

- 10] Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?
 11] And he said unto me, To build her a house in the land of Shinar: and when it is prepared, she shall be set there in her own place.

The “Fifth Horseman”: Revelation 19:11-16

- 11] And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
 12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
 13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Not *His* blood: of His enemies: Isaiah 63...

- 14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
 15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth
 16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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Read Chapter 19. Review your notes on the ancient Jewish Wedding.

The Book of Revelation Session 22: Return of the King Revelation Chapter 19

The Restrainer

The Restrainer may be “restraining” far more than we have any idea! There will be strange things unleashed—some may already have begun, but are restrained until the Body of Christ has been removed from the scene...

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Revelation 19: The Return of the King

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:31-33

Do we take this promise seriously? The throne of David did not exist then. And it hasn't since. Has this promise been fulfilled yet? Will it be fulfilled in the future? What does it really mean?

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- God promised David a royal dynasty (Isa 7:13).
- An eternal throne (2 Sam 7:13, 16, 19; 1 Chr 17:12; 22:10; Isa 55:3; Ezek 37:25).
- A political kingdom (Gen 17:2-8).
- It was even confirmed by oath (Ps 132:11; 89:3, 4, 34).
- This cannot be applied to the Church (Ezek 37:21-28).
- It was this future throne that was recognized by the First Church Council in Acts 15 (Acts 15:16-18, quoting Amos 9:11-12. Cf. Jer 30:7, 11, 18).

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jude 1:14,15

The oldest prophecy uttered by a prophet: *before the Flood of Noah!*

- 1] And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

Meta tauta: (4X) 4:1, 7:1, 18:1; 19:1. “After the Church things...”
Alleluia is the Greek form of the Hebrew *Hallelujah*: (4X) only occurrences in NT are here in Revelation = “Praise Yahweh.” It occurs 24X in Psalms (Ps 146-150). First use: 1 Chr 16:4 (Hebrew) to celebrate the ark of God in the midst of Zion. Sung for three reasons: God has judged His enemies (19:1-4); God is reigning (19:5-6); The Bride is ready (19:7-10). Rom 8:18-23!

- 2] For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

The Dragon Lady again. “Rejoice over her” was commanded when she fell (18:20). This section is a response to that command. [Believers are forbidden to avenge themselves (Rom 12:19).]

- 3] And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
- “...for ever and ever”: That’s a long time. God’s throne and altar are related to His *judgments*; cf. v.3 with Rev 14:10-11; v.4 with Rev 5:6-10.
- 4] And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

This is the last appearance of the 24 elders. They apparently become the Bride. The unique “Amen” speaks volumes: “verily, verily...”

- 5] And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Revelation, indeed, is the book of the throne (Psalm 110:1).

- 6] And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
- 7] Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
- 8] And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Granted, not earned (cf. Ps 45).

- 9] 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.

Fourth of seven “beatitudes.”

The Bride?

Is it Israel? “Wife of Yahweh” (Isa 54:1,4); Harlot (Ezek 16:35).

Hosea’s Object Lessons (Hos 2:14-23): Wife from whoredoms; gifts to lovers to prevent want; bought at slave market: Hosea was to love her anyway.

Israel: Idolatrous Wife

Hosea’s three children: *Jezreel* (cast away; sowed for later harvest); *Lo-Ruhamah* (unpitied; without mercy, cf. Hos 1:6) and *Lo-Ammi* (not my people vs. Rom 11:1). But not permanently cast away: Hos 1:11,2:23; Rom 9,10,11; Zech 12:10; Isa 62:5.

But the names of the children were changed (Hos 2:1, 14,15). Israel will not be cast away forever (Rom 11:1). Paul, in his definitive statement of doctrine called the Epistle to the Romans, spends three chapters hammering away on the theme that Israel is not cast away forever, but will be the path of blessing (Rom 11:11,12,15). Israel appears 73 times in the New Testament—each time referring to national Israel.

Strange Contrast

- Mystery Babylon: “She saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.” (Rev 18:7)
- Israel: “Divorced” (Isa 54:4-9; Jer 3:8,14; Hos 2:14-19) and “Widowed” (Lam 1:1; Isa 54:4). The High Priest is forbidden to marry a divorced or widowed woman! (Lev 21:10,13,14).

The Bride

- The Church 2 Cor 11:2
- Chaste virgin Eph 5:22-3
- Jesus is the Bridegroom John 3:22

The Church is described as the virgin waiting for her bridegroom’s coming (2 Cor 11:2; also, Eph 5:22-23). The Church is “engaged” to Him even though we have not seen Him (1 Pet 1:8). One day He will return to take His bride to heaven (Jn 14:1-6; 1 Thess 4:13-18).

The Jewish Wedding

- **The Ketubah, Betrothal:** • Betrothal (*shiddukhin*): the prospective groom’s traveling from his father’s house to the home of the prospective bride, paying the purchase price, and thus establishing the marriage covenant (*ketubah*). Usually arranged by the parents. Binding and could only be broken by a form of divorce. Any unfaithfulness during the engagement was considered adultery.
- **Bridegroom departs to Father’s House:** The groom returns to his father’s house and remained separate from his bride, during which

time he prepared the living accommodations for his bride in his father's house; the groom comes for his bride at a time not known exactly to her; she lived in expectation until he surprises her on his return.

- **Surprise gathering:** His return with her to the groom's father's house for the *huppah* (wedding ceremony), to consummate the marriage and to celebrate the wedding feast for the next seven days (during which the bride remained closeted in her bridal chamber).

The Marriage Fulfilled

- Covenant established: 1 Cor 11:25
- Purchase price: 1 Cor 6:19-20
- Bride set apart: Eph 5:25-27; 1 Cor 1:2; 6:11; Heb 10:10; 13:12
- Reminded of the covenant: 1 Cor 11:25-26
- Bridegroom left for the Father's house...
- Escort to accompany Him upon His return to gather His Bride: 1 Thess 4:16-17

And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

Luke 22:15-18; Cf. Mk 14:25; Mt 26:29

- Bridegroom: Mt 9:15; 22:1-13; 2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:23-32
- John the Baptist (Friend of Bridegroom, not the Bride): Jn 3:29; Lk 16:16; Mt 11:11-13
- Banquet: Isa 25:6-10; 26:1-4, 19; cf. Lk 22:15, 16; Mt 26:39
- Bride enjoys a unique relationship: cf. Jn 17:23-26

[Virgins of Mt 25:1-13 are not the bride.] Many scholars suggest that the Old Testament saints apparently are not in view. [Some see this differently: they see Israel and the Church *combined* here. Israel is also figured in Hos 2:14-23; Isa 62:5. There are some outstanding scholars (Barnhouse, et al.) who suggest that both are in view. They certainly appear to be combined ultimately in the New Jerusalem in Chapters 21 and 22.]

- 10] And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it not*: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

"Hora me": two staccato words in the Greek. This angel was not about to be ensnared as was Lucifer in Isa 14. Worshipping angels was wrong (Col 2:18) and John knew this. The angel was only a servant of God (Heb 1:14) and we do not worship servants (Acts 10:25-26). John was overwhelmed; and he even repeats this later (22:8-9)!

Jesus permits worship: Simon Peter (Lk 5:8); Thomas (Jn 20:28); and Joshua (Josh 5:13-15), etc.

"The volume of the book is written of me." Psalm 40:7.

- 11] And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Heaven opened; (as at His baptism). His enemies know He is coming; Rev 12:12; Mt 24:29-30; 26:64; Under Oath! Acts 1:11; 2 Thess 1:7-10. Distinct from the first horseman of Rev 6. Here He is not coming *in the air* to take His people home (1 Thess 4:13-18), but *to the earth* with His people, to conquer His enemies and establish His kingdom.

"Faithful and True": (1:5, 3:7, and to the last of the seven churches, Isaiah 3:14).

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God...

Isaiah 61:1-2

Jesus, reading at the synagogue at Nazareth (Luke 4:10-21), stopped at this comma, and declared, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." ***He now is completing this mandate.***

- 12] His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
- 13] And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Diadems, not *stephanos*. He has many sovereignties (cf. Mt 28:18; Lk 19:12). Note emphasis on His names (vv. 11-13, 16); "Secret name" same as "new name" in 3:12? **Matthew**: King of Kings **Mark**: Faithful and True **John**: The Word of God **Luke**: Son of Man.

Vesture *sprinkled* (not "dipped") in blood (A.T. Robertson correction): Isa 63:1-4; Rev 14:20.

Review of Chapter 14

- Lamb on Zion & 144,000 Commandos.
- Seven Angels.
 - 1st Angel: With the Eternal Gospel.
 - 2nd Angel: The Doom of Babylon.
 - 3rd Angel: Fury on Beast Worshippers.
 - (4th Angel?) Voice: Righteous Dead.
 - 5th Angel
 - 6th Angel
 - 7th Angel

Call for Grape Harvest

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.

Revelation 14:20

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

Isaiah 63:1-6

- 14] And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

He leaves heaven to come to the earth for the last battle... He warned them of this while under oath before the high priest (Mt 26:64). At Pentecost, Peter also referred to this day (Acts 2:19, 20).

“Armies”: Jude 14; Zech 14:5. Angels are with Him (Mt 13:41; 25:31; 2 Thess 1:7); but also *we* are with Him (1 Thess 3:13; 2 Thess 1:10; Heb 2:10; Col 3:4; Zech 14:5).

- 15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

“Sword”: Isa 11:4; 2 Thess 2:8; Heb 4:12; Eph 6:17; Rev 1:16; 2:16; 19:15, 21. Also, Ps 149:6; Isa 49:2. The Word is “living and powerful” (Heb 4:12); fulfills His purposes on earth (Rev 17:7; 6:11; 10:7; 15:1). Enemies are consumed with the spirit of His mouth (2 Thess 2:8; Isa 11:4).

“Rod of Iron”: Ps 2:9; Rev 2:27; 12:5 & here. “When I begin I will also make an end” (1 Sam 3:12).

- Not the Rapture, but the Revelation!
- Not in the air, but to the earth!
- Not FOR the saints, but WITH the saints!
- Not to comfort, but to conquer!
- Not to protect us in heaven but to rule with us on earth!

- 16] And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Gen 24:2, 9; 32:25, 31, 32; 47:29; cf. Dan 2:47; Deut 10:17; 1 Tim 6:15.

- 17] And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
- 18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great.

[There are *two* “suppers”: let’s not get them confused!] Lk 17:37; Mt 24:28. “Flesh” occurs 6X in this paragraph (v.18..21); cf. Rev 14:14-20; 16:13-16; Ezek 39:17-20?

- 19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Bizarre: knowingly making war against God! (Ps 2:1-9). The “battle” is the laughter of God against man’s arrogance. Headquartered in Palestine (Dan 11:45), the Coming World Leader will go forth in great fury (Dan 11:44; Joel 2; Daniel 11; Isaiah 24). A great motorized army (Nahum 3:2), arrayed in red (!) (Nahum 2:3) will swing into the area. Prerequisite to the Second Coming: a petition by the remnant, taking refuge in the east: Hos 5:15, et al. (Re: Fruchtenbaum) ... There is not the slightest mention of any struggle... 2 Thess 2:8.

Psalm 2 records a conversation among the Trinity! Laughing at the arrogance of the kings of the earth who are taking up arms against God!!?

20] And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

They are still there 1000 years later (Rev 20:10). Two are cast alive into Gehenna [vs. two (Moses & Elijah) taken alive into Heaven (Ch. 11).]

21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Note: there is no resurrection here. The rapture has already occurred. The “Second Resurrection” occurs 1,000 years later. Unbelievers, when they die, go to Hades, the unseen world, the (temporary) realm of the dead. Believers go immediately into the presence of the Lord (Phil 1:19-23; 2 Cor 5:6-8). Hades will be emptied of its dead in Rev 20:13.

Jesus now takes the throne upon the earth—the Throne of David (Isa 9:6, 7; Lk 1:32, 3).

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zechariah 14:2-4

Next Session

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The Book of Revelation Session 23: The Millennium Revelation Chapter 20

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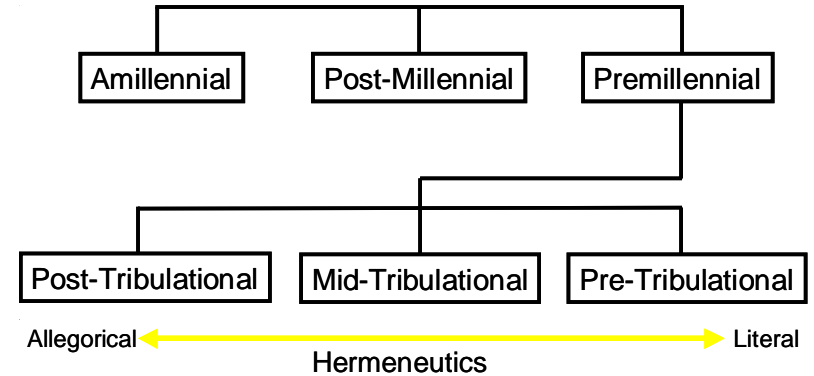
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Millennium: from Latin, *mille* (1000) and *annum* (year). Also, *chiliasm*, from the Greek, which is the way the early church spoke of it.

Eschatology



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