# A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 19:7-10

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- 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.

# **Scriptural Introduction**

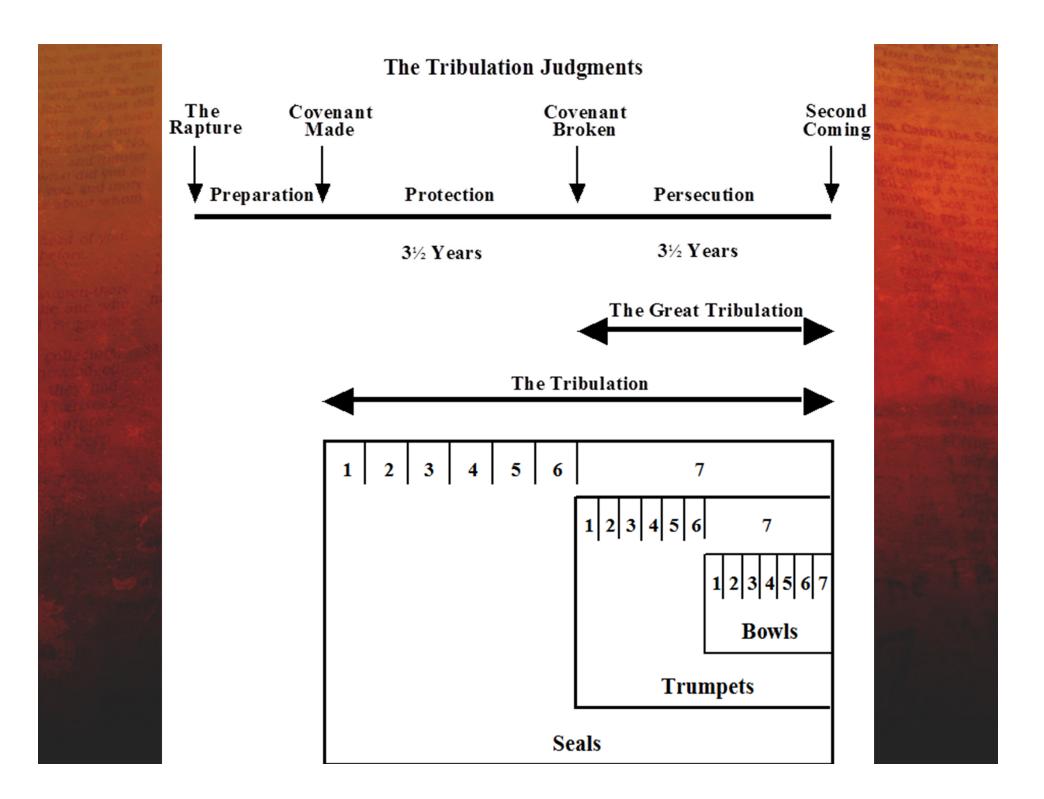
Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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Tonight, we get to see the preview of a wondrous time in heaven — "the marriage of the Lamb." This is the event of celebration for those faithful believers whose lives have been lived to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ will be the focus of this wedding, not the bride.

c. The True Bride Seen, 19:7-10

(1) The Bride Described, 19:7-8

(a) The Bride is Ready, 19:7

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.

Mt. 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Rev. 21:9 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 shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Mt. 9:15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

Jn. 3:29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

# There were three main events involved in a marriage:

First, the parents chose a bride for the groom.

<u>Second</u>, when the time for marriage (the wedding ceremony) had come, the groom would leave his home with his friends, go to the home of the bride, and escort her from her home to his.

<u>Third</u>, the groom provided a feast for his bride and his friends, at his home, that lasted several days. This will take place *on earth*:

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

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

(See 1 Cor. 3:10-16; 2 Cor. 5:10-11; Rom. 14:10-12)

2 Cor. 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.

Heb. 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Psa. 45:14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

# (b) The Bride is Robed, 19:8

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. 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

<u>Isa. 61:10</u> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

1 Jn. 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.

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

#### **Summary**

- 1. The Rapture occurs and the saints, alive and resurrected, ascend to heaven.
- 2. The saints appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ.
- 3. After the Judgment Seat, the "Bride of Christ" will be cleansed and ready for the marriage of the Lamb.
- 4. At the end of the Tribulation, the Bride returns with the Bridegroom to the earth to begin a honeymoon of 1,000 years. She is joined with the "companions" of Psa. 45:14, and the "whole family of God" of Eph. 3:15.

(2) The Banquet Described, 19:9-10

(a) The Blessing of the Saints, 19:9

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.

(b) The Blunder of the Seer, 19:10

Rev. 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.

Col. 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

1 Jn. 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

2 Tim. 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

1 Cor. 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Thess. 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Jude 1:24 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,

- 1 Jn. 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- <u>2</u> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Rom. 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Conclusion

- <u>Job 26:2</u> How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength?
- 3 How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?
- 4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?
- <u>Job 29:12</u> Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and *him that had* none to help him.
- 13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
- 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.
- 15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.
- 16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.
- 17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.