



- 3/ **Revelation 11:17 (CSBBible)** saying, We give you thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.
  - a/ **Revelation 19:1 (CSBBible)** After this I heard something like the loud voice of a vast multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God,
- 4/ **Revelation 11:16 (CSBBible)** The twenty-four elders, who were seated before God on their thrones, fell facedown and worshiped God,
  - a/ **Revelation 19:4 (CSBBible)** Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who is seated on the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah!
- 5/ **Revelation 11:18 (CSBBible)** The nations were angry, but your wrath has come. The time has come for the dead to be judged and to give the reward to your servants the prophets, to the saints, and to those who fear your name, both small and great, and the time has come to destroy those who destroy the earth.
  - a/ **Revelation 19:2 (CSBBible)** because his judgments are true and righteous, because he has judged the notorious prostitute who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality; and he has avenged the blood of his servants that was on her hands.
- 6/ **Revelation 11:18 (CSBBible)** The nations were angry, but your wrath has come. The time has come for the dead to be judged and to give the reward to your servants the prophets, to the saints, and to those who fear your name, both small and great, and the time has come to destroy those who destroy the earth.
  - a. **Revelation 19:5 (CSBBible)** A voice came from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all his servants, and the ones who fear him, both small and great!
- 7/ **Revelation 11:19 (CSBBible)** Then the temple of God in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant appeared in his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and severe hail.
  - a/ **Revelation 19:6 (CSBBible)** Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying, Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns!

B/ summary of the seven things that are parallel

- 1/ great voices in heaven
- 2/ the Lord God reigns
- 3/ the Lord God has great power
- 4/ the twenty-four elders worship God
- 5/ God avenges the blood of the saints
- 6/ God's servants, both small and great, fear the name of the Lord
- 7/ thunderings in heaven

B. "Hallelujah!"

- 1/ an angel in 18:20 had commanded the saints to rejoice because God had judged the whore
  - a/ **Revelation 18:20 (CSBBible)** Rejoice over her, heaven, and you saints, apostles, and prophets, because God has pronounced on her [Babylon the Great, apostate Israel] the judgment she passed on you!
- 2/ Christian Jews were not to mourn the passing of Jerusalem, but rather to rejoice
  - a/ their inclination might be otherwise

- II. **Revelation 19:2 (NASB)** *Because his judgments are true and righteous; for he has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his bondservants on her.*
- A. “harlot”
    1. the whore of Babylon (apostate Israel) was “fallen” in chapter 18
  - B. “immorality”
    1. this connects whore with the Jezebel who was trying to destroy the churches
      - a. **Revelation 2:20 (CSBBible)** But I have this against you: You tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols.
  - C. “avenged the blood”
    1. also connects the whore with Jezebel
      - a. **2 Kings 9:7 (CSBBible)** [Elijah speaking for God] You are to strike down the house of your master Ahab so that I may avenge the blood shed by the hand of Jezebel — the blood of my servants the prophets and of all the servants of the Lord.
        - ii. in addition, connects the whore with Jerusalem
          - A/ **Luke 21:22** “<sup>22</sup> For these be the days of vengeance,...”
            - 1/ Jesus prediction concerning the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70
- III. **Revelation 19:3-4 (NASB)** *And a second time they said, “Hallelujah! her smoke rises up forever and ever. (v4) And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!”*
- A. “they”
    1. the “great multitude” in heaven (Revelation 19:1)
  - B. “smoke”
    1. imagery based on destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
      - a. **Genesis 19:28 (CSBBible)** He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and all the land of the plain, and he saw that smoke was going up from the land like the smoke of a furnace.
  - C. “forever and ever”
    1. emphasizes the permanence of Jerusalem’s fall
    2. obviously, Jerusalem didn’t literally burn forever and ever
    3. note implications for those who say that the covenant unconditionally remains with Israel forever
      - a. how can that be if Jerusalem is being punished “forever and ever”
- IV. **Revelation 19:5 (NASB)** *And a voice came from the throne, saying, “Give praise to our God, all you his bondservants, you who fear him, the small and the great.”*
- A. “voice”
    1. options
      - a. could be one of the elders
      - b. Jesus asking his brethren to praise the Father
      - c. God the Father
        - i. logical, he was sitting on the throne
  - B. “praise”
    1. in particular, for the judgment of the Whore, Babylon the Great City (apostate Israel)

V. **Revelation 19:6-8 (NASB)** *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. (v7) "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." (v8) 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."*

A. "multitude"

1. *everybody* is praising God on the throne, and the Lamb in front of the throne
  - a. four living creatures
  - b. 24 elders
  - c. host of angels
  - d. all creation
    - i. in heaven
    - ii. on the earth
    - iii. under the earth
    - iv. and in the sea
  - e. all the redeemed clothed in bright white

B. "waters," "thunder"

1. it's so loud because everybody's praising God.

C. "marriage of the Lamb"

1. destruction of the whore was the great divorce
  - a. marriage of the Lamb and great divorce are correlative events
2. so often futurists say "marriage supper of the Lamb" is at end of time
  - a. but a little pondering will make us ask...
    - i. is the Church Jesus' bride NOW or not? (Ephesians 5)
      - A/ when did the church become Jesus's bride?
        - 1/ crucifixion, resurrection, Pentecost
        - 2/ are marriage suppers conducted at the time of the wedding?
          - a/ or 2000+ years in the future?
      - B/ possible futurist comeback
        - 1/ "bride" of X is merely BETROTHED to Jesus
          - a/ marriage doesn't take place till the millennium
        - 2/ answer
          - a/ in Revelation, John doesn't say the " *betrothal* to the Lamb"
  3. the marriage of the Lamb inaugurates the "age to come"
    - a. Scriptures
      - i. **Hebrews 2:5 (CSBBible)** For he has not subjected to angels the world to come that we are talking about.
        - A. author is speaking of the New Covenant age
          1. it is *Christians* who God has put the world to come in subjection to

D. "given"

1. the good works are the church are from *grace alone*

VI. **Romans 19:9** *Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he [NIV: angel] said to me, "These are the true words of God."*

- A. “he”
  - 1. “voice from the throne” (v5)
    - a. which I think more likely is God
- B. “marriage supper of the Lamb”
  - 1. celebrated in every communion meal of the church
    - a. the central focus of the church’s meetings
      - i. proof
        - A/ **Acts 20:7 (CSBBible)** On the first day of the week, we assembled to break bread. Paul spoke to them, and since he was about to depart the next day, he kept on talking until midnight.
        - B/ *Didache*
          - “But every Lord’s Day do ye gather yourselves together, and break bread...”
  - 2. possible objection
    - a. how can Jesus eat with us if he is not physically present with us?
      - i. Calvin’s spiritual real presence view
        - A/ Jesus is with us spiritually every time we eat the meal
      - ii. elders of Israel on Mt. Sinai ate with God, who is a spirit
        - A/ [get cite]

VII. **Revelation 19:10 NASB** *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 brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”*

- A. “Do not do that”
  - 1. This is repeated in Rev 22:8,9
    - a. **Revelation 22:8-9 (HCSB)** <sup>8</sup> I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow slave with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”
- B. “worship”
  - 1. problem if we take this in the sense of worshipping a god
    - a. John the apostle, receiving a revelation of JC, not likely to do that
    - b. angel didn’t rebuke him for idolatry, which would be natural and logical
  - 2. “proskuneo”
    - a. “the custom of prostrating oneself before a person and kissing his feet, the hem of his garment, the ground, etc.”
      - i. used not only for worship of a god, but also to show reverence due to superiors
        - A/ Rev 3:9 “<sup>9</sup> Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and WORSHIP [PROSKUNEO] before thy [Philadelphians] feet, and to know that I have loved thee.”
        - 1/ obviously, Jesus not going to ask synagogue of Satan to commit idolatry
  - 3. angel is saying John (and all Xns) are on an equal level with angels when it comes to respect in the Kingdom
    - a. ironically, this verse is usually interpreted as saying John is trenching on God’s honor
      - i. when actually, John was trenching on his own honor
    - b. we should think about this the next time we get depressed over how worthless we are

4. “brethren”
  - a. if the “testimony of [about] Jesus” is the Spirit of prophecy...
    - i. and the brethren of John hold the testimony of [about] Jesus...
      - A/ then the brethren also have the spirit of prophecy...
        - 1/ which means they shouldn’t be giving obeisance to an angel
5. Angel says in effect: “get up and worship God, because you have every right to be in his presence, every bit as much as I do.”

VIII. **Revelation 19:11 NASB** *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.*

A. “white horse”

1. symbol of Christ’s victory and dominion
  - a. cf. Scriptures
    - i. **Revelation 6:2 (HCSB)** <sup>2</sup> I looked, and there was a white horse. The horseman on it had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he went out as a victor to conquer.
  - b. not at Second Coming
    - i. John is describing progress of the Gospel throughout the world
      - A/ note the “sharp two-edged sword” in his MOUTH in v15

B. “judges”, “wages war”

1. this is a SPIRITUAL warfare
  - a. although one could argue its waging war against apostate Jerusalem
2. symbols of Jesus’ overwhelming victory as King in the world
  - a. OT passages showing this which futurists don’t get to enjoy
    - i. Ps 72:2 “<sup>2</sup> He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.”
      - A/ David to Solomon as a type of Christ
    - ii. Ps 96:11-13 <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains; <sup>12</sup> Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy <sup>13</sup> Before the LORD, for He is coming; For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, And the peoples in His faithfulness.
    - iii. Isa 11:3-4 “<sup>3</sup> And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: <sup>4</sup> But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his MOUTH, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.”
      - A/ “mouth”
        - 1/ emphasizes idea that Jesus’ reign will be won SPIRITUALLY, by his word
    - iv. Jer 23:5-6 “<sup>5</sup> Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

IX. **Revelation 19:12 NASB** *His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.*

- A. “flame”
  - 1. Rev 1:14 “<sup>14</sup> His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a FLAME of fire;”
  - 2. piercing
    - a. can judge thoughts and intentions of the heart
- B. “diadems”
  - 1. symbol of sovereignty, dominion
- C. “name”
  - 1. “The Word of God”
    - a. cf. v13
  - 2. “King of Kings, Lord of Lords”
    - a. cf. v16
- D. “knows”
  - 1. Chilton: “the NT use of the words for *know* (*ginosko* and *oida*) is influenced by a Hebrew idiom, in which the verb *to know* acquires related meanings: *to acknowledge*, *to acknowledge as one’s own*, and *to own* [cites follow].”
    - a. only Jesus can own the title of “King of Kings, Lord of Lords”
    - b. can’t mean to “not have cognition of”
      - i. we DO know the name: “The Word of God,” “King of Kings, Lord of Lords”

X. **Revelation 19:13 NASB** *He is clothed with a robe dipped in BLOOD, and His name is called The Word of God.*

- A. “blood”
  - 1. two options
    - a. the blood Christ shed for us on the cross
      - i. which fits well with idea that this is the First Advent, not the Second Advent
    - b. the blood of Christ’s slain enemies

XI. **Revelation 19:14 (NASB)** *And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.*

- A. “heaven”
  - 1. the church is seated in heavenly places
- B. “armies”
  - 1. Christ’s church shares dominion
    - a. **Ephesians 2:6 (HCSB)** <sup>6</sup> Together with Christ Jesus He also raised us up and seated us in the heavens,
- C. “clothed in fine linen”
  - 1. saints, not angels

XII. **Revelation 19:15 (NASB)** *From his mouth comes a short 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.*

- A. “mouth,” “sword”
1. compare Rev Scriptures
    - a. **Revelation 1:16 (HCSB)** <sup>16</sup> He had seven stars in His right hand; a sharp double-edged sword came from His mouth, and His face was shining like the sun at midday.
    - b. **Revelation 2:16 (HCSB)** <sup>16</sup> Therefore repent! Otherwise, I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth.
  2. J. Massyngberde Ford, p323
    - a. “prophetic word which is creative and dynamic and brings to pass what it pronounces.”
  3. not meant that Jesus will rule militarily over the nations
    - a. note “mouth”
  4. “rod of iron”
    - a. Ps 2:8,9 “<sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall **BREAK** them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.”
      - i. “break”
 

A/ if Hebrew is revocalized, can be translated as “rule”
    - b. Jesus rules
      - i. **Revelation 12:5 (NASB)** <sup>5</sup> And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.
    - c. the church rules with Jesus
      - i. **Revelation 2:26-27 (NASB)** <sup>26</sup> He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;** <sup>27</sup> **AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES,** as I also have received *authority* from My Father;

- B. “wine press”
1. Isa 63:2,3 “<sup>2</sup> Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press? <sup>3</sup> I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no man with Me. I also trod them in My anger, And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My raiment.”
    - a. speaking of the Messiah
      - i. **Revelation 14:18-20 (HCSB)** Yet another angel, who had authority over fire, came from the altar, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from earth’s vineyard, because its grapes have ripened.” <sup>19</sup> So the angel swung his sickle toward earth and gathered the grapes from earth’s vineyard, and he threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. <sup>20</sup> Then the press was trampled outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press up to the horses’ bridles for about 180 miles.

XIII. **Revelation 19:16 (NASB)** *And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “King of kings and Lord of lords.”*

- A. “thigh”
1. the place where the sword is worn
- B. “name”
1. the ground, not the result, of his coming victory

- C. “King”
  - 1. Christ’s rule will be established universally on this earth
    - a. all nations will be Christianized someday
      - i. it’s only a matter of time

XIV. **Revelation 19:17-18 (NASB)** *“Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God, (v18) so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free man and slaves, and small and great.”*

- A. “midheaven”
  - 1. there an eagle (angel) warned of woe
    - a. **Revelation 8:13 (HCSB)** <sup>13</sup> I looked again and heard an eagle flying high overhead, crying out in a loud voice, “Woe! Woe! Woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining trumpet blasts that the three angels are about to sound!”
  - 2. there an angel invited the peoples of the earth to embrace the Gospel
    - a. **Revelation 14:6 (HCSB)** <sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, having the eternal gospel to announce to the inhabitants of the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people.
  - 3. here, the angel standing in the sun is announcing judgment
  - 4. judgment is the prelude to the spread of the gospel
- B. “eat”
  - 1. basic curse of the covenant is being eaten by birds of prey
    - a. Scriptures
      - i. **Deuteronomy 28:26 (HCSB)** <sup>26</sup> Your corpses will be food for all the birds of the sky and the wild animals of the land, with no one to scare them away.
  - 2. all of God’s enemies are completely removed
    - a. the land is purged from the uncleanness of their dead bodies
- C. “birds”
  - 1. Jesus predicted this great feast for the vultures of the air
    - a. **Matthew 24:28 (HCSB)** Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will gather.
      - i. the carcass is the dead city of Jerusalem/Babylon
- D. “great supper of God”
  - 1. imagery comes from Ezekiel, referring to Israel’s victory over Gog
    - a. **Ezekiel 39:17-20 (HCSB)** “Son of man, this is what the Lord God says: Tell every kind of bird and all the wild animals: Assemble and come! Gather from all around to My sacrificial feast that I am slaughtering for you, a great feast on the mountains of Israel; you will eat flesh and drink blood. <sup>18</sup> You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the earth’s princes: rams, lambs, male goats, and all the fattened bulls of Bashan. <sup>19</sup> You will eat fat until you are satisfied and drink blood until you are drunk, at My sacrificial feast that I have prepared for you. <sup>20</sup> At My table you will eat your fill of horses and riders, of mighty men and all the warriors.” [This is] the declaration of the Lord God. “"And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every kind of bird and to every beast of the field, "Assemble and come, gather from every side to

My sacrifice which I am going to sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. <sup>18</sup> "You shall eat the flesh of mighty men, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as *though they were* rams, lambs, goats, and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. <sup>19</sup> "So you will eat fat until you are glutted, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. <sup>20</sup> "And you will be glutted at My table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war," declares the Lord GOD."

- i. futurists say victory over Gog will be in GT at end of time
  - a. and so, they say, is the "Great Supper of God"

XV. **Revelation 19:19-21 (NASB)** *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. (v20) 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. (v21) 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."*

- A. "beast," "false prophet"
  - 1. both of the church's enemies, Rome and Jerusalem, are utterly judged and destroyed by God
  - 2. "beast"
    - a. "Sea Beast," the RE
  - 3. "False Prophet"
    - a. the Land Beast, apostate Israel
- B. "earth"
  - 1. here, "earth," not "land,"
    - a. because they are associated with the (Sea) Beast, the RE
    - b. contra (DT)
      - i. could be "rulers of the land"
        - A/ Jewish religious leaders just as opposed to Jesus and the church as Romans were
- C. "rest"
  - 1. options
    - a. the "kings of the earth" (Chilton)
    - b. the soldiers as opposed to the leaders (Barnes)(Cambridge)
    - c. the kings and the great and small who had been seduced by the world powers (Ellicott)
  - 2. Chilton
    - a. they aren't thrown in the lake of fire
      - i. rather, the nations are converted (Mounce disagrees)
        - A/ because they killed by the sword in Jesus' MOUTH
        - B/ problem: "why are all the birds filled with their flesh"?
        - 1/ I think Chilton is off-base here
          - a/ seems to be the rulers of the land (Israel) were physically destroyed
  - 3. could be that they went to the Lake of Fire, and John just didn't mention it
    - a. could be assumed, but not stated (DT)