

**The Revelation of Jesus Christ**

**Lesson 8**

**The Second Coming – Revelation 19**

The marriage customs of the Middle East in the first century had three aspects: contract, ceremony and feast or celebration. The marriage symbolism is fulfilled in the relationship of Christ to His Church. The contract is made at the time the church is redeemed. When Christ comes for His church at the resurrection, the second phase is fulfilled. The third phase is in view in Rev 19 – the wedding feast celebration.

Read Revelation 19:1-10.

1. Revelation 19 opens with a scene in heaven expressing heaven's view of Christ's imminent return to earth. What are the three things the inhabitants of heaven praise God for (19:1)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who is symbolically the bride of Christ in the New Testament (2 Cor 11:2, Eph 5:23-27)? Who is seen wearing the fine white linen (Rev 19:7-8)? What does the linen represent (Rev 19:8)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. This "marriage supper" is the reuniting of Christ with His resurrected and glorified church. What word, which means "holy ones," is used throughout the N.T. to refer to all believers in Jesus Christ (Acts 9:32, Romans 1:7, 8:27, 15:25, 1 Cor 1:2, 2 Cor 1:1, 13:13, Rev 19:8)?

Read Revelation 19:11-21.

4. Who returns to earth as part of the heavenly host with Christ at His second coming? (Hint: they are wearing fine white linen) Rev 19:14

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5. At Christ's second coming there will be another quite different feast or great supper. Who is assembled to eat at this feast (Rev 19:17)? What will they eat (Rev 19:18)? Which of the two feasts would you prefer to attend?
  
6. What is this great battle commonly called (Rev 16:16)? What quantity of carnage will result from this battle (Rev 14:20, 19:21)?
  
7. When Christ touches down on earth, where exactly will He come first (Zech 14:3-5, Acts 1:11-12)? Describe the awesomeness and glory of this event (Math 24:27-31, Joel 2:30-31).
  
8. When Christ returns as conquering King, the rebellion of mankind will be brought to an end. What will be the response to Christ of all survivors (Roman 14:11, Phil 2:10-11)?
  
9. What will be the fate of the "beast" and the "false prophet" that we were introduced to in Rev 13 (Rev 19:20)? Regarding all the other survivors on the planet, how will they be judged (Math 25:31-46)?
  
10. How foolish is it to only dwell on the parts of the Bible that speak of the love of God and reject those that deal with God's righteous judgment? What will be the fate of people who reject God's love and mercy which is manifested only through His SON, Jesus Christ (John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1 Tim 2:5, Rev 14:10, 20:13-15, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)?