

"The Return of Jesus Christ"

Part 6

Revelation 19

**Introduction:** Many people see God as a loving all forgiving God. He is a loving and a forgiving God but in order to experience the forgiveness of God you must come to God on His terms. While God is a loving God that is willing to forgive sin, He is also a righteous and a Holy God who will not ignore sin. He demands that all sin must be paid. Right now, we live in what is known as the Age of Grace and it is in this Age that God is extending His patience and His longsuffering toward those who are opposed to Him because He desires to see every person saved.

**2 Peter 3:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

<sup>8</sup> *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

<sup>9</sup> *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

**Ezekiel 33:11**

<sup>11</sup> *Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*

In this Age which we live in God has reached out in many ways.

He has provided us with His Word, He has sent out missionaries, He has sent out Pastors and teachers, He has allowed the use of Television, radio and now the internet to communicate the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God NEVER desired man to die in his sins and go to hell.

**Matthew 25:41**

<sup>41</sup> *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*

Hell was made for the Devil and his angels it was not made for man.

But while God does love all people and He gave His Son to die for the sins of everyone, and while we are in the Age of Grace and we see the longsuffering and the patience of God, there is coming a day when GRACE, LONGSUFFERING, and PATIENCE will all come to an end. Listen to the words of one writer:

*"When our Lord was on earth the first time, He told His disciples of a great feast to which all men were bidden to come freely. Love set the table and compassion was there to serve. Grace sat as host and joy poured the wine. For almost two thousand years, the Lord has sent out His servants, crying the invitation to one and all, and for almost two thousand years, men for the most part have flouted the love that invited them and despised the grace that pleaded with them. Still, they bring forth the flimsy excuses of a newly married wife, of an unseen field, of an unproven yoke of oxen, still the carnal mind thus proves itself at enmity against God. The Lord is the God of patience, but patience will not be mocked forever. The day of wrath must come. And those who have refused the call of grace to the banquet of love must be themselves the victims at another great supper, where their flesh will be picked clean by the fowls of the air."*

God has warned us about this in His Word. God always gives a warning before His judgment falls. Before the flood of Noah's day there were many warnings given to the people.

#### **2 Peter 2:5**

*<sup>5</sup> And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

While Noah built the ark he also preached of the coming judgment and the need for people to repent. This was a warning from God. Then there were the animals which came on their own in pairs and entered the ark. This too was a warning from God.

Now let us get to our day today. God has given many warnings that there is coming a GLOBAL JUDGMENT. The book of Revelation makes it very clear and God has moved the heart of Pastors to proclaim the Truth of the book of Revelation. After the Rapture of the church God is going to continue to extend His grace as He will send out the two witnesses which we looked at in Revelation 11. They will perform many miracles to prove they are sent from God and all the while they are preaching there will be the SEAL, the TRUMPET, and the VIAL JUDGMENTS and these will all be warnings to the unsaved. Then there will be the 144,000 Jewish men who will be commissioned as missionaries to proclaim the Gospel. Then there will be the angel that flies over the earth who delivers a message of warning.

#### **Revelation 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

<sup>7</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

This is longsuffering and grace and patience, but it will all come to an end. It will come to an end when Jesus returns at the end of the Great Tribulation. When the skies break open for His return grace will be over. Last week we looked at Jesus return and the apparel He will wear when He returns.

### Notice Revelation 19:13, 15

He will be wearing the executioner's garment and He will be wielding the sword. When He returns He will engage in the campaign of Armageddon immediately as the earth dwellers gather to engage in war with Jesus Christ. The earth dwellers will have despised His grace and His patience. They will have killed His two witnesses as well as an innumerable number of believers. When He returns He will return to repay and to carry out His vengeance upon those who suppressed His grace.

This is what we are going to see today.

## I. The Invitation

### Notice Revelation 19:17

This is the second SUPPER we read about in this chapter.

### Revelation 19:9

<sup>9</sup> 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.

Here in Revelation 19:17 we see the SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD. But it is not people who are invited to this SUPPER, but it is the fowls of the air. Normally it is man who feeds upon the animals but here it will be the animals who feed upon man. Those who make up the meal for the birds will be people who have rejected God and His offer of salvation as well as His Word. This reminds me of the warning which God gave to Israel in Joel 3.

### Joel 3:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

*13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.*

*14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*

*15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.*

*16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.*

Let me show you the Words Jesus spoke to His disciples.

**Luke 17:34-37**

*34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.*

*35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

*36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

*37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.*

Jesus statement pointed back to the book of Job.

**Job 39:27-30**

*27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?*

*28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.*

*29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.*

*30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.*

Getting back to the point, it will be the birds of the air which will be invited to this SUPPER.

**II. The Meal**

**Notice Revelation 19:18**

These are the earth dwellers and they are made up of political leaders, power people, slaves, free men, rich men and poor men. This army will consist of all kinds of people.

**Notice Revelation 19:19**

Here we see the BEAST who is the Anti-Christ and his armies, and they are gathered to fight against Jesus Christ in all His glory. These armies are gathered by the demonic spirits we looked at in Revelation 16.

**Revelation 16:13-14**

*<sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

*<sup>14</sup> For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

Now when I look at Revelation 19:19 I am really amazed that these people would believe they can actually fight against the Glorified Christ and defeat Him. But then I am reminded of what Paul wrote in 2 Thessalonians.

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12**

*<sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

*<sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*<sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

*<sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

These earth dwellers are those who receive the strong delusion because they have rejected the offers of God through the two witnesses, the 144,000 and the angel that proclaims the Gospel. For this reason, they are sent a strong delusion. They follow the Anti-Christ and are deceived into believing they can stop the return of Jesus Christ.

Let us also remember they are under the influence of the 3 demonic spirits who have come out of the Satanic trinity.

**Application:**

I need to just pause here for a moment and use this to remind you of two points:

1. The danger of an unbeliever suppressing the Truth of God's Word.

To reject the Truth which God has permitted you to hear can be extremely dangerous. As we have looked at many times in Romans 1 we know that to reject the Truth of God brings you under the wrath of God.

**Romans 1:18-22**

*<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

*<sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*

*<sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

*<sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

*<sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

To suppress the Truth of God takes you deeper and deeper into the spiritual darkness.

**2. The power of the demonic world.**

We live in a world of darkness and evil and both are increasing at a rapid pace. If you have young children, you need to be very protective. It is not the same today as it was 5-10-15 years ago. It is much more dangerous spiritually speaking today. There is the influence of the internet, books, and other people your children come in contact with. You need to be on high alert. Don't be afraid to speak out at the school or anywhere else. Evil must be confronted and you that are parents have the responsibility to protect the minds and the hearts of your children.

**III. The Victory**

**Notice Revelation 19:20**

Here we see the Beast and the False Prophet are thrown alive into the Lake of Fire. This is very interesting because when we get to chapter 20 we will see that all the unsaved will stand before God and be judged and then cast into the Lake of Fire. But here we see that these two men are cast into the Lake of Fire before the Great White Throne Judgment. This is where these men will remain.

Listen to the words of Garland;

*"Rather than being killed, they become the only two individuals in history to be cast alive directly into the Lake of Fire. Their responsibility as leaders of the great opposition to God in the Tribulation results in their being denied access to stand at the Great White Throne Judgment. This may indicate their torment differs from that of the rest of the unsaved, which is by degrees based on their works. The Beast and False Prophet appear to receive unmitigated torment."*

Now let me just say that this is not annihilation nor is it a place of purgatorial cleansing. It is a place of torment and that torment will last for all eternity.

### **Revelation 20:10**

*<sup>10</sup> And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

This verse takes place 1000 years after the Beast and the False Prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire and 1000 years later they are still there, and they are still in torments. Today there is not one person in the Lake of Fire. It will be populated in the future.

- 1. The Beast and the False Prophet are cast alive into the Lake of Fire at the Second Coming of Christ.**
- 2. The devil is cast into the Lake of Fire at the end of the Millennial Kingdom.**
- 3. After the Millennial Kingdom and the Great White Throne Judgment, the unsaved dead, who are not written in the Book of Life, are cast into the Lake of Fire.**

### **Notice Revelation 19:21**

This is the tremendous slaughter we looked at in Revelation 14.

### **Revelation 14:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.*

*<sup>20</sup> And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

This will be a river of blood about 180 miles long and 4.5 feet deep.

### **Conclusion:**

This is the God that you will face some day.

### **Deuteronomy 32:40-43**

<sup>40</sup> For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

<sup>41</sup> If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

<sup>42</sup> I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

<sup>43</sup> Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

**Isaiah 34:1-3**

*Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.*

<sup>2</sup> *For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.*

<sup>3</sup> *Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.*

I will end with the words of Seiss;

*"People may indulge their unbelief and passions during these days of forbearance and grace, and see no disadvantages growing out of it. They may be angry at our earnestness, and account us croakers and fools when we put before them the demands and threatenings of the Almighty. But "woe to him that striveth with his Maker!" There is a deluge of bottled fury yet to be poured out on them that refuse to know God, and on the families that call not on his name, from which there is no escape, and from whose burning and tempestuous surges there is no deliverance. God help us to be wise, that we come not into that sea of death!"*