

The Second Coming of Christ

19:1-21

Introductory Notes

- We now arrive at the culmination of the Tribulation, as Christ returns to conquer.
- We see first the reaction in Heaven to Christ's impending return then the overwhelming victory of Christ at His return.

Outline

- The Four Alleluias - vs. 1-6
- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb - vs. 7-10
- The Unveiling of the Conquering Christ - vs. 11-16
- Armageddon and Aftermath - vs. 17-21

Notes

- vs. 1 - much people - Who are they? Likely this is the Tribulation martyrs.
- vs. 1 - Alleluia - transliteration of the Hebrew word *Hallelujah*, meaning "Praise ye the Lord".
- vs. 4 - We see here that we have returned to the Heavenly throne room from Chapters 4-5.
- vs. 5 - voice out of the throne - the use of "our God" makes me think this is an angel and not God Himself.
- vs. 6 - great multitude - I'd like to think all of Heaven's inhabitants are joining in.
- vs. 7 - marriage - we need to remember that this is a Jewish-style wedding, far different from ours. A basic outline of its events is:
 - Marriage contract is made and dowry paid, couple is legally married though not "cohabiting". Example: Joseph and Mary in Luke 1:26-27.
 - Bridegroom (and party) go to retrieve Bride for wedding. Example: Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13.
 - Marriage Supper and Celebration. Example: Wedding at Cana in John 2:1-12.
- vs. 7 - Who is the Bride? The Church. See Ephesians 5:25, II Corinthians 11:2.
- vs. 9 - This is #4 of 7 "Beatitudes" in Revelation. Also in 1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 20:6, 22:7, and 22:14.
- vs. 10 - Who is this? Probably the same Angel that has previously commanded John to write, as in 14:13.
- vs. 10 - "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" - John Walvoord: "This means that prophecy at its very heart is designed to unfold the beauty and loveliness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."
- vs. 11 - EVERYTHING we have seen in Revelation has led us to this point as Christ is revealed at last!
- vs. 11 - heaven opened - see Isaiah 64:1-2
- vs. 12 - eyes were as a flame of fire - as in 1:14 and 2:18
- vs. 12 - "a name written, that no man knew, but he himself" - Compare idea to Matthew 11:27.

- vs. 13 - vesture dipped in blood - usually with Christ blood speaks of His sacrifice. Here it probably represents judgment.
- vs. 14 - an army, that we are part of, that will have to fight
- vs. 15 - sharp sword - see Hebrew 4:12.
- vs. 15 - rod of iron - see Psalm 2:9.
- vs. 15 - winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God - see Isaiah 63:1-6
- vs. 17 - Contrast the supper here with the Marriage Supper of vs. 7.
- vs. 19 - This is Armageddon. See 16:16.
- vs. 20 - note that the Antichrist and False Prophet are taken alive.
- vs. 20 - lake of fire - we'll see this again in 20:15.
- vs. 21 - Absolute and total victory.