



## OUTLINE ... REVELATION 19:1-21 ESV

### 1. HALLELUJAH! SALVATION AND GLORY AND POWER BELONG TO OUR GOD, 19:1-5.

- (Revelation 19:1–5 ESV) After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “**Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,** 2 for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” 3 Once more they cried out, “**Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.**” 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “**Amen. Hallelujah!**” 5 And from the throne came a voice saying, “**Praise our God,** all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.

A. Heaven exults in the reality that salvation and glory and power belong to God and to God alone.

B. God will not share what is his alone.

C. It follows then that God is true and just in his judgments of the great prostitute and any and every system of idolatry.

The great prostitute represents the idolatrous nature of the ways of this world in which the lower ways and thoughts of earth are syncretized with the higher ways and thoughts of God and consequently *supersede* the higher ways and thoughts of God.

- (Isaiah 55:8–9 ESV) **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,** declares the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Supersede** ... to take the place or position of; to cause to be set aside; to force out of use as inferior; to replace in power, authority, function or office.

**Syncretize** ... to attempt to unite and harmonize especially without critical examination or logical unity different or opposing principles; in religion or philosophy: to combine or reconcile differing beliefs or practices.

But the LORD’s ways are not our ways. This is a stunning contrast. His ways and thoughts are not only infinitely higher than our ways and thoughts but they are also ... and possibly this is the greater contrast ... they are “*other than*” ... *not* ... our ways and thoughts. God is holy and his holy ways and thoughts cannot be mixed or blended or synthesized.

The great foolishness and darkness of idol worship is found in the belief that humans can mix the lower ways of earth with the higher ways of God and then proclaim those ways and thoughts to be the ways and thoughts of God.

Idolatry not only demands its share of glory and power but then without fail proceeds to *supersede* true worship by manipulating the words and ways of God for ones own self-serving purposes and personal gain.

D. When our God judges the great prostitute, he ends idolatry forever.

- (Revelation 19:3 ESV) Once more they cried out, “**Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.**”

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:** When any person or group attempts to syncretize the higher ways and thoughts of God with the lower ways and thoughts of humans **the idolatrous practices and beliefs of the humans will always usurp the glory and power of God. This person has in effect exalted himself or herself above God in matters of salvation, glory, power and authority.**

- (Isaiah 14:13–15 NIV) **You said in your heart,** “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; **I will make myself like the Most High.**” 15 But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

E. The loud voice of the great multitude in heaven now praises God for restoring truth and justice over his creation.

Heaven exults ... No longer will the idolatrous acts of humans corrupt the earth and promote the murder of the servants of God.

F. The voice from the throne calls all God's servants—those who fear him—to praise our God.

## 2. HALLELUJAH! FOR THE LORD OUR GOD THE ALMIGHTY REIGNS, 19:6-10.

- (Revelation 19:6–10 ESV) Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**" 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." 10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." **For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

A. **HALLELUJAH FOR HIS SOVEREIGN REIGN:** The voice of a great multitude praises the Lord our God the Almighty for his sovereign reign.

B. **HALLELUJAH FOR HIS SOVEREIGN ACTION:** The voice of a great multitude calls for rejoicing and exulting because of God's sovereign action in providing a Bride for Christ and in fulfilling all the promises to the Bride of Christ.

C. All the promises **for** the Bride (to Christ) and **to** the Bride (to us) will be fulfilled because the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

- (Ephesians 1:3–4a ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 **even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.**
- (Ephesians 1:13–14 ESV) In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in

him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 **who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.**

- (Ephesians 5:25–27 ESV) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ **loved** the church and **gave himself up for** her, 26 that he might **sanctify** her, having **cleansed** her by the **washing** of water with the word, 27 **so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.**

D. The essence of prophecy throughout Scripture is to reveal Jesus Christ so as to give a clear witness for him.

- (Revelation 19:10 NLT) Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. **For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.**"

## 3. HALLELUJAH! HE WHO IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS READY TO RETURN TO EARTH, 19:11-14.

- (Revelation 19:11–14 ESV) Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! **The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True,** and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 **His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems,** and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 **He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.** 14 **And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.**

A. Heaven opens to reveal Christ—called Faithful and True—on a white horse coming in righteousness to judge and make war.

B. This Second Coming of Christ will be in power and great glory.

- (Luke 21:25–27 ESV) And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the

world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

- (2 Thessalonians 1:7b–8 ESV) When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

#### C. At this time Christ will send his angels to gather his elect.

- (Mark 13:26–27 ESV) And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

#### D. Christ returns to earth with the armies of heaven following him.

- (Revelation 17:14 ESV) They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.

**MacArthur ...** \*\*\*\*\*The Lord Jesus Christ will not return alone, but will be accompanied by the armies which are in heaven (cf. 17:14). Four divisions make up these glorified troops. Earlier in chapter 19 the bride of the Lamb (the church) was pictured wearing fine linen, white and clean (vv. 7–8). Those glorified believers will accompany Christ. So will the Tribulation believers, who are also pictured in heaven wearing white robes (7:9). The third group is the Old Testament saints, who are resurrected at the end of the Tribulation (Dan. 12:1–2). Finally, the holy angels will also accompany Christ (Matt. 25:31). [MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2000). *Revelation 12–22* (pp. 218–219). Chicago: Moody Press.]

#### 4. HALLELUJAH! THE KING OF KINGS RETURNS TO EARTH TO ESTABLISH HIS THRONE, 19:15-21.

- (Revelation 19:15–21 ESV) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he

has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

A. Christ comes to strike down the nations and to establish his rule.

B. He comes to unleash the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

C. He is identified by his name being written on his robe and on his thigh—King of kings and Lord of lords.

D. An angel calls the birds to clean up what will soon be the dead flesh of kings and all the rebels of earth great and small.

E. The antichrist and the kings with their armies gather to make war against Christ.

F. The beast (the antichrist) and the false prophet are captured and thrown alive into the lake of fire.

G. The rest are slain by the sword that comes from the mouth of King Jesus.