

## **What Happens If We Receive or Refuse Mercy?**

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### ***The Book of Revelation***

- Church History*: The Vision of Jesus and 7 Churches (1-3)
- World History*: The Vision of the Throne and 7 'Birth Pangs' Seals (4-6)
- The Great Tribulation*: The Vision of the 144,000, the Great Multitude and 7 'Fig Tree' Trumpets (7-11)
- The Rapture*: The Vision of the Woman, the Beast from the Sea, the Beast from the Earth, the 144,000 and the Reapers (12-14)
- The Wrath of God*: The Vision of the Fall of Babylon and 7 'Day of the Lord' Bowls (15-18)
- The Second Coming*: The Vision of the Revelation of Jesus and the Final Judgment (19-20)
- Heaven on Earth*: The Vision of the New Heaven and Earth and the Final Invitation (21-22)

### **If We Receive Mercy (1-10)**

#### ***The Worship of the Great Multitude: The Revelation of Justice (1-6)***

- 'After these things' (1) = the seven bowl judgments
- 'great multitude' (1) = the redeemed or angels
- 'His judgments' (2) = the worship of the redeemed is a celebration of the justice of God
- 'elders ... living creatures' (4) = all creation is involved in this worship
- 'a voice came from the throne' = the Lord Jesus is involved in this worship or an unknown speaker
- 'the Almighty reigns' (6) = the worship of the redeemed is ultimately a celebration that Love reigns and will do so without any more opposition

#### ***The Marriage Supper of the Lamb: The Revelation of Joy (7-10)***

- 'the marriage supper of the Lamb' (7) = Love reigns because the Bridegroom is now ready to consummate the marriage
- 'righteous acts of the saints' (8) = the sanctification that always accompanies justification by grace alone or a reference to the gift of righteousness through Christ
- 'those who are invited' (9) = invited and receive the invitation by receiving the Bridegroom
- 'the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy' (10) = the purpose behind the prophetic office is to point to and exalt Jesus the Lord and Savior

## **If We Reject Mercy (11-21)**

### ***The Return of King Jesus: The Revelation of Jesus (11-16)***

- 'a white horse' (11) = symbol of victory
- 'Faithful and True' (11) = dependable
- 'He judges and wages war' (11) = the purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is not redemptive (mercy) but retributive (justice)
- 'His eyes are a flame of fire' (12) = knows all and judges perfectly
- 'on His head are many diadems' (12) = complete sovereignty
- 'name written on Him' (12) = mystery of the divine nature and inability to control Him
- 'clothed with a robe dipped in blood' (13) = allusion to the Cross or the judgment of God's wrath
- 'His name is called The Word of God' (13) = manifestation of God's heart and will and fulfillment of the Scripture
- 'the armies which are in heaven' (14) = redeemed or angels
- 'clothed in fine linen' (14) = holy
- 'following Him on white horses' (14) = also victorious
- 'from His mouth comes a sharp sword' (15) = powerful word of judgment
- 'the wine press of the fierce wrath of God' (15) = crushing judgment
- 'a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords' (16) = absolute sovereignty

### ***The Great Supper of God: The Revelation of Mankind (17-21)***

- 'an angel standing in the sun' (17) = divine messenger
- 'assemble for the great supper of God' (17) = judgment feast (Ezekiel 38-39)
- 'the flesh of all men' (18) = all those left on earth
- 'the beast and the kings of the earth' (19) = evil coalition with the Antichrist at the head and all it represents
- 'the false prophet' (20) = head of the Antichrist's religion and all it represents
- 'the mark of the beast' (20) = mark of worship and allegiance to the Antichrist
- 'worshiped his image' (20) = bowed to the Antichrist's will and religion
- 'the lake of fire' (20) = final and total destruction
- 'the rest were killed' (21) = all of those left in rebellion against God on earth

## **To Show Mercy**

*How should we then live?*

- Good Words*: Proclaiming the Mercy of God in Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:9-21)
- Good Works*: Extending the Mercy of God in Jesus (Romans 12:14-21)