

The Study of the Book of Revelation

Revelation's Triumphant End

Chapter 19

Review:

Throughout our studies of the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation, we have referenced the prophetic principle used in Scripture of “REPEAT AND ENLARGE.” We have seen how God often starts out giving us a prophetic overview then subsequently give us another prophetic view that repeats all or part of a prior prophetic revelation, only in the repetition He expands or enlarges the detail of a portion of the prophecy giving us greater detail.

Revelation chapter 19 is an instance of this “REPEAT AND ENLARGE” concept. In Revelation 11:15-19, we saw the seventh trumpet being sounded. We have not studied the seven trumpets yet, but we will see an historical view of prophecy known as “The time of the end,” starting in the 1798-1844 period, and corresponds to the last hours of earth’s history before the second coming of Jesus Christ. Revelation 19 expands on the period of the seventh trumpet referenced in Revelation 11:15-19

Revelation 11:15-19

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.”

Let’s start this study by reading all of Revelation 19. Then we will go back through the chapter verse by verse.

Revelation 19:1-21

"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:

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.

3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

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

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.

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 thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

10 *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.*

11 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

12 *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

13 *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

14 *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

15 *And out of his mouth goeth 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 and wrath of Almighty God.*

16 *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

17 *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.*

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

20 *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

21 *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."*

Revelation 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:"*

*"**After these things**"* – We have seen this phrase before. John is saying that after he had seen the

vision recorded in chapter 18, that another vision was given him, but not necessarily that the vision of chapter 19 follows that of chapter 18 in time.

“A great voice of much people in heaven” – John heard the voice of *“Much people in heaven.”* This is the response of the heavenly beings of the universe to what has occurred in the judgments of God. In **Daniel 7:9-10** we saw the beginning of the heavenly judgment scene and we saw the *“Much people,”* represented, the heavenly universe is present to observe the judgment. Now, we see their response to the judgments.

Revelation 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.”

“True and righteous are his judgments” – The universe has seen the judgments of God upon the beast and those that follow the beast, that persecuted God’s people. The universe says that the **“judgments”** (seven last plagues) are **“True and righteous.”**

“True” – God is a covenant keeping God. He had said that certain plagues and judgments would come upon Israel if they failed to follow Him and become apostate (see Leviticus 26). God has done just what He prophesied that He would do.

“Righteous” – The Greek word used here is **“Dikaios”** which is frequently translated **“Just.”** Thus the universe sees that God’s judgments are just.

Deuteronomy 28:58-61

*“If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, **THE LORD THY GOD**; Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, **even great plagues**, and of long continuance, and **sore sicknesses**, and of long continuance. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, **them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.**”*

These are statements of the character of God that He is righteous (just) and true!

Romans 3:3-4

*“For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and **mightest overcome when thou art judged.**”*

“For he hath judged the great whore” – Judgment has been given against the harlot in favor of the saints of God. (See **Daniel 7:21-22**) Note that the **“Little horn power”** [Papal Rome] is the same as the **“Great whore.”**

Dan 7:21-22

“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” (Judgment was given to the saints is more correctly stated “Given in favor of the saints.”)

*“**Corrupt the earth with her fornication**” – The word used here for **corrupt** (diaphtheiro) means to corrupt or destroy. It comes from the same Greek root as the word “**Destroy**” (phtheiro) used in **Revelation 11:18** (*destroy them that destroy the earth*). We see that Babylon is the system that is responsible for the “**Fornication**,” the blending of the church and state into a renewed “*Church-State*” system for the purpose of getting idolatry and worldliness into the pure church. To corrupt or destroy the Christian church from that state of knowledge and holiness in which it ought to abide.*

Revelation 19:3

*“And again they said, Alleluia. And her **smoke rose up for ever and ever.**”*

Compare this verse to the “*Third Angel’s Message*” in Revelation 14:11, “**And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever.**” The judgment referred to in Revelation 19:3 is what was warned about in the Third Angels Message. Everything God said has come to pass, the penalty for rejecting the Third Angels Message has occurred.

Revelation 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.”

This is the same heavenly scene that we saw in Revelation 11:16-19, when we saw the heavenly temple opened and Christ going into the Most Holy Place, in his final phase of ministry, the judgment phase. (See Rev. 11:16)

Revelation 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.**”*

*“**That fear him, both small and great**” – See the correlation to Revelation 11:18:*

Revelation 11:18

*“And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and **them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.**”*

Revelation 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.**”*

*“**For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth**” – See Revelation 11:17-“*Hast taken to thee thy great power, and has reigned.*”*

These verses lead us to the transition between the time of the judgment and the return of Christ at His second coming. (See Daniel 7:26-27)

Daniel 7:26-27

*“But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it **unto the end.** 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.”*

Daniel 7:26 refers to the judgment on the little horn power in 1798, when the deadly wound to the Papal “Church-State” occurred. This power was destroyed until the “Time of the end.” When this “Church-State” power becomes complete again, we will be extremely close to the time of the second coming of Jesus, when Daniel 7:27 will occur.

Revelation 19:7 corresponds to the First Angels Message, with the admonition to *“**Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of his judgment has come.**”*

*“**For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready**” – Revelation 21:2, 9 tell us that the “*Bride of Christ*” is the New Jerusalem, God’s holy city. Thus, this is referring to the idea that Christ’s bride, His church (His true followers), has made herself ready for His coming. Think of the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. Jesus taught His church to make herself ready and to watch and wait. Revelation 19:7 tells us that at this time, the church has prepared herself. It refers to the idea that the church has purified itself and is ready to be the end time church.*

Revelation 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.”

The church, Christ’s bride, made herself ready by receiving the gift of Christ’s righteousness and also by righteous deeds and victorious living through Christ. We know that we are not saved through our works, but that our works do follow us into our rewards. Christ intends “*His Bride,*” (His saints) to be saved through His grace, which brings forth good works from a deep love and commitment to “*His Word*” and Mission. They will not be sitting idle, wasting time, but they will be sharing their faith with others.

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

Revelation 14:13

*“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and **their works do follow them.**”*

Revelation 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.”

“Called unto the marriage supper” – The marriage supper occurred *“AFTER THE MARRIAGE.”* It was a time of celebration of the joining together. Even today, the celebration occurs after the wedding takes place. The marriage supper celebration will occur after Christ’s return to claim His bride. Just like the ten virgins in Matthew 25, five were ready for Christ’s return, and were able to go into the wedding feast. Five were not, and were left outside. Thus, *“Blessed are those that are called unto the wedding feast.”* They are ready and waiting, clothed in the righteousness of the saints, the righteousness of Christ as demonstrated by the saints.

Key Point:

The symbolism here corresponds to the Feast of Tabernacles imagery.

Revelation 19:10

*“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.”*

John, in error, started to worship the messenger that is giving him the information of the vision. The messenger gives John, and us, a clear message, **WORSHIP GOD**. The heavenly messenger says he is a fellow servant of those that have the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy. In this verse we see that admonition to **“WORSHIP GOD”** the Creator, and not to worship the creation, the servants of God. Notice that this is the direct opposite command or expectation in the mark of the beast issue, where man is told to worship the image of the beast. (Revelation 13:15) Where the United States join hands with protestant America, in uniting church and state, in enforcing Sunday worship in honor of Papal Rome.

THE SECOND COMING!

In Revelation 19:7-8 we saw that the bride has prepared herself for the return of Christ and that the marriage time, corresponding to the coming of the bridegroom to the ten virgins, had come. Now we see the scenes of the second coming of Jesus.

Revelation 19:11

*“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.”*

“Faithful and True” – In **Revelation 1:11** we see that Christ, the great **“I AM”** and the **“Alpha and Omega”** is the One speaking, giving John the message to the seven churches. In **Revelation 3:14**, speaking to the last of the seven churches, Christ is identified as **“The Amen, the faithful and true witness.”** We see in Revelation 19:11, a picture of Christ, ready to lead the armies of heaven back to make war upon those that made war upon His bride, His church. We see Christ’s response to what has happened or is happening to His true church.

This scene refers to the stage for the battle of Armageddon, when Christ returns to rescue His people, the church, when it appears they are about to be destroyed by the final persecutions. (See **Rev. 16:16**, in the final stages of the sixth plague)

Revelation 19:12

*“His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many **crowns**; and he had a **name written**, that no man knew, but he himself.”*

“Eyes were as a flame of fire” – See Revelation 1:14 – A description of Christ given by John

“Crown” – The Greek word used here is **“Diadema”** meaning a kingly crown, a crown of authority. The saints have **“Stephanos”** which is a victor’s crown, a crown of righteousness. (See Rev. 12:1; Rev. 3:11)

“A name written that no man knew” – The ancient belief was that if a man knew the name of the deity, he had power over it. Thus, the symbolism here is that NO ONE has power over the victorious Christ. Our God is not a God that man can dictate to, control, or order around. We do not “Command” God to do anything, contrary to what some of today’s charismatic preachers and televangelist may say or imply.

Revelation 19:13

*“And he was **clothed with a vesture dipped in blood**: and his name is called **The Word of God**.”*

“Clothed with a vesture dipped in blood” – See Isaiah 62:11-63:4

Isaiah 62:11-63:4

*“Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou **red in thine apparel**, and thy garments like*

him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.”

“The Word of God” – Reference John 1:1, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*

Revelation 19:14

“And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”

Christ has not returned to claim His Church yet, so the *“Dead in Christ”* have not risen yet (The first resurrection) so these armies must be the heavenly hosts, the angels and other beings in heaven. Remember, the earthly saints of the church are clothed in *“White linen,”* which is symbolic of the righteousness of Christ. The armies of heaven are clothed in the same manner. The righteousness of Christ is for ALL CREATION, not just earthly man.

John 12:32 – *“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”*

Ephesians 3:8-10

“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,”

Key Point:

“make all” In both of the above verses the word *“Men”* is not in the original Greek. The verses talk of drawing ALL (creation) unto God. In Ephesians 3:10, God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his love and wisdom to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. In the opening verses of chapter 19, we see the heavenly multitudes praising God for His true and righteous judgments.

Revelation 19:15-16

“And out of his mouth goeth 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 and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

“Out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword” – Ephesians 6:17 *“And take the helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:”*

“Tread the winepress” – See **Isaiah 63:3** in the above discussion of Revelation 19:13.

“A name written” – Note that Christ’s true name is written on Christ’s clothing verses the counterfeit of the beast (little horn) power, where the name *“Vicar of Christ”* is written on the Papal mitre.

Revelation 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**; 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.”*

Key Point:

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun” Here we have the destruction of the wicked referred to when Christ returns to rescue and claim His people. The writers used the only words they could, to liken the brightness of God’s Shekinah Glory to, the brightness of the sun. From our earlier studies, we have learned that the righteous in Christ can live and walk in the Shekinah Glory, but the wicked will be consumed by it.

Malachi 4:1-3

*“For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and **the day that cometh shall burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall **the Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.”*

Deuteronomy 28:26

“And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.”

Ezekiel 39:17-22

*“And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; **Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood...**And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see **my judgment that I have executed**, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.”*

Revelation 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 on the horse, and against his army.**”*

A reference to the battle of Armageddon referred to in Revelation 16:16

Revelation 16:16

*“And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon.**”*

As we have learned, along with the other prophetic symbols in Revelation, that rather than a specific, literal event, this also is a symbolic reference. Revelation 16:16 occurs at the end of the sixth plague, just before the seventh, and final plague, when the voice *“**Out of the temple**”* says *“**It is done.**”*

Revelation 16:17

*“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, **from the throne, saying, It is done.**”*

*“**From the throne**”* – Who is in the temple, at the throne? Jesus Christ, as our Great High Priest, in His role of the judgment process of the Great Day of Atonement. (See Dan. 7:13; Heb. 4:14; Heb. 12:2; Rev. 3:21)

*“**It is done**”* – The investigative judgment process is done. The rewards have been determined, and Christ is ready to return for His people. Revelation 22:12, *“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”* When the final plague falls on those that did not come out of *“Spiritual Babylon.”* (Spiritual Confusion of doctrines taught by Papal Rome and accepted by her daughters, protestant churches) Christ then returns to claim His Bride, and the wicked are destroyed by the brightness of His coming, the burning presence of His Shekinah Glory!

Revelation 19:20-21

*“And **the beast** was taken, and with him **the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a **lake of fire burning with brimstone.** And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”*

*“**Beast**”* – *“The church-state union of Papal Rome”* We have learned that a beast represents a political power and have learned that the *“Beast”* of Revelation is the Roman Catholic Church, which had their power through the *“Dark Ages,”* from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. At the end of their reign their political power was taken away by France, when General Berthier came and took Pope Pius IV captive. In 1929 A.D. their political power was re-instated when Italy made the Vatican City its own independent sovereign nation, healing the deadly wound. (Rev. 13:3)

*“**False Prophet**”* *“Protestant America”* Remember our study of the lamb-like beast of Revelation 13:11-14, where the United States government joins hands with protestants, uniting church and state, to legislate Sunday laws that enforce worship to Papal Rome.

“Lake of fire” – Revelation 20:14 says that the **“Lake of fire”** is **“The second death.”** This second death is the death from which there is no further resurrection. For the beast which was mortally wounded (1798) and lived again, this death will be the second and final death. Also, the symbolism seems to indicate it will be the final death also for the false prophet.

“Burning with brimstone” – Would bring to mind the sanctuary imagery of God’s presence. Remember in Ezekiel 28:14 which talked of Lucifer, before the fall, walking among the stones of fire on God’s holy mountain, in God’s presence.

Summary:

Revelation 19 presents a prophetic picture, a **“REPEAT AND ENLARGEMENT”** of the last days of earth’s history just before the second coming of Jesus, up through the actual Second Advent. We see the completion of the Investigative Judgment phase, which began in 1844; the final judgment of Babylon, the Beast and the False Prophet. The description of Christ and the armies of heaven preparing to return, and the return of Christ and the final plague for those that didn’t **“Come out of Babylon.”**