

Revelation 19 MJS

Revelation 19 starts with another time shift. **After these things///Meta Tauta = multiple crowds celebrating**

Verses one through eight we witness an example of heavenly worship and exaltation. Remember that **Alleluia** means, you praise the Lord. It is a command telling everyone to praise the Lord. **Why? Because the long waited Y'shua HaMeshiak is returning.** Now. The wait is over. Why the celebration?

This is a great example of **Matthew 16:19** **Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.** There is a connection between what happens on earth and what happens in heaven and vice versa. **Babylon has fallen forever on earth.** That has a shared effect in heaven. It boils down to God's judgement being good.

Why is God's judgement good? When God judges evil, true good can come. Dr Baruch from Torah class says the blessings of God come out of His judgment.

When we look at things from a heavenly perspective we see that judgment is good. This is what the beings in heaven say from their perspective. **Salvation is coming because of judgment.** There is an aspect of healing here because no real and good life can happen as long as evil persists and exists.

19 After these things I ^[a]heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to ^[b]the Lord our God! ² For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has

avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her.”³ Again they said, “Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!”

In Chapter 18 the physical and spiritual Babylon has fallen and been destroyed. The impact of this in heaven is clear. And the celebration is, yes, at the **destruction of evil**, and, yes, because the martyrs have been avenged, but also because, **now, the bride and the groom can get married**. This is a big deal.

The first celebration is of a **great multitude reflecting on God’s just judgment upon Babylon. Their focus is on the end of this evil and the reminder that she will never return. Her smoke rises up forever**. There is no chance of her coming back. The smoke rising up forever tells us God’s judgement is final. It is forever. It is complete.

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, “Amen! Alleluia!”⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both^[c] small and great!”

Then the twenty four elders and four living creatures do what they always do. Even though they have thrones and they have a high position in heaven they do something humble. They fall down and worship God. They encourage all to worship God and say praise the Lord. **No one is exempt. Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**.

Then there is this next multitude. They are focused on the marriage of the Lamb to His wife.

The twenty four elders are elders because they are wise. They are chosen for their wisdom. **The wisest thing for them to do is**

praise God who sits on the throne. The throne is very important because the throne is the place from which the king judges.

They proclaim the word **Amen**. That means truth, from emeth. **God only speaks truth. So be it, let it be, it is true. Hallelujah!** Praise the Lord. In their wisdom they encourage all creation to praise God because His rule, His judgements, are good and true. Everything made, both great and small, is made to serve God. *The heavenly beings are all God's servants. Those who rebelled were cast out. Only the righteous are left and they praise and serve Him because they "fear" Him. In short fearing God makes Him the highest priority in your life.*

⁶ And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the^[d] Lord God Omnipotent reigns! ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

This great multitude says that the Lord God Omnipotent reigns. The Hebrew equivalent **is the Lord of Hosts. He is the Lord of armies. He is the lord almighty.** When Jesus came the first time, He came as a redeemer, but Philippians 2 says that because of what Jesus did the first time, God gives Him all power and authority. He is the Lord of Hosts. *Remember, a lot of this shows up in the Torah in Genesis and Exodus. In Exodus at the Red Sea and God judges the Egyptians and Moses tells them to watch. He is referred to then as a man of war. He is the Lord of Hosts.*

This is also about the marriage feast. **So, Y'shua is both the Lord of Hosts and the Lamb of God. This word for Lamb is the**

Passover Lamb. Y'shua is both judge and redeemer. It is only because of redemption that we have a place at this marriage feast. Think of the Wedding at Cana. He turns water into wine. **He turns judgement to joy.**

You can see that the bride is not a woman but that Christ's bride is the church who was made clean and bright by the groom. *Y'shua sanctifies the bride. Remember that God divorced Israel. She was not clean. She wasn't ready. But Y'shua gave His life in order for God to remarry His bride. This bride is not only the Christian Church. But this is Israel, sanctified by the blood of the Lamb, so that God can remarry His bride, Israel and through Israel, through the Jews, the church.*

The fine linen and righteous acts of the saints is sanctification.

Dr. Baruch reminds us that we know someone isn't ready to give their lives to Christ when they hear about grace and say, does that mean I can do anything I want and still be saved. That is a reflection of what is in their hearts. The saints are called the saints because they realized they needed redemption and Y'shua redeemed them. They wanted to live in yetzer tov, the good inclination, and not yetzer harah, the evil inclination and Y'shua gave them the Holy Spirit, they wanted to be sanctified and righteous and instead of committing idolatry or even adultery against God in sin, expecting cheap grace, they received grace upon grace and repented, changing their lives by His power, and giving themselves over completely to Him. That is the goal of every disciple of Y'shua, to be like Y'shua because we love Him.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."¹⁰ And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow

servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

It is only by the blood of the Lamb that the marriage can happen. **The feast is for those who are invited.** Those who are brought in are called. This blessedness is by invitation. **Once we receive the invitation the task of inviting is ours. We need to be inviters of others to this feast. All of this is true. Everything God says is true.**

Ok, Yochanan gets caught up in all he's seeing and he falls down and worships the angel. We know the angel is not Jesus. He tells him not to do that. **He says that he is a servant who has the testimony of Jesus. That is the life of a servant of Y'shua.** We are the ones who have testimony. We are the ones that say how great Y'shua is. **Our testimony is worship of God. Once the Spirit of God is in you, you can worship God by giving testimony.** *God is a speaker and a speaker of truth. We need to be speakers of God's truth. When we speak God's truth, His word, forth, we prophecy.*

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

This is a white horse, not a pale horse. It is not the counterfeit false messiah from before. This is the Faithful and True messiah. This is what is called the second Advent. This first Advent was about redemption. The second Advent is for judgment and war. There is no covenant barrier with anyone on earth. He can wage war against evil, destroy the weeds, because there is no wheat to hurt.

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He ^[e]had a name written that no one knew except

Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

This is a reminder that He is God almighty. He wears all the crowns really. He has a name no one knows. He is wearing, maybe better than a robe, a prayer shawl, tallit, dipped in blood. **Why the blood?** He is the Passover lamb, he is also the warrior king. There is a battle ahead and there will be blood. **His name is the Word of God. He is God. There is no counterfeit. His name is the Word of God because He knows the mind of God because He is God.**

¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in [f] fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a [g] sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Remember that nations is goyim. It means that these are nations with no covenant relationship with God.

Y'shua rules with a rod of iron. It means He does not tolerate sin. He is not a tyrant, but He rules with order and righteousness. He rules with God's character. Y'shua, as a man, lived by the same rule. When Jesus comes again, He comes in judgement and righteousness.

The blood on His garments is not only redeeming, but when you do battle blood gets on your garments.

¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

**KING OF KINGS AND
LORD OF LORDS.**

In Biblical times the thigh was the thing you grabbed when you made a deal. We shake on it. They grabbed the thigh. This means

that Y'shua is completing all of His prophecies. What He says He will do is coming to pass. **His name is written there to proclaim who He is and why He has come.**

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the ^[h]supper of the great God, **18** that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, ^[i]free and slave, both small and great."

The birds here are vultures and birds of prey, carrion birds. When vultures eat dead bodies it is shameful, but it is a cleansing of the earth from the rotting flesh. **The birds will eat the rotting flesh and clean the earth of their wickedness.** *God is not a respecter of persons. The only way anyone can escape this judgment is through repentance and becoming a child of God through the blood covenant Jesus made for us with God. Wicked is wicked, slave or king, small and great. Wickedness has to be destroyed so Y'shua can make all things new.*

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. **20** Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

The beast and the false prophet were cast into the lake of fire, alive. They will be given resurrected bodies like everyone else and they will stay alive in the lake of fire.

The rest were killed with the sword. What does the Bible say the sword is? It is the word of God. It is the gospel. They were killed by it because they rejected it. The words of life came from the mouth of Y'shua. He offered life freely, but when we reject the words of life, the words are a sword that kill us because we choose sin and death over life. We choose flesh which is what the death birds feed on. **From a Jewish perspective circumcision is the death of flesh.** It is the death of carnal nature. Moses failed to circumcise his son and God wanted to kill him. Death came for him. His wife reminded him that he was in a blood covenant with God, she circumcised their son with a sharp stone, poor kid. **But circumcision is a reminder of the death of the flesh the way baptism reminds us that our flesh died with Jesus and we rise into a new life with Him by the breath of life, the Holy Spirit that lives in our redeemed and sanctified bodies.**

Do we receive the good news or die by it? Do we circumcise the heart through surrender to Y'shua and the sanctification His blood made for us or do we live in the flesh and reject the gospel? There will be one judgment and that's what it boils down to.

The letter for chapter 19 is kopf. Numerical value is 100. It means holiness, cycles of growth, judgement at the end of the cycle of life. The last few verses of 19 are what this letter is all about. God gives the potential for holiness through messiah. The second coming is the time of judgement. Yahweh's holiness and covenant loyalty is summed up by chapter 19 because the time for evil is at an end. The reign of messiah is about to begin. It is all about sanctification, holiness, and judgment.