The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST Chapter 19 "The Second Coming of Christ!"

Intro: Zechariah 14:1-4 - Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

I) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (v1-6)

1st Alleluia- For Salvation & judgment!

2nd Alleluia- Babylon is finished!

3rd Alleluia- Twenty-four elders & the four living creatures- "Amen!" So be it! It is finished!

4th Alleluia- Praise from all believers found in heaven! God is Omnipotent!

II) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb! (v7-10)

-Who is the Lamb? <u>Jesus!</u> (**LAMB OF GOD** - A phrase used by John the Baptist to describe Jesus (<u>John 1:29,36</u>). John publicly identified Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Elsewhere in the New Testament Jesus is called a lamb (<u>Acts 8:32; 1 Peter 1:19; Rev 5:6</u>). The Book of Revelation speaks of Jesus as a lamb 28 times. John's reference to Jesus as the Lamb of God calls to mind the Old Testament sacrifical system. In the sacrifice God accepted the blood of animals as the means of atonement for sin. It is likely that John had many themes from the Old Testament in mind when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. These themes probably included the sin offering (<u>Lev 4</u>), the trespass offering (<u>Lev 5</u>), the sacrifice on the Day of Atonement (<u>Lev 16</u>), and the Passover sacrifice (<u>Ex 12</u>). But the strongest image from the Old Testament is the suffering servant who "was led as a lamb to the slaughter" (<u>Isa 53:7</u>) and who "bore the sins of many" (<u>Isa 53:12</u>). Thus, this vivid description of Jesus was a pointed announcement of the <u>ATONEMENT</u> He would bring about on man's behalf. (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

-Who is marrying the lamb? The Church, "BORN AGAIN" CHRISTIANS!

How are you blessed? By being <u>invited</u> to the marriage supper of the lamb. (Mt. 22:1-14) > *The Bride of Christ Summary:* "The marriage of the Lamb" (lit. "the marriage supper of the Lamb") is the consummation of the marriage of Christ and the Church as His bride. The figure is according to the oriental pattern of marriage, covering three stages: (1) the betrothal, legally binding when the individual members of the body of Christ are saved; (2) the coming of the Bridegroom for His bride at the rapture of the Church; and (3) the marriage supper of the Lamb, occurring in connection with the second coming of Christ to establish His millennial kingdom. The Lamb's wife is to be contrasted with the harlot of 17:1; and she is also to be distinguished from Israel, the unfaithful wife of the LORD (Jehovah) in historic times, who is to be restored in the millennium (Isa. 54:1-10; Hos. 2:1-17). — C.I. Scofield

-Do we worship angels, man or God? God (John 20:26-29 - And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

-What is the testimony of Jesus? The spirit of <u>prophecy.</u> (2 Peter 1:16-21 - For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor

and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory:" This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.)

III) The Return of Christ! (v8-21)

- -Are their horses in heaven? Yes!
- -What is Jesus called? Faithful & True
- -In righteousness He judges & makes war.
- -What is Jesus name as he returns to earth? The Word of God!
- -Who else gets to ride white horses? The armies in heaven.
- -Who is Jesus going to strike when He returns? The nations!
- -Jesus the KING of kings & LORD of lords!
- -The birds of the air are invited to the supper of the great God!
- -Who is gathered to make war against Jesus? The Beast, kings & their armies.
- -The beast and the false prophet are cast alive into the <u>Lake of Fire</u>.
- -What happens to the rest of the armies that are fighting against Jesus? The <u>sword</u> of His mouth destroys them!

Conclusion: Jesus spoke His return – Matthew 24:26-31; Paul also said – 2Thess. 1:6-12; Peter said in 2 Peter 3:1-9 – The LORD is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.