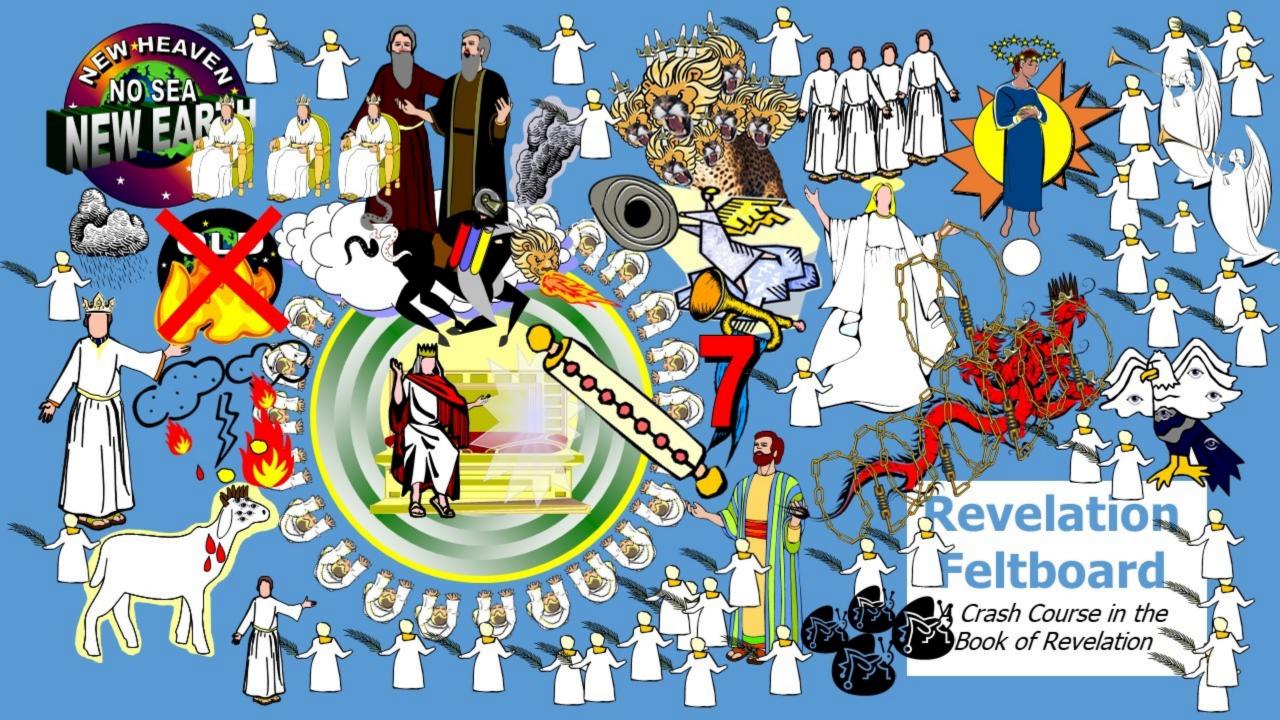


Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto, I'olam va'ed

Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God The LORD is One. Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom for ever and ever.



Return of Messiah His Wife Accompanies Him Destruction of Evil A Bird Feast

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- Culmination of entire book.
- <u>Heaven celebrates</u> destruction of harlot, wedding of the Lamb, and God's reign at last. Huge contrast to what came before.
- A wedding, return of a glorified triumphant King of Kings to the earth, abrupt end of Armageddon, and a huge bird feast.
- Evil **destroyed** in this chapter.
- Now time for fulfillment of the ages, completion of God's plan, time of celebration and rejoicing.

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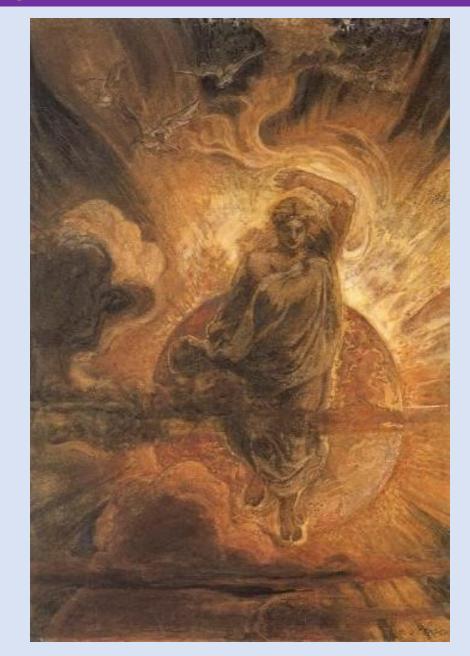


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KING OF KINGS LORD OF LORDS

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 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, free and slave, both small and great."



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- "Alleluia [Hallelu Yah]! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!" Beginning of celebration. God has fulfilled His perfect plan in its perfect time.
- Only place in NT word "alleluia" used.
 (Hebrew Hallelu Yah, from "halal," praise -Yah, Yahweh) 4 Hallelu Yah's this chapter.



 Because <u>contains name of God</u>, a sacred and holy call to worship

- "Hallelu Yah's" sung here for <u>three reasons</u>:
 - 1) God has judged the Harlot *(evil, sin, opposition to Him),* and will destroy all evil
 - 2) God is reigning (finally!)
 - 3) Marriage of the Bride and the Lamb
- Excitement in heaven because end of plan of redemption is near.
- Thunderings, great noises, voices in praise, quite a sound!

"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."

 In Revelation 18:20 a command given to "rejoice" over the fall of this harlot. Here is the obedient response to that call. <u>All heaven rejoices</u>!

- *"true and righteous are His judgments..."* reminder of time immediately before destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as Abraham "bargained" with God. He also said: *"...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"* (Genesis 18:25)
- Reminded again God's judgments are ALWAYS right.
- Also reminded God said "<u>Vengeance is Mine</u>, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them." (Deuteronomy 32:35, quoted in Romans and Hebrews)

- "The great harlot who corrupted the earth..." Babylon represents all evil, everything (not just false religion) in opposition to God. Chapters 17 and 18 revealed destruction of Babylon, this Harlot.
 Necessary before the Holy One of Israel can take His throne.
- "...her smoke rises up forever" = she <u>isn't coming</u> back! Opposition to God, all evil, all sin, has been destroyed, for good, <u>never to return</u>.

 A great comfort to us, and something prophesied from thousands of years before: "For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, The year of recompense for the cause of Zion. Its streams shall be turned into pitch, And its dust into brimstone; Its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day; Its smoke shall ascend forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; No one shall pass through it forever and ever." (Isaiah 34:8-10)

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- 24 elders and living creatures once again praising God. <u>Ceaseless</u> for them, and will be for us.
- Their <u>last appearance</u> as the 24 elders.
- <u>They represent the redeemed</u>, who now have become the Wife of Messiah. Truly cause for many Hallelu-Yah's!

⁶And 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, "Hallelu Yah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

- We then hear from "the great multitude" the "servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" also praising God. <u>EVERYONE is praising</u>!
- First 5 verses a <u>call for ALL of the redeemed to praise</u> <u>God</u>. Universal summons to praise and a <u>progression of</u> <u>response</u>.

 You can feel this wave of praise grow it as you read it. Excitement is building.

- The 4th "Hallelu Yah" says "For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" Finally, and with no opposition!
- First verses should sound familiar.
 Word for word in Handel's Messiah.
 All from scripture.



 LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT = "kurios theos, pantokrator" pantokrator means ALL RULING, absolute and universal ruler, omnipotent, or almighty. This is El Shaddai (Almighty God) of OT.

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- Now *mention* of marriage of Lamb. Interesting passage. Greek indicates has already happened, not happening here.
- Also indicates marriage, not betrothal.
- We are (currently) betrothed to Him, called Bride (intended wife) of Messiah.
- Here we are <u>already married</u>, called *wife* of the Lamb.
- *"The marriage supper of the Lamb"* = concluding wedding feast after actual marriage. *(Hebrew Wedding customs)*

- "His wife has made herself ready" does not mean ready for marriage - already over.
- Means she is now ready to be presented to "general public." Actual marriage *feast* does not happen here. Here "Bride" already *wife*.
- Grand "unveiling" of Bride. Jewish bride veiled during wedding, not unveiled until after consummation at final wedding feast.
- After time secreted away, officially presented to guests, unveiled.

Isaiah 26:20-21 -*Come, my people,* enter your rooms, and shut your doors behind you. Hide yourselves for a little while until the wrath is past. ²¹ For see! ADONAI emerges from his place to punish those on earth for their sin. Then the earth will reveal the blood shed on it and no longer conceal its slain.

- "The fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints" Often misinterpreted, misleading in English. Does NOT mean we earn pure clothing with good deeds ("righteous acts").
- Translated literally = "the fine linen is the legal right of the saints." Believers have RIGHT (authority) to wear clothing of redeemed, but we did not earn it in any way.
- Notice also, "granted." Right given, not earned.
- "...<u>true sayings</u> of God." = alethinos logos = true Word.
 Could also reference Yeshua as Logos, Word of God.

- Recall parable Jesus told of man not dressed properly for wedding, was thrown out (Matt. 22:1-14). Proper dress for Bride is "fine linen" clean and pure granted by our belief in our Husband, Jesus.
- 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!''' Who are these called to the marriage supper? Guests, or are these the Bride?
 Much speculation.



 If guests, then not Bride. Some suggest may be OT saints, or even tribulation saints, or both.



- Likely actual <u>feast</u> (always followed wedding ceremony, usually by as much as a week) does not happen here, during return of Jesus and saints.
- Some think marriage feast happens after He takes His throne, in Millennium. Isaiah may suggest this. Just don't know now. (Some speculate there is another feast in Millennium)

 4th of 7 "beatitudes" (blessings) in this book. BLESSED = makarios (Greek), fortunate, happy, supremely well off; barak/baruch (Hebrew)

1. 1:3 - Blessed is <u>he who reads and those who</u> <u>hear the words of this prophecy, and keep</u> <u>those things which are written in it</u>; for the time is near.

- 2. 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are <u>the dead who die in the Lord from</u> <u>now on</u>.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."
- **3. 16:15** *"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is <u>he who</u> <u>watches, and keeps his garments</u>, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."*
- **4. 19:9** Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are <u>those who</u> <u>are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb</u>!" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."</u>

- **5.** 20:6 Blessed and holy is <u>he who has part in the first</u> <u>resurrection</u>. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
- 6. 22:7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is <u>he who</u> <u>keeps the words of the prophecy of this book</u>."
- **7.** 22:14 Blessed are <u>those who do His commandments</u>, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

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."

- John overwhelmed, "fell at his feet to worship him" (speaker). Speaker protested, told John not to do that, indicated he was a "fellow servant."
- Don't know identity. Could be angel, but description could also be an elder, even one of redeemed (*"testimony of Jesus."*)
- Good reminder we never worship angels or anything or anyone except God alone.
 John so amazed couldn't help himself, had to be reminded.



- "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" Simple but profound statement = Jesus is the very life, breath, essence, spirit and fulfillment of all prophecy. All prophecy relates to Him.
- All prophecy is <u>about Him</u>. This book is about Him. The entire Word of God is about Him. Our salvation is from Him, and our eternity is with Him.
- And now follows great climax of this book, of this world.

Yeshua = "Salvation"



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

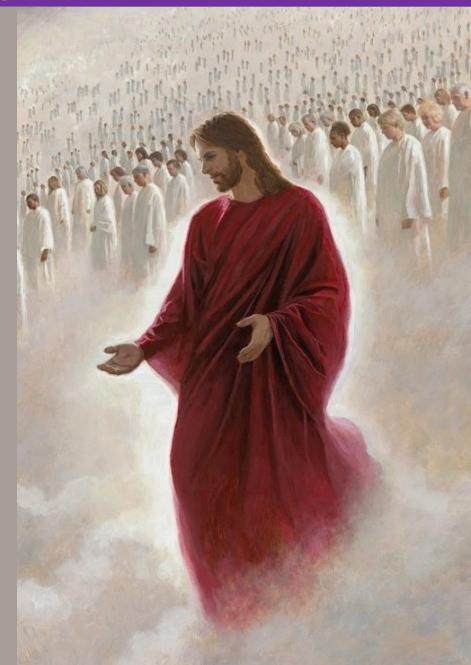
• MAIN EVENT! FINALLY!!!!

- Purpose of *first* coming = <u>pay price for our sins</u>, to save us. Purpose of *second* coming = <u>judge</u>, take His throne.
- "now I saw heaven opened, and behold...." Now we see "second coming of Jesus." <u>He is not named</u>, but rider of <u>this</u> white horse can be no other by His description.
- Called "*faithful and true*" (Revelation 1:5, 3:14), <u>righteous</u>, and <u>judge</u>.
- Description very similar to beginning of Revelation, in His *first appearance to John*.

- Other identifiers include robe "dipped in blood," His name <u>"The Word of God</u>" (John 1, the "Word"), in command of armies of heaven, name on thigh King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Can only be Jesus.
- "...a white horse..." White horse = horse of conqueror. NOT same horse in Revelation 6:2 (ridden by AC).
- "...Faithful and True." In contrast to lying, deceiving enemy, and murderous harlot. One here genuine, real thing.
- "...eyes like a flame of fire..." Penetrating, intelligent, righteous anger (see Rev. 1:14, 2:18)

- "On His head were many <u>crowns</u>..." "diadema" = crown of authority, royalty, kingship. <u>Crown of King</u>, not crown of overcomer/victor (*stephanos*). These (many!) crowns of THE ultimate authority.
- "...name no one knew except Himself." Scriptures indicate no one can understand or really know name of God. A <u>mystery to us.</u> "Wonderful" beyond understanding. "Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?" ¹⁸ And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is <u>wonderful</u>?" (Joshua 13:17-18)
- WONDERFUL = "piliy" = remarkable, secret, wonderful.
 Reason Orthodox Jews never write or say "name" of God.

¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.



- "...clothed with a robe dipped in blood..." Now Slayer, instead of Slain. Robes stained in winepress of wrath.
- Some say Yeshua goes to Petra first (Bozrah) to meet Jews preserved in wilderness (chapter 12) and His robes are stained here, as He encounters armies of evil one and <u>does</u> <u>a little "house cleaning</u>." (Isaiah 63:1-6)
- Jesus ascended from Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-12) and will return to Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:3-5), but may be after visiting Petra (Bozrah, Edom).
- Note, better translation of English word "dipped" is actually *"sprinkled."* <u>Aligns with Isaiah 63</u>.

Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." ² Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³ "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. ⁴ For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.



⁵ I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me. ⁶ I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth."

- *"...His name is called The Word of God."* Confirmation of John 1:1 statement: *"In the beginning was <u>the Word</u>, and the Word was with God, and the <u>Word was God</u>."*
- Greek = LOGOS, more than we can understand in English.
 <u>Embodiment of something, it's character, nature</u>.
- John referred to Jesus as LOGOS, <u>Word</u> of God, to indicate He is embodiment of God, <u>He has His nature, His</u> <u>character, His power, His authority – His everything</u>. *In every way, He was and is God.* Physical, tangible way God communicated Himself to us. **God The Father in the flesh.**

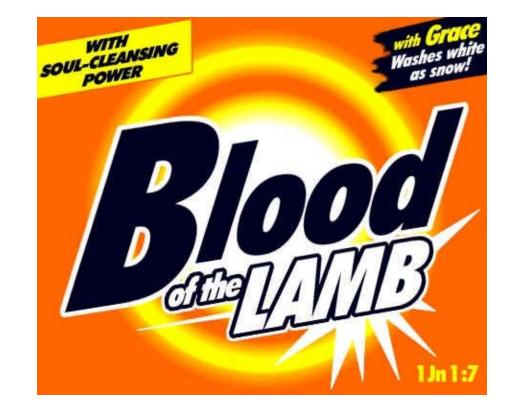
- COMMENTARY: "To the Jews, the spoken Word in Hebrew was fearfully alive. It was not merely a vocable or sound dropped heedlessly from unthinking lips. <u>It was a unit of</u> energy charged with power." (J. Patterson)
- Psalm 29 about thundering power of voice of God. Jesus, "the Word of God" <u>IS</u> this thundering power.



- "And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses." Who are these armies? **Answer** in Jude 14-15: "Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."
- Likely this army includes "host of heaven." (angels and saints)

- Also in Zechariah 14:5b: *"Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You."* Jude and Zechariah call these armies "the saints."
- Who are the saints? In scripture, all believers are referred to as saints. Could mean both OT and NT believers.
- Most likely includes Bride (now "wife") of Messiah, the true "Church," but could also include OT saints, as well as tribulation saints (those martyred in Trib).
- Includes ALL redeemed believers, all the host of heaven...indeed a mighty army.

- SAINT = hagios (Greek) = Sacred, physically chaste, clean, pure, morally blameless, ceremonially consecrated (set apart)
- How does anything or anyone become this?



ONLY BY THE CLEANSING BLOOD OF THE LAMB! <u>These are redeemed believers!</u>

¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a 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. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD **OF LORDS.**

"Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword..." Only weapon needed here, previewed in Hebrews: 4:12-13:

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

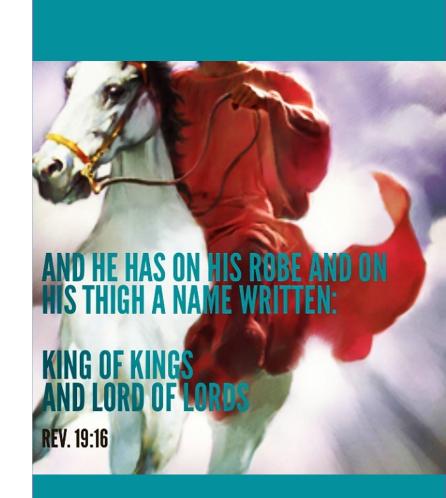


- "...He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron." Definite reference to Psalm 2. "Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.⁹ You shall <u>break [rule] them with a rod of</u> <u>iron</u>; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."" (2:8-9)
- Reminder, Millennium is "enforced" rule.
- *"He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."* Saw this event as preview in 14:17-20



¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." ¹⁹ So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs. (14:18-20)

- Also reference to **Isaiah 63**. A holy and righteous God in judgment, fierce in anger against sin and rebellion.
- "On his robe and on His thigh a name written KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." Number of possibilities for where name appears. Could refer to a sword, His robe, or His actual thigh. Really doesn't matter where. It is the name that matters.



- Our Savior's mightiest title. He is King of all Kings, ultimate authority for everyone and everything. He is Lord of all Lords, mightiest and highest Master.
- <u>Differences between Savior, King and Lord</u>. Jesus all these things, but we need to understand "Lord" title (kurios in Greek, meaning "Master.")
- He is to be our Master, as well as our Savior and our King. *We are not in control, He is!*

Yeshua is... Our Savior Our Master **Our King**

- NOTICE <u>no mention</u> of "catching away" (rapture) or resurrection here. Two <u>events distinctly different</u>, and differently prophesied.
- Possibly another argument for pre-trib/mid-trib removal of saints. In fact, this event <u>CONTRASTS the removal</u>. We're headed in the wrong direction!
- In the "catching away" we go from earth to sky/heaven. Here, in the return, we accompany Jesus from heaven/sky to earth. Had to have been there already!

- This event, return of Messiah with redeemed saints, and armies of heaven, in preparation for event being prepared on earth called Armageddon, final battle before Messiah takes His throne.
- Will be **"face-off"** between King of Kings and armies of heaven, against Prince of the air and armies of earth and pit of hell.

No contest!

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 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, free and slave, both small and great."

- "…an angel "standing in the sun" visible, evident to ALL, great call to scavenger birds for another feast.
- Note word **"flesh" appears 6 X** in these verses. Those who followed desires of the flesh will have their flesh consumed. *No exceptions.*
- <u>Two opposing feasts</u> this chapter. Begin with marriage feast of the Lamb, end with bird feast to cleanse land.

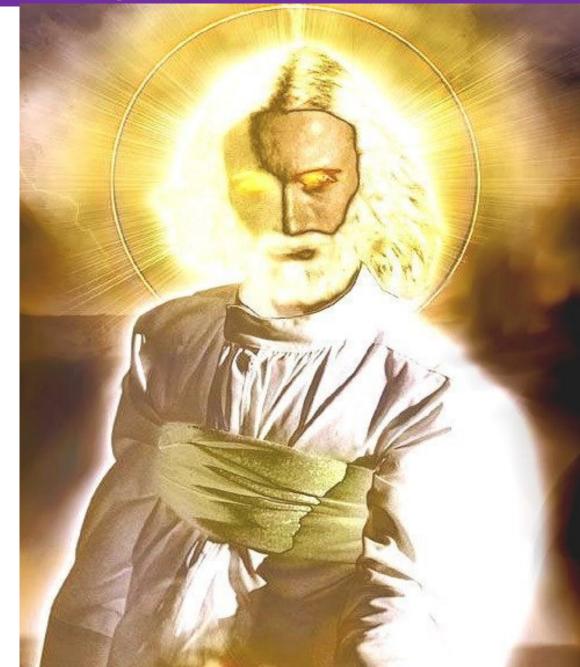
 "Carrion" birds created to clean up garbage, trash of earth.

Classified as "unclean" in scripture.

Here are commanded to converge in place of final battle, Armageddon (Har Megiddo), where they will cleanse land of all killed.
Call for birds to get ready. ¹⁹And 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.

- <u>Finally</u>, **Armageddon**. Antichrist and kings of earth gather together "to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army..."
- Talk about stupid! There never was a more "vain thing" than to go to war against God. (Read Psalm 2 to see what God thinks of this!)
- **Commentary:** "This is the incurable insanity of sin, which wars away in spite of defeat after defeat, against a holy God." (Newell)
- Notice verse 20 <u>there is no battle mentioned</u>! All of a sudden "battle" is over! A bit anticlimactic!

- 2 Thessalonians 2:8 clue: "And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of his mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming."
- War over before it begins. All it takes is *one word from Yeshua*, and the stunning, staggering view of His glory. <u>No contest here</u>.



- Antichrist (beast from sea) and false prophet (beast from land) captured, thrown into lake of fire (alive!)
- *"…lake of fire burning with brimstone."* Only two places for eternal destination: **heaven** (with God) or **hell** (known by many names apart from God).
- Final "hell" = lake of fire.



- Outside Jerusalem was a physical "lake of burning sulfur." Called Gehenna (Gehinnom).
- Originally site of cultic shrine of human sacrifice, became perpetually burning city dump.
- Also where they threw corpses that had no one to properly bury them. It burned 24/7.
- This actual place became <u>symbol of place of final</u> judgment, the lake of fire.

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 rest were killed with the sword."* Indicates everyone else involved in the great rebellion at Armageddon will die.
- Final world ruler and his henchman tossed into lake of fire. No one returns from this place. *Good news for us!*
- Those who die here *(at Armageddon)* later thrown in lake of fire to keep Antichrist and false prophet company (Revelation 20:15). *(After Millennium, Great White Throne Judgment)*

- Some question <u>what "rest" means</u>. At Armageddon, or all in opposition to God, whether at Armageddon or elsewhere?
- Most interpret to mean ALL of God's opposition whether physically at Armageddon or somewhere else.
- Why most believe Millennium will initially be populated only with believers.
- Those who shared *mark* of the beast will also share *doom* of the beast.
- Some say this is <u>end of the age of Gentiles</u>, and it isn't over until this point.
- Birds finally have their fill. God even cleans up this mess!

COMMENTARY: "...as the closing scene...behold the millions upon millions of flesh-eating birds clearing away the carcasses of the rebels against God and against Christ! One vulture or two feeding on some fallen creature is a hideous sight to our eyes. What, then, will be this awful line of corpses, of two hundred miles, covered with countless hosts of scavengers! Reflect anew on what sin brings! This scene will come to pass!" Don't' cringe or despair. This passage should remind you of how faithful God is to his Word – He is completing the clean-up of sin from the world FOR US! ... No interpretation is possible for this passage but the literal one: anything else is unbelievable, fantastic. And when we accept it as literal we see the necessity of it. God will not allow His Son's kingdom to begin with a plague, caused by the festering carcasses of slain multitudes." (Newell)

- Note <u>no resurrection</u> here. "Second resurrection" does not happen until 1,000 years later, after Millennium.
- When unbelievers die, go to Hades (Sheol), temporary "holding" place for dead. <u>Believers go immediately into</u> <u>Lord's presence</u> (Luke 23:43, Philippians 1:19-23, 2 Corinthians 5:6-8).
- Hades is emptied of its dead in Revelation 20:13, for Great White Throne Judgment (end of ch 20).
- Now time for Jesus to take His Throne! (next chapter)

SUMMARY: Revelation 19

- The 4 Hallelu Yahs Solemn command to worship, proclamation of God's faithfulness, He has done just what He said He would do, and has finally destroyed the harlot. He is in final and full command now, and will be always.
- Presentation of the Wife of the Lamb (already married!)
- Blessings for invited wedding guests
- Announcement of wedding feast (perhaps at later time, in Millennial Kingdom)
- Glorious Appearing coming of Yeshua to earth, with His Saints, in judgment, to make war

SUMMARY: Revelation 19

- Angel calls/prepares birds of earth for a later feast
- Armageddon finally occurs, over "with a breath"
- Capture of beast and false prophet
- Beast and false prophet thrown alive into lake of fire (burning sulfur)
- All others, in opposition to God, killed by sword from His mouth
- Birds feast on flesh, clean the land



Coming up next... The Millennial Kingdom

Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha May the LORD bless you and keep you

Ya'er Adonai panav elekha vihunneka

May the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem lekha shalom. May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.