

Study Notes – Revelation 19, part 1

- ✚ God's righteous judgements have come, and the great harlot is dead! Now is the time for Yeshua to deal with His enemies who have gathered at Har-mageddon. The victory songs erupt in Heaven!

Victory Songs in Heaven

19.1-2 After these things, I heard something like the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, shouting: "Halleluyah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. ²For His judgments are true and just. For He has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her whoring and has avenged the blood of His servants caused by her hand."

- ✓ has avenged the blood of His servants:
 - And they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "O Sovereign Master, holy and true, how long before You judge those who dwell on the earth and avenge our blood?" Revelation 6:10
 - He who avenges blood remembers. He will not forget the cry of the afflicted. Psalms 9:13
 - Never take your own revenge, loved ones, but give room for God's wrath—for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says ADONAI. Romans 12:19
 - Vengeance is Mine, and payback, for the time when their foot staggers. Surely their day of disaster is near - what is prepared rushes on them. Deuteronomy 32:35
 - because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, as we told you before and solemnly warned you. 1 Thessalonians 4:6

19.3-4 And a second time they shouted, "Halleluyah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever!"
⁴Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, "Amen! Halleluyah!"

- ✓ twenty-four elders – First mentioned seated on thrones in Rev 4:4. Last mentioned in Rev 5 and Rev 7:11-14 in Heaven.
 - Probably church age representatives.

19.5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you His servants and all who fear Him, both the small and the great!"

- ✓ Fear – (phobeo): To show reverential fear, marvel, awe.

Wedding of the Lamb

- ✚ In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you may also be. John 14:2-3

19.6-8 Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude - like the roar of rushing waters or like the rumbling of powerful thunder - saying, "Halleluyah! For ADONAI Elohei-Tzva'ot reigns! ⁷Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready,
⁸She was given fine linen to wear, bright and clean! For the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the kedoshim."

- ✓ Ready – (hetoimazo): "prepare" of those things which are obtained by God, such as future of authority (Matt 20:23); the coming kingdom (Matt 25:23); future blessings (1 Cor 2:9); by Christ, a place in Heaven for his followers (John 14:2, 3); of preparation on oneself for "every good work" – act, task, activities done for God.

- ✚ For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. For I betrothed you to one husband, **to present you to Messiah as a pure virgin.** 2 Corinthians 11:2
 - Jew and Gentile, One in Messiah Ephesians 2:11-22
 - This mystery is that the Gentiles are joint heirs and fellow members of the same body and co-sharers of the promise in Messiah Yeshua through the Good News. Ephesians 3:6
 - Husbands, love your wives just as Messiah also loved His community and gave Himself up for her Ephesians 5:25
 - The Role of Israel - Misdirected Zeal - Israel Not Rejected Romans 9-11

- ✚ The Mishnah Kiddushin (betrothal, dedication, sanctified).
 - Specifies that a bride is acquired by a groom, by the groom leaving his father's house, traveling to the bride's home to "purchase" her for a price.
 - **Yeshua left the Heavenly home of His Father, traveled to the home of the bride on earth.**
 - You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. 1 Corinthians 7:23
 - The groom gives a token or dowry, and its value must be known to the bride.
 - **Yeshua has given His Bride (Church) a precious token, the indwelling Holy Spirit**
 - For the Ruach searches all things - even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the things of a man, except the man's spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the things of God except the Ruach Elohim. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God - so we might come to know the things freely given to us by God. ¹³ These things we also speak - not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Ruach, explaining the spiritual to the spiritual. ¹⁴ Now a natural man does not accept the things of the Ruach Elohim, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, and he himself is discerned by no one. For ¹⁶ "who has known the mind of ADONAI, that he will instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Messiah. 1 Corinthians 2:10-16
 - In all cases the wife can only be acquired through her consent.
 - **Yeshua's bride has joyously consented to His request.**
 - "Take care of yourselves and all the flock of which the Ruach ha-Kodesh has made you overseers, to shepherd the community of God—which He obtained with the blood of His own. Acts 20:28
 - And they are singing a new song, saying, "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals. For You were slain, and by Your blood You redeemed for God those from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. Revelation 5:9
 - The marriage contract (ketubah) is then established and from that moment on the bride is sanctified, set apart, exclusively for the groom.
 - **Yeshua's bride has the indwelling Spirit by her faith & trust in Yeshua is living her life for Him.**
 - For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. For I betrothed you to one husband, to present you to Messiah as a pure virgin. 2 Corinthians 11:2
 - Ephesians 5:24

- It is customary for them to drink from a cup of wine over which a bridal benediction has been said.
 - **The communion wine, Zikkaron, is symbolic of the New Covenant by which Yeshua obtained His bride.**
 - In the same way, He also took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in memory of Me." 1 Corinthians 11:25
- The betrothal period is the time the bride and groom are separated until the wedding, often a year long. The groom returns to his father's house to build a dwelling place for his bride.
 - **After sealing the covenant with His bride, Yeshua ascended to His Father's house in Heaven to prepare a dwelling place for He and His bride.**
 - "Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. ² In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you may also be. John 14:1-3
- When the time came for Nisuin, the second part of the marriage ceremony, the groom would return for his bride accompanied with male escorts and a trumpet blast.
 - **Yeshua will be accompanied by an angelic escort preceded by a shout and a trumpet blast when He comes for His bride.**
 - **For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the blast of God's shofar, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left behind, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air—and so we shall always be with the Lord.** 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- After being whisked from her home, the Jewish bride remains hidden at the groom's father's house for 7 days.
 - **The "raptured church" will be hidden for 7 years, during the 7-year Tribulation, in Heaven.**
- After 7 days the Jewish bride leaves the bridal chamber unveiled.
 - **After the Tribulation the "church" will return to earth following behind her Bridegroom in full view of all.** Revelation 19:11-14

19.9 Then the angel tells me, "Write: How fortunate are those who have been invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb!" He also tells me, "These are the true words of God."

- ✓ wedding banquet of the Lamb – The wedding banquet is a separate event from the marriage.
 - It occurs during the Messiah's Millennial Kingdom on earth (marriage in Heaven).
 - Since the bride needs no invitation to attend her own wedding banquet this is different group of people that attend.
 - Not with the angels, but with Jews & Gentiles who survived to the end of the Tribulation and are invited into the Kingdom to live.
 - They are also the faithful who died before Pentecost, Shavuot.
 - They will be able to sit with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.
 - The feast follows their resurrection. Isa 26:19, Dan 12:2 & Luke 22:15-18

19.10 Then I fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that—for I am only a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Yeshua. Worship God! For the testimony of Yeshua is the Spirit of Prophecy."

- ✓ testimony of Yeshua is the Spirit of Prophecy – (marturia): “witness, evidence, Testimony.”
 - The statement “the Testimony of Yeshua is the Spirit of Prophecy” is to be understood in light e.g., of the “testimony” concerning Christ and Israel in the Psalms, which will be used by the godly Jewish remnant in the coming time of “Jacob’s Trouble.” All such “testimony” centers in and points to Christ. See witness *Vines Expository Dictionary*
 - Witness (marturia) “testimony, a bearing witness, attestation” – the reason for the persecution and martyrdom of the saints.
 - Then He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you - everything written concerning Me in the Torah of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled. Luke 24:44
 - The prophets, who spoke about the grace that was to be yours, searched for this salvation and investigated carefully. ¹¹ They were trying to find out the time and circumstances the Ruach of Messiah within them was indicating, when predicting the sufferings in store for Messiah and the glories to follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were providing these messages not to themselves but to you. These messages have now been announced to you through those who proclaimed the Good News to you by the Ruach ha-Kodesh, sent from heaven. Even angels long to catch a glimpse of these things. 1 Peter 1:10-12
 - For I tell you, you will never see Me again until you say, ‘Baruch ha-ba b'shem ADONAI. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’" Matthew 23:39