



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

- Rev. 1:1 – “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”
- *Apocalypse*
- Greek word = *apocalypsis*
- Means “to reveal, to uncover, to unveil, or to fully disclose.”
- An unveiling of Jesus Christ.
  - 1 Cor. 1:7—awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - 1 Pet. 1:7—the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
  - 1 Pet. 1:13—Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
  - 1 Pet. 4:13—to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.
  - Rev. 1:1—The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated *it* by His angel to His bond-servant John.

## Rapture vs. Second Coming

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Rapture (John 14; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Th. 4)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– No hint of judgment</li> <li>– No warning signs precede</li> <li>– Rapture of living believers</li> <li>– Resurrection of dead believers</li> <li>– Before the Tribulation</li> <li>– Christ comes in the air</li> <li>– For His saints</li> <li>– To take the saints to heaven</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Revelation           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Emphasis on Judgment (Rev. 19:11, 15, 17-21)</li> <li>– Dramatic signs precede (Matt. 24:29-30)</li> <li>– No mention of Rapture of living believers</li> <li>– No mention of Resurrection of dead believers</li> <li>– After the Tribulation</li> <li>– Christ returns to the earth</li> <li>– With His saints</li> <li>– To defeat His enemies and to establish His kingdom</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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## The Book of Revelation

- An outline
  - 4-18 = the Events of the Tribulation
  - 19-22 = “the Last Things”
    - 19 – the 2nd Coming
    - 20:1-10 – The Millennium
    - 20:11-15 – the Last Judgment
    - 21:1—22:5 – The New Heavens and Earth

## Revelation 19

- 1-10 – Prelude to the 2nd Coming
- 11-16 – the Revelation of the King
- 17-21 – the Victory of the King

## Prelude to the Second Coming (Rev. 19:1-10)

- *Hallelujah* (Heb.) = 4x in the NT
- All 4x in here (1, 3, 4, 6)
- Comes from two Hebrew words:
  - *Hallel* = the Hebrew word for praise
  - *Yah* = a shortened form of God’s personal name (YHWH).
  - Cf. Ps. 106; 111; 112; 113; 117; 135; 146; 147; 148; 149; 150
- An imperative—a command

## Reasons for Heaven's Praise

- Several realities are about to occur:
- 1) Salvation for God's people (1)
- 2) Justice for God's enemies (2-5)
- 3) Sovereignty of God over His universe (6)
- 4) Communion of the Lord with His Bride (7-8)

## A Jewish Marriage

- 1) Betrothal or negotiation
- 2) Procession and wedding
- 3) Wedding feast

## The Church

- 1) Betrothal
  - In eternity past when by sovereign choice the church was betrothed to Christ
  - Or at the cross where the dowry was paid
- 2) Procession & Wedding
  - At the Rapture, when Christ comes for his bride and takes her back to the Father's house
- 3) Wedding feast
  - Likely during the millennium
  - Cf. the feasting imagery regarding the kingdom: Matt. 8:11; 26:29; Luke 12:35-37\*; 22:16.

## The Revelation of the King (Rev. 19:11-16)

- Epistle of Barnabas (70-100 AD): "When His Son comes He will destroy...the wicked one, and will judge the godless, and will change the sun and the moon and the stars, and then He will truly rest..."
- Justin Martyr (100-165 AD): "hear, too, how He was to ascend into heaven according to prophecy... And how He should come again out of heaven with glory."
- Irenaeus (130-200 AD): "when this Antichrist shall have devastated all things in this world, he will reign for three years and six months, and sit in the temple in Jerusalem; and then the Lord will come from heaven in the clouds, in the glory of the Father, sending this man and those who follow him into the lake of fire."
- Every major creed of the Christian church refers to this reality.
- Our Lord Himself:
  - Matt. 24:30—"And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.
  - Matt. 25:31—"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
  - Acts 1:9-11 – through His angel

## The Revelation of the King (Rev. 19:11-16)

- "Faithful & True."
- "In righteousness he judges and wages war."
- "His eyes are a flame of fire."
- "On his head are many diadems."
- "A name...which no one knows."
- "Clothed with a robe dipped in blood."
- "His name is called the Word of God."

## The Revelation of the King (Rev. 19:11-16)

- Two primary groups that will accompany Christ:
  - Angels (Matt. 24:31; 25:31; Mark 8:38; 2 Th. 1:7)
  - Believers (Col. 3:4; 1 Th. 3:13)
- Here—probably believers (cf. v. 8)

## The Revelation of the King (Rev. 19:11-16)

- “From His mouth [Christ’s mouth] comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations.”
  - Is. 11:4; 49:2
- “He will rule them with a rod of iron.”
  - Ps. 2:9
- “He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.”
  - Is. 63:3
- “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

## The Only Right Response

- Worship the Son with fear
  - Ps. 2:11—Worship the LORD with reverence And rejoice with trembling.
- Submit to the Son with fear
  - Ps. 2:12a—Do homage to the Son [an act of allegiance and submission], that He not become angry, and you perish *in* the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled.
- Take Refuge in the Son with joy
  - Ps. 2:12b—How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!