

"The Return of Jesus Christ"

Part 1

Revelation 19

**Introduction:** Today in our study of Revelation we have arrived at the Pinnacle of the Book. It is in this chapter that we shall see the return of Jesus Christ to the earth to set up His Kingdom.

Now let me just make it clear that the return of Jesus Christ in this chapter is not the same event as the Rapture.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

<sup>14</sup> *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

<sup>15</sup> *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

<sup>16</sup> *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first:***

<sup>17</sup> ***Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.***

This is the Rapture and when this event happens Jesus will return in the air to catch away all those who are True believers and we will be in heaven for 7 years. We will look much closer at this event and the 7 years in heaven next week. Now the Rapture happens before the Tribulation and it is imminent which means it is a SIGNLESS EVENT and it can happen at any time.

The event which we shall see in Revelation 19 will happen at the end of the Great Tribulation immediately after the Bowl Judgments.

**Matthew 24:27-31**

<sup>27</sup> *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

<sup>28</sup> *For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.*

<sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

<sup>30</sup> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

<sup>31</sup> And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The darkness here in verse 29 is the result of the 5<sup>th</sup> Bowl Judgment.

### Revelation 16:10

<sup>10</sup> And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

Now, it was my desire as we approached this chapter to get right to Revelation 19:7 but the more I read the opening verses the more I began to see the need to look closely at what is happening in Revelation 19:1-6.

Now before we step into the verses before us we need to go back in the book of Revelation to something which we looked at earlier to refresh our memories.

### Revelation 5:1-4

*And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*

<sup>2</sup> *And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

<sup>3</sup> *And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.*

<sup>4</sup> *And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*

<sup>5</sup> *And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

<sup>6</sup> *And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*

<sup>7</sup> *And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.*

Only Jesus Christ was able to open the little BOOK and loosen the seals thereon. This BOOK as we talked about back in Revelation 5 is the TITLE DEED TO THE EARTH. The Seals contain the judgments that will purge this earth and the fact that Jesus takes the BOOK shows that the earth will be restored to its original Owner.

This is exactly what is about to happen in Revelation 19 and in anticipation of this TRANSFER of POSSESSION praise will break out in heaven. It is this PRAISE that we are going to consider today.

God is praised in these verses for 5 reasons.

#### I. God is Praised for Salvation

##### Notice Revelation 19:1

The word "Alleluia" is used only here in the New Testament and it is used 4 times. The word means, "PRAISE THE LORD". It is like this word has been reserved for what is about to unfold in this chapter. Let me show you where this word is used the first time in the Old Testament.

##### Psalm 104:35

<sup>35</sup> *Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. **Praise ye the LORD.***

It is interesting that the first use of the word is connected with the judgment of sinners and so it is also in Revelation 19.

##### Notice Revelation 19:1 again.

The "MUCH PEOPLE" here are the saints who are in heaven. This is the very same multitude we were introduced to in Revelation 7 who were martyred in the Tribulation.

##### Revelation 7:9-10

<sup>9</sup> *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*

<sup>10</sup> *And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*

Here they are crying for God's salvation. Salvation means "DELIVERANCE" but it is not their personal salvation they are crying out for because they have been saved and are in heaven. They are crying for the salvation which they are praising God for in Revelation 19 and it is the salvation of the earth and all of CREATION.

**Romans 8:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

<sup>20</sup> *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

<sup>21</sup> **Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

Let me tell you what this Alleluia in Revelation 19:1 is all about. The Judgments are finished and there is one more event to complete the purging of the earth and that is Armageddon. The souls in heaven can anticipate the end and they know what is coming and that is the KINGDOM of Jesus Christ and the salvation of the creation. That means that when Christ sets up the Kingdom the earth will be forever changed. Let me show a few of the changes that are coming.

1. **The Curse will be removed.**

**Isaiah 11:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

<sup>7</sup> *And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

<sup>8</sup> *And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.*

<sup>9</sup> *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Before sin entered in the world there was perfect harmony between the animals and between man and animals. When sin and the curse came that was all taken away. But in the

Kingdom when the earth is restored and delivered from the curse it will go back to the way it was.

**Isaiah 65:25**

*<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

- a. **New water supplies will be provided, and deserts will grow vegetation.**

**Isaiah 41:18-19**

*<sup>18</sup> I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.*

*<sup>19</sup> I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:*

**Isaiah 35:6-7**

*<sup>6</sup> Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.*

*<sup>7</sup> And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.*

**Isaiah 43:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*

*<sup>20</sup> The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.*

- b. **Sickness removed.**

**Jeremiah 30:17**

*<sup>17</sup> For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.*

**Isaiah 33:24a**

*<sup>24</sup> And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick:*

**Isaiah 35:6a**

<sup>6</sup> *Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing:*

c. **Death removed.**

**Isaiah 65:20**

<sup>20</sup> *There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old;*

II. **God is Praised for Judgment.**

**Notice Revelation 19:2-3**

The saints in heaven are aware through the different announcements that RELIGIOUS and COMMERCIAL BABYLON have both been destroyed and the reference to the smoke rising up forever means that neither of these systems will ever exist again.

Now let me tell you what that means.

1. **In the Kingdom there will be perfect justice.**

**Jeremiah 23:5**

<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.*

**Isaiah 65:21-23**

<sup>21</sup> *And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.*

<sup>22</sup> *They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

<sup>23</sup> *They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.*

**The rich will not oppress the poor and no one will be taken advantage of.**

2. **In the Kingdom there will be a perfect economy.**

**Zechariah 8:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> *But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*<sup>12</sup> For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.*

**Ezekiel 36:29-30**

*<sup>29</sup> I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.*

*<sup>30</sup> And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.*

**Joel 2:21-27**

*<sup>1</sup> Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.*

*<sup>22</sup> Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.*

*<sup>23</sup> Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.*

*<sup>24</sup> And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.*

*<sup>25</sup> And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.*

*<sup>26</sup> And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.*

*<sup>27</sup> And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.*

**III. God is Praised because He Reigns.**

**Notice Revelation 19:4-6**

When the Kingdom is established there will never again be a corrupt ruler. Jesus Christ will reign over all the earth and He will reign in perfect justice and judgment. The world goes from a Satanic dictatorship to a Theocracy.

**Conclusion:**

This is why the saints of heaven praise the Lord. This is the day all of God's people have been longing for.