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## THE WHITE HORSE

Revelation 19

Rev. 11:3

### INTRODUCTION:

One of the greatest Christian oratorios is Handel's Messiah. He wrote it in 24 days. In it he runs the whole portrait of the redemptive purpose of Christ. It moves from one to another until he comes to the death and the resurrection of Christ, and then the ascension of Jesus into Heaven. He portrays him in Psalm 24:7-10. "Lift up your heads, oh ye, gates and be ye lifting up ye everlasting doors. And the king of Glory will come in. The angels inside the gates swing back -- who is the king of Glory. And again those with Jesus respond. Lord of hosts, Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory. And after Jesus had entered into the Father's House, seated on the throne, he comes to the grand climax. The Hallelujah chorus. You catch this majestic picture of the reign of the Lord in the 19th Chapter of the book of Revelation, and you understand the hallelujah's -- the king of kings and the Lord of Lords. You see the struggle between God and Satan, as it takes place.

This chapter touches everything in Heaven and things in earth. It speaks of Christ, it speaks of angels. It speaks of war, it speaks of judgement. It speaks of wrath. And the coming destruction. It speaks of Hell. There is no place in all the Bible that will carry one to such depths as well as to such heights as well as this chapter concerning Jesus Christ.

The foundation for this chapter is the supreme power belongs to God. And second only to him in power is Satan. God is sovereign in the universe

*messiah* *chap 53:6* "All we like sheep have gone astray -  
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we have turned everyone to his own way - and hath laid  
on him the iniquity of us all -  
but Satan has layed claim to sovereignty.

You remember that God made man in the state of innocence. Put him in a garden in Eden. Satan invaded the garden and won the allegiance of man. Gen. 3:6. And he upset the divine order of nature itself. Gen. 3:16. He claimed to be sovereign of both man and nature. And of the spiritual universe.

This same drama is worked out in the book of Job. When the fire of God fell from Heaven which was credited an act of Satan, destroyed his servants and his sheep, a great wind destroyed his house, killed his children. And we read that entire chapter and you learn that all was an act of Satan. And it suggests that he is on the prowl acting through nature and Jesus called him the prince of this world in John 31, John 14:30, and 16:11.

When Jesus came as the king in his Kingdom - the temptation in the wilderness, Satan showed up. And showed him all the kingdoms of the world. Luke 4:5. And he offered this to him. And Satan defies God. And challenges him.

Now the conflict, God denies Satan's false claim. And in Eden, Satan claimed to be sovereign. With Job, God permitted Satan to go so far and no further. And this battle has raged between Christ and Satan. Now Christ came to redeem men from the power of the Devil. Now God could have destroyed the Devil, with a display of power. But conflict involved the personal relationship between God and man. And so he worked it out through the person of his son.



And there in the hour of darkness, evil opposed God and he gave evil a free reign -- even to do it's worst. Even to the killing of the son of God. Now on the death, and through the resurrection, Jesus broke that power. And the conflict with Satan now is assured.

*Jesus determined to drop his blood will & God*

On D Day in Europe, the Nazi forces continued to resist, for almost a year. But when the Allied Armies landed on the coast of France successfully - the issue was finally decided. So now Jesus died, he arose again. And what is remaining is the final conquest against evil. And it is being accomplished and we see it here in the 19th of Revelation. Jesus is now through the preaching of the Gospel, by his servants, one by one putting his enemies under his feet. Now the final victory - the climax to this book is in the 15th verse when the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. This is the promise of the climax. These sovereignties of this world become those of our Lord and his Christ.

✓ 11 Now John in the book of Revelation sees one in Heaven riding on a white horse which denotes victory and absolute rule.

Let us note the two sections of this chapter for understanding - that it might not be all too complicated for you.

We take V. 1-10 - the portrait of the marriage supper.

Then we will take V. 11-21 - which is the portrait of the rider of the white horse and the supper of the great God.



I. The Portrait of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. V. 1-10.

V. 1 - Here is a great voice of many people in Heaven. Heaven is open to us. And they are singing Hallelujah - salvation and glory, honor and power, unto the Lord our God. Now there are four hallelujah's listed here in this section and the Hebrew expression is praise ye the Lord. Praise to Jehovah. The last five Psalms (146-150) begin and end with the wonderful word....Hallelujah.

Only these four verses in Revelation do we find this mighty word of praise used. And this is what we expect - for there is no place today except in the life of a saint, that this great word of high exaltation unto God is worthy.

*Bethlehem* *Stable manger*  
*Christmas Time*  
Now when the wise men came to the baby Jesus - they came with exceeding joy and gladness in the heart. The poor shepherds were also rejoicing. But he was rejected by Israel, crucified, and of course the final victory has been postponed. And Hallelujah can only be uttered by faith and the church filled with the spirit, with the grace.

Now personal Hallelujah's can be given to God and to the holy things that are yet in the future.

Now the first two Hallelujah's are drawn forth by Babylon's judgement.

In V. 2 - For he hath judged the great harlot which did corrupt the earth with her fornication. And hath avenged the blood and the servants at his hand. When this great mighty power was subdued, then it was expressed in expression - the consent of those that were connected with the divine throne. And they all spoke Hallelujah.



V. 3 And again they said Hallelujah.

V. 4 And the four and twenty elders, and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God, saying Hallelujah. There is now a call from the throne itself in V. 5.

V. 5 For universal praise and it is issued. And this voice from the throne saying give praise to our God. All ye his servants. Notice that this call is given to all whose warfare is over. This is a heavenly scene.

V. 6 We come to the mightiest verse in response to God in all Scripture. "And I heard as it were the voice of the great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying Hallelujah. For the Lord our God, the almighty." This is a limited expression of ecstasy at the reign of Lord, our God, the almighty.

When he combines the thunder and the roll of many oceans, that you cannot distinguish.

It is our poor feeble spiritual experiences and aspirations - it is most difficult to imagine the delight in God, heard in Heaven. A great multitude - many waters. Like mighty thunders. Such is the voice.

V. 7 Is an inexpressable climax that glorious event awaited by God the Father, the bridegroom his Son, and the blessed spirit. Yes, and all holy beings, who like John, the bridegroom's friend can say - let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto him for the marriage of the lamb has come. And his wife hath made herself ready.



Let us for a moment reflect on this marriage, which has been the long  
looked for, long awaited event. Age upon age.

V. 8] - To her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen. For the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. Man's righteous things or acts - righteousness. These bridal saints were declared righteous in Christ, when first they believed. And these garments have been prepared. We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works.

For the whole church is the bride - and linen represents the manifesting righteousness, and this is fine linen. Bright and pure. As her Lord's raiment had on the transfiguration mount. The church will appear - all of

it - in raiment befitting Christ. Lawrence Riley - Miss. B. Gr. - Ministry Nursing Home -  
one lady spoke so no one - children said she lost her mind - all day in bed - got no response  
He talked - one day decided to diffent - instead of talking, he started singing "Jesus  
loves me, & I know, for the Bible tells me so," - instead of singing he only put his arms  
around his neck & said "Bro Riley" & "I know Jesus loves me because you do."  
The lady not insane. Just said so

V. 9. Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage. Now these know  
sayings are true and are of God. *when we know God loves us* *that she was loved!*

(marriage)  
Eph. 5:22-32 - This event will be a great delight to God for which he has looked forward too through all the ages. And which he has been planning. And anticipated of Christ - who gave himself for the church. This will be a time when Satan's earthly system has been overthrown and it could not be celebrated until the harlot, Babylon, Rome, the false church - all of these had been dealt with and judged. The church will be glorious - without spot or wrinkle. And we get our attention at an earthly wedding fixed upon the ceremony. Forgetting that the real man is taking unto him this woman.

But the ceremony only proclaims and pronounces it. As the wedding feast only celebrates it. The perfect picture of Christ taking the church as his



bride.

*When I heard these things, I fell down - to worship*

V. 10 - He says I fell down at his feet, and worshipped.

## II. The Portrait of him Riding on the White Horse V. 11-21

V. 11 - This is a scene in Heaven - not just the door is open - but it seems all Heaven is open and one is riding on a white horse. And he that sat on the horse is called faithful and true. The rider comes from Heaven and his plans are ready to be fulfilled. This is the safety of every Christian. This is a role of a conqueror.

We see two or three things about this rider and this white horse.

First, that he is said to be faithful and true. This name was given him as he comes from Heaven, as to his faithfulness. He is coming now in righteousness. The struggle will be brief. And he is true in himself. And here is the reality in this name that is given him as he comes.

V. 12 - Second, he has an unknown name. It is written but he alone knows it for he is not God. And his eyes were as flames of fire - which tells us

of the great vision of the sun. Jim Farley Ch. Democratic National Committee during F. D. Roosevelt could call the names of 50,000 people by 1st name! God knows our names!

Third, V. 13, he is given the name, the word of God. And he is arrayed in blood sprinkled garments. A vesture dipped in blood and his name is called the word of God. Because he embodies the revelation of God to men. He must express God's judgement as well as God's goodness. He must have compassion.



As well as deal with those who transgress. He must give forgiveness. And so this third name was a name of the word of God.

The word made became flesh - that he has revealed God to us. That word was spoken in time. In the beginning was the word and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. John 1:1,2.

So this speaks of Jesus and his incarnation

*Virgin Born Christman  
Little Town Bethlehem*

V. 14. The armies from Heaven followed upon white horses.

V. 15. Out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword. That is his word, his voice goes out. His warning to the church that if there were no repentance he would fight against them with the sword of his mouth.

He treads out the winepress of the wrath of God. The winepress is a figure of unsparing judgement. It is a remarkable passage.

The final name - V. 16. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. All earthly power collapses, and withers in his sight. He is going to rule the world. His ideal government will be set up. His official title belongs to him - as Son of Man and rightful heir of all things. The earth gave him a cross instead of a throne. But God is going to reverse all of that very soon.

Notice the name is given him.

✓ First, our Lord's dignity as the eternal son. *(Faithful & True)*  
Son, his incarnation - the word became flesh. *(The Word of God)*



Third, his second advent to reign as king of kings and Lord of Lords. The armies of Heaven who follow him comprise the church and the saints of former dispensations. And they ride upon white horses and follow him to victory.

This is a marvelous prophesy of how he will complete the fulfillment when he comes.

V. 17 - Gives us in these last verses a portrait of the supper of the great God. He said, "I saw an angel standing in the sun". This is a source of light. Now how this angel could stand in the sun and speak to the earth - I do not know. But he says it will be done. And with all of the discoveries that man has made today, we know very little about the power of angels and the mighty strength of what God commands - can be done. But here is a picture of the angel standing in the sun, speaking with a voice, calling the fowl of the Heavens to come together for a great supper.

This is the closing scene of judgement as he summons the fowl to come and feast upon the great ones - the beast, the anti-Christ, the false prophets - it is an awful picture. It is an awful picture of the climax of man's resistance to God. A picture that may fill the heart with gladness as it tells of the end of the unrighteous rule in this world.

This speaks of the rider on the white horse and his task. He is going to over throw the rebellious, the human government, he is going to put the Devil out, and their appointed rulers. Political corruption will be ended. Social wrongs will be investigated and set right. Ignorance is going to be blotted out. Rebellion is going to be out-lawed.



In V. 18 - The angel calls these that they may eat the flesh of the kings. And the captains, of these great men and these followers of Satan. This is the climax of man's resistance to God. When the wrath comes and the battle of Armageddon - when absolutely millions pour out their blood in slaughter. Even to the bridals of the horses. Here is a literal call to the birds who feed upon flesh. They are going to come and clean the land completely. It is hard to visualize and other interpretation. Anything else would be fantastic, other than a literal one.

V. 19 I saw the beasts and the kings of the earth. And their armies gathered together. (To make war) against him that sat on the white horse. This is the final conflict. What an array. The anti-Christ, the kings of the earth, the beasts, have gathered together and here is a great day of God, the Almighty. The headquarters are in the valley of Megiddo - just Southeast of Mount Carmel in Palestine.

And here is one with his armies - with the knowledge of whom he is fighting against. Here is a direct warfare of Hell against Heaven. Satan has cast his millions of angels into this war. The false prophets, the false Christ, trusting in the arm of the flesh are coming to defy the son of God.

The final picture is the triumph.

In V. 20 - the beast is taken and the false prophet that had wrought miracles. And them that had received the mark of the beast, and had worshipped the evil. These both were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. The beast was taken and with him the false prophet. And they cannot struggle against the King of Kings. How the beasts were taken we are not



told. The king gives the order. They are arrest - and these Hellish leaders and the two are cast alive into the lake of fire. A state of consciousness here of existence of the human body. Furthermore, this same is mentioned as Gehenna which our Lord warned the Jews in Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The importance just now is that the believers should become established concerning the nature of eternity of future punishment.

To be tormented ceaselessly there forever should sober all of our thoughts.

In the Old Testament we read of two men who went to Heaven without passing through death. Enoch and Elijah.

Now in this picture we see here how two men are brought and are cast into Hell fire without going through physical death. Their awful doom is for the warning of all who turn away from him that speaks from Heaven.

This impresses upon each of us the necessity to consider what is before us.

The mighty monarch comes with victory in his armies. The call for the birds to feed upon the prey. Here is the complete over-throw and destruction of the opposing evil ones.

And the three symbols of judgement. First a sharp sword. Probably meaning death. Second, a rod of iron. For righteous judgement. And third, the winepress of wrath. For those who are guilty.



Why not? -  
a time of judgment -  
As court deals with violators, a time is set.

V. (21) - And the remnant - that great crowd was slain directly by Christ.  
With the breath of his lips, shall he slay the wicked. Isaiah 11:4. Read of his mouth

The closing scene of the present order as you behold the millions of flesh eating birds cleaning away the rebels against God and against Christ. See them feasting upon a human that is fallen. This is a sight. This is awful as you see 200 miles covered with this countless host of birds. This should call every individual to repentance. I would like to impress upon you tonight, each one of my hearers, that you might have a part in one or the other of these two suppers which we have been considering.

Handle's Manual Feat 40:1-5 Read Comfort to my People

If you are saved, I know you will have a place at the marriage supper with the Lamb. For every blood redeemed one will be there. Not one will be missing. But our blessed Lord will be there because he died for you and for your sins upon the cross. But you who refuse his grace, what will you do when the things which we have been speaking in this place - take place. You maybe among those deceived by Satan. Accepting the leadership of the beast. And own the claims of the anti-Christ. In that case, you will have part in the great supper of God. May God draw you to himself and resist not the pleading of the Holy Spirit. But flee at once and take refuge in him who said, him that cometh unto me - I will in no wise cast out. Will you not make V. 16 a reality. Make him king of kings and Lord of Lords.

Philip Booth - I am not far from the mark when I say  
all the armies that are marshaled  
" " Navies " " new Built  
" " Parliaments that are set  
" " Kings " " signed

all put together have not affected the life of man upon  
this earth as powerfully as one solitary life The life of Jesus Christ