



REVELATION

Revelation 19:1-10 | David Chadwick | August 25, 2024

Title: The Power of Praise

Recap: Previously, in Revelation...

Chapter 1: The revelation from Jesus to John about the End Times

Chapters 2-3: The seven churches of Revelation

Five of the seven needed to repent of different sins

One, the church in Philadelphia, had no negatives from Jesus. Look at his promise to this church:

Revelation 3:10

10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

The Rapture of the church is between chapters 3-4 (the church is not mentioned until **Revelation 19**)

“After this...” seemingly suggesting Revelation is sequential unless otherwise stated:

Chapters 4-5: A glimpse of heaven, and the scroll with seven seals. The world was given to Satan by Adam, but is now ready to be reclaimed by its rightful owner. **Who is worthy to break these seals?**

Chapter 6: The 7 Seal Judgments (the first seal is the antichrist bringing peace to the world’s chaos—especially to the Mideast; a 7-year peace covenant with Israel; the temple rebuilt; a one-world government; and the beginning of the 7-year Great Tribulation/seal judgments)

Chapter 7 (an interlude): The 144k Jewish evangelists are introduced, and this chapter offers an incredible glimpse of more worship in heaven brought out of the Great Tribulation

Chapters 8-10: The 7 Trumpet Judgments (especially as the second 3 ½ years begin)

Chapter 11 (another interlude): The two witnesses in Jerusalem and the 7th Trumpet blown

Chapter 12 (the interlude continues): Satan is introduced as is his hatred for the woman/Israel and her son/Jesus. He turns especially against Israel to seek its destruction.

Chapter 13 (the interlude continues): The introduction of the antichrist and the false prophet deceiving the world as it 1) worships the antichrist and its image in the temple and 2) people receive the mark of the beast (antichrist) to buy/sell/exist

Chapter 14 (the interlude continues): Provides more info about the 144k Jewish evangelists and three angels prophesying about the upcoming judgment and God's eventual harvest of his people

Chapters 15-16: The 7 Bowl Judgments (more rapid-fire succession) during the last days of the Great Tribulation, ending with the nations of the earth coming against Israel - the battle of Armageddon is ready to begin:

Revelation 16:16

16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

Chapter 17: A look back to first 3 ½ years: the formation of a **one-world religion**

Chapter 18: A look back to the second 3 ½ years: the formation of a **one-world economic system**

Chapter 19: To heaven and a glimpse of the power of praise

Revelation 19:1-2

1 *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.”*

- The first “hallelujah” in heaven comes “after this”
- With a loud voice from a great multitude
- Why the praise? Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God
- Why the praise? God’s judgments are true and just
- Vengeance will come for the martyrs who lived and died for Jesus

Revelation 19:3

3 *Once more they cried out,*

“Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

- The second “hallelujah” in heaven
- Babylon the great is destroyed by fire: evidence of God’s justice

Revelation 19:4-5

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.”*

- The third “hallelujah” in heaven
- The 24 elders is the church of Jesus, all his saints praising

- And the four living creatures, the cherubim, four mighty angels
- Then a fourth with “Praise our God” - the continued praise
- All servants great and small. This equals everyone!

Revelation 19:6-8

6 *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.

- Like the roar of Niagara Falls, all are praising God
- Why? He reigns over all. Praise is often surrender to the one who reigns
- We “rejoice” (this is #5)
- Why rejoice? Our marriage consummation to Jesus is about to begin
- As we wait:

- Be clothed in his righteousness, in Christ, in Him! Holy. Blameless.

- Do the works he has called us to do

John 14:1-3

1 *“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

A Galilean wedding:

- Betrothal—usually at least a year
- Bridegroom goes away to build a house for them
- Father's approval: the house is ready
- Bridegroom returns, brings bride to house (rapture)
- 7 days of feasting (in heaven)
- A day biblically is often a year—during the 7-year Tribulation?
- Consummation—Jesus's return with us to earth
- Our rule and reign with him on earth

Revelation 19:9

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."*

- How wonderful it is to get his wedding invitation!
- The richest man in India, recently: a wedding feast for his son - \$600k!
- Few invitations were turned down

Revelation 19:10

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.*

- Do not worship angels (Colossians 2:18) - New Age thought
- Or any other creature
- Worship only the Creator
- Any and all biblical prophecies revealed by the Holy Spirit will point to JESUS

Application: The Power of Praise

- To change us
- To change our circumstances
- We praise when our circumstances are awful

Examples:

- Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20)
- Jericho (Joshua 6)
- Job (chapters 38-42)
- Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25-26)

Acts 16:25-26

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, **26** and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

Final thoughts:

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

PRAISE GOD IN ALL THINGS!

- What are you presently walking through?
- Try praising God for it. For how he is working in it.
- He is working for your good...
- And for His glory
- Don't complain/grumble (the opposite of praise) - or you remain

PRAISE AND SEE IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES DON'T START TO CHANGE!