hebrew) has special meaning. Too much to go into here. But to appreciate earthly Jerusalem being *The Place* of Israel, and of Heavenly Jerusalem being *The Place* that Jesus prepared for His Bride, you can get my teaching on this wonderful truth: *Ha Makom*.

The Last Adam

An argument I once heard put forth that we are not His bride had to do with the church being referred to as “he” in the following:

2Th. 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: only *there is* one that restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way.

He is a pronoun. In every place where the word *ekklesia* translated church is used it is feminine. However, even the pronoun *he* is no problem.

We are the Body of Christ.
He is the Head. We are His Body.
This fits with our being one with Him (Ephesians 5:30-32).

He is called “The Last Adam.”

Gen. 5:1 ¶ This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
Gen. 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

They were one body in the day they were created. Their name was Adam. It was not until they were separated, and even after their fall that Adam named her *Chaya*, Eve (Genesis 3:20).

The Lord builded her from one side of Adam.
The Hebrew word is *tsela* (side). It has come to be translated rib, but its meaning is side.
As she was taken from his side, we are taken from the riven side of our Lord.

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It is a mystery! A great glorious mystery! We cannot really understand it now, but I believe there is overwhelming scriptural proof that the Church is The Bride of Christ!

Rev. 19:10 And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The marriage scene is so glorious that John falls down to worship his heavenly guide. The guide refuses the worship and identifies himself as one of us.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of all true prophecy.

Rev. 19:11 ¶ And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev. 19:12 And his eyes are a flame of fire, and upon his head are many diadems; and he hath a name written which no one knoweth but he himself.

Rev. 19:13 And he is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Rev. 19:14 And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure.

Rev. 19:15 And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty.

Rev. 19:16 And he hath on his garment and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

The scene changes!

King Jesus leaves Heaven to settle things on earth.

When He came to meet the church in the air, his purpose was to make love.

Now He goes to put his feet down on earth, with fire in His eyes, and his purpose is to judge and make war.

On the earth, the antichrist too has prepared to make war.

He gathered his forces to Armageddon (Revelation 16:16).

War has spread over the land, and he has besieged Jerusalem.

Zech. 14:1 ¶ Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Zech. 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zech. 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zech. 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be a very great valley*; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Just as the antichrist thinks he's at last succeeded in wiping out Israel, he looks up and sees Israel's Messiah coming on a White Horse.

Earth's rightful King has come to dispossess the usurpers.

He may be shocked, for even some Bible teachers regard the white horse as allegorical. But it is not. He's riding the real white horse of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

And the armies, which were in Heaven, are following Him on white horses. The armies are not on earth, trying to make earth ready for the King, as some teachings declared. They follow Him from Heaven on their own white horses.

A most revealing name of God is Jehovah of Hosts.

David Baron writes concerning this covenant name, "He is the Lord of all things, at whose call all created forces must marshal themselves as if for war...."

He is Jehovah of armies.

The Church is His army.

Israel is His army.

The stars are His army.

Hailstones are His army.

The angels are His army.

He is Jehovah of Hosts.

And He goes forth to fight against those nations who have fallen into His trap.

Each member of His bride, arrayed in fine linen, rides a mount that is gaited to how closely that person followed the Lord in the earth life.

(On the BVOV program, available on DVD and CD, I shared Mrs. Jeanne Wilkerson's amazing revelation of this.)

Rev. 19:17 ¶ *And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come and be gathered together unto the great supper of God;*

Rev. 19:18 *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 thereon, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great.*

The great birds were summoned long ago. Israel is a land bridge between three continents, Europe, Asia, and Africa. During migration the huge birds ride the thermals over Israel. The rabbis, in considering the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39, think it might occur in the autumn, a time of migration.

When Israel gave up the Sinai to Egypt to make peace, they were left with only the small air space over their country, which is the size of New Jersey. They began to lose fighter planes to the big birds. In dealing with the problem, they discovered they could exactly predict the times of the migrations.

The Antichrist and the False Prophet

Rev. 19:19 ¶ *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army.*

Rev. 19:20 *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone:*

Rev. 19:21 *and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, even the sword which came forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.*

Two of the unholy trinity are cast into the lake of fire.
And what of the dragon?