

## Revelation 19:1-21

### A. The Prostitute and the Bride (Revelation 19:1-10)

1. “Hallelujah!”—Praise Yahweh! LXX Translation in Psalms; Joyous celebration in contrast to the mourning found in Chapter 18.
2. Salvation = Deliverance = Triumph
3. By judging the world system God has begun to reign (19:6)
4. Bride and marriage imagery symbolic of the joyous occasion; “wedding supper” figure for the coming messianic era—God has promised this splendid banquet (Isa. 25:6)
5. The wedding supper contrasts the feast of the birds on the carcasses of the wicked (19:9, 17-18).
6. The Bride has made herself ready for the wedding; righteousness (Isa. 61:10); fine linen = the righteous deeds of the saints.
7. John’s confusion—the messenger’s (angel) words are God’s words; Only God is to be worshiped—challenges all forms of idolatry.
8. **FORMULA FOR US TODAY: SHIFT THE FOCUS OFF OF OURSELVES AND ONTO GOD!** Angel declares he is God’s agent; All believers are thus potential prophets, anointed with God’s Spirit to speak his message in his place.

### B. Holy War (Revelation 19:11-21)

1. Jesus, the Faithful One and the True One, is to be worshiped! Through his righteousness he makes war and brings judgment!
2. Biblical Prophets depict God has the ultimate holy warrior (Isa. 42:13; Hab. 3:11-14) cloaked for war.
3. White horse—“King of Kings”; fiery eyes—divinity and fury; many crowns—ruler over all the kings of the world; Jesus’ name his hidden among the world but is revealed to humanity through his coming—the “Word of God.”
4. “From his mouth comes a sharp sword”—this passage should encourage us—while other mouths slander us, what ultimately matters is the just decree of life or death from Jesus’ mouth.
5. Blood from the winepress; heavenly army including angels and believers.
6. Satan’s army is hurled into the burning “lake of sulfur” (Sodom). The punishment is eternal (14:10 and contrasts with the sea of glass in God’s presence (4:6).

**Empowered by the Spirit: a). to speak for God b). abilities are enhanced c). guides and directs**  
**Take the step! Revelation 19:10**