

"The Glorious Wedding of the Lamb" Revelation 19:1-10

In this chapter we see two clear signs that we are getting close to the end of this age.

- I.** The first sign is the verb, _____, that is used four times in ten verses.
(used in no other place in the N.T.)
- A. Three times the great _____ cries out "Hallelujah" in praise. **V.1,3,6**
- B. In **V.4** the Twenty-Four Elders and the Four-Living Creatures _____
before he ONE on the Throne, saying _____ (we agree) – "Hallelujah!"
- C. The word, Hallelujah, means "You praise _____," or "You praise, _____"
- "Hallelu," means _____. _____ is the short form of the sacred name of GOD.
 - Strict Jews avoid saying the name Yahweh, because they do not want to break the _____ Commandment. Exodus 20:7
 - When an observant Jew comes to a text in Scripture with the name, "Yahweh," in it, they will substitute the word, _____ which means LORD, or _____ because HIS Name is too holy to speak.
 - Through the centuries the Church has also followed this practice. Most English Bibles render "Yahweh," as "the LORD;" therefore a _____ is substituted for a _____ name. When you say "Hallelujah," you are offering praise to the very _____ of the ONE True GOD.
- D. We see Heaven rejoicing so fervently (in contrast to the _____ of those still on Earth) because:
- The Great Harlot that _____ the Earth had fallen. **V.2** Hallelujah!
 - The Empire of the Antichrist was in _____. **V.3** Hallelujah!
 - The Greatest _____ in Heaven gave Glory to GOD. **V.4** Hallelujah!
 - The LORD GOD Almighty _____ completely over all. **V.6** Hallelujah!
- II.** The second sign that shows a new Age is rapidly approaching is a _____
_____ **V.7, 9** "Blessed are those who are invited"
- A. There are powerful contrasts seen in these passages.
- _____ the Great vs. The New _____
 - The Great _____ vs. The _____ of CHRIST
 - The _____ Dinner ever (19:17-21) vs. The _____ Dinner ever.
- B. JESUS told a _____ about a King who gave a wedding feast for HIS Son.
Mt. 22:1-14 HE went on to talk about all the people that failed to _____
to the magnanimous invitation given to them by the King, and those
who scoffed at being appropriately _____ for the grand occasion.
- C. We should rejoice and be glad that we have been _____, and that
the Bride of CHRIST has made herself _____. **V.7** Mt. 16:24

In the Hebrew culture there were 3 steps to getting married:

1. The Engagement or _____. The prospective groom would travel, with his best man, to the prospective bride's home. The groom would finalize arrangements with the bride's father on the _____ or purchase price. 1 Cor. 6:20 Once the price was paid, the marriage technically went into effect. They were _____ husband and wife, even though they would not live together. A new _____ was established between them by drinking a cup of wine. Luke 22:20
2. The _____ for the Marriage. The Groom would return to his father's house and spend _____ preparing a new space or room for he and his bride to live together at his _____. John 16:28, 14:1-3
3. The Wedding _____. At the end of the Betrothal period, the bridegroom dressed in festive attire, and accompanied by his best man and friends, would make his way back to the bride's home. Everyone had a rough idea of when the groom would come, but no one knew the exact _____. His arrival would be preceded by the _____, "Here is the bridegroom. Come out. Come out to meet him!" Mt. 25:6 1 Thess. 4:16 Then with great joy, the bride, veiled, and accompanied by her maidens, who were carrying _____, would come out to join the groom and his attendants. Then the wedding feast would begin, and maybe last a _____ or longer.

- D. A very good Marriage is the _____ of how GOD loves us.
- Ever _____ Supportive during hard times. Intimate/_____ love
 - Based on _____ - Working side-by-side Forgiveness when we fail.
 - Best _____ - Enjoyable - The desire to keep growing, getting better.
 - Treating each other _____ than anyone else on Earth.
- E. Our wonderful LORD JESUS is looking for _____. Rev. 3:20, Mathew 22:36-40, Song of Solomon 5:2, Isaiah 54:4-6, 61:10, Eph. 5:25-27, 2 Cor. 11:2, John 3:29, 1 Sam. 13:14 This is why _____ (anything before GOD) is so hurtful to HIM.
- F. John wrote that the wedding clothing of those gathered for the Marriage Celebration of the Lamb reflected their individual _____, devotion, and obedience to JESUS. **V.8** (HE wants to give honor)
1. John added, "these are the _____ of GOD" **V.9**
 2. He also stated, the Testimony of JESUS is the Spirit of Prophecy" – meaning the essence of true prophesy is to reveal what is near and dear to the _____ of JESUS, as confirmed in Scripture.

Revelation 2:4 - Have you left your First Love?

