

## Rejoicing in Heaven Revelation 19:1-10

### I. The Sound of Victory – 19:1-5

1. "After this" after the fall of Babylon – Rev. 18  
The collapse of the world's system  
All that man has built to glorify man  
After the weeping & wailing of the loss of "all things"
2. After the judgment of the Prostitute – Rev. 17  
God's judgment on the one who tempted men to worship false gods  
Those who have followed the beast & the false prophet  
Those who have been empowered by Satan
3. "After this" John is drawn to another sound – 19:1  
John hears another sound that overwhelms the sound of "great loss"  
This sound seemed to be the "loud voice of a great multitude"  
Only this sound "of a great multitude" comes from "heaven"  
This "loud voice" is in perfect harmony crying out: "Hallelujah!" – attention is focused on The Lord, our God  
"Salvation and glory and power belong to our God"  
These 3 words speak of deliverance – victory  
Praise God – "His judgments are true and just – 2  
"He has judged the great prostitute"  
"Who corrupted the earth with her immorality" (spiritual adultery)  
Drawing people away from God to worship other gods  
"He has avenged on her the blood of His servants"  
God brings justice for His servants who have been martyred
4. Once more they cried out – 3  
"Hallelujah!" – "The smoke from her (prostitute) goes up forever and ever"  
God's just judgment is eternal (in the Lake of fire) – 20:10

### II. All Heaven Rejoices – 19:4-5

1. 24 elders & 4 living creatures fell down to worship God – 4  
This group is found leading worship in Rev. 4:8-11  
24 elders represent God's people  
From 12 tribes of Israel & 12 New Testament churches
2. The 4 Living creatures are Cherubim – Ezekiel 10:20  
Cherubim lead in worship of God in heaven  
Satan was once an "anointed cherub" – Ezek. 28:14-17  
His pride caused him to be cast out of heaven
3. These elders & Cherubim fell down to worship God saying: "Amen. Hallelujah!"

"Praise our God all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great"

### III. Marriage Supper of the Lamb – 19:6-10

1. John again hears a great sound – 6  
It seemed to him to be "the voice of a great multitude"  
"Like the roar of many waters"  
"Like the sound of many peals of thunder"  
"Crying out" in great celebration  
"Hallelujah!"  
"For the Lord our God"  
"The Almighty reigns"
2. John states the reason for this great celebration – 7  
"Let us rejoice and exult, and give Him glory"  
"For the marriage of the Lamb has come"  
Jesus told a parable to help us understand this feast – Matt. 22:1-14  
Several things stand out in this parable  
(1) The focus is on the King's Son – He is to be exalted  
(2) Many have rejected or made light of this invitation  
For which they suffer greatly  
(3) The king sends his servants out to invite others  
And the wedding was filled with other guests  
(4) One came without the proper wedding garment  
He was cast into outer darkness  
This brings us back to the feast in Rev. 19:7-8
3. "His Bride has made herself ready" - 7  
John tells us how it is that those who come are "made ready"  
"It was granted her to clothe herself" – 8  
The clothes are provided for her  
They are "fine linen, bright and pure"  
(We are clothed in the "righteousness of Christ")  
The Lamb has cleansed us by His blood & we stand in His righteousness – Romans 5:17-21  
"The fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints"

### IV. The Angel's Blessing – 19:9-10

1. Angel told John what to write – 9  
"Write this: "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb"  
The Angel added "These are the true words of God"
2. John fell down at the angel's feet to worship him – 10  
But the angel responded "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