

# **THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

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# Revelation 19:1–16

- 1 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven saying,  
“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;
- 2 BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND SERVANTS ON HER.”

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- 3 And a second time they said, “Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOR EVER AND EVER.”
- 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!”
- 5 And a voice came from the throne saying, “Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.”

## Revelation 19:1–16

- 6 Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder saying,  
“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.
- 7 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.”

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- 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
- 9 The he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’”  
And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

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- 10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
- 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.



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- 12 His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself.
- 13 *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

## **Revelation 19:1–16**

**15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.**

**16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”**







# Place in the Book of Revelation

## **III.** What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).

- A. The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
- B. The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
- C. The Unholy Trinity (12:1–14:20)
- D. The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)
- E. The Great Harlot (17:1–18)
- F. The Judgment of Babylon (18:1–24)
- G. The Rejoicing in Heaven (19:1–8)

## **Question for Discussion**

**How can Christians rejoice  
over the deaths involved  
in Babylon's destruction?**

## **Psalm 137:9**

**How blessed will be the one  
Who seizes and dashes your little ones  
Against the rock.**

# Psalm 137:9

- **First, the issue within Ps 137:**
  - **Verse 7: judicial setting, the Lord provides justice.**
  - **Verses 7–8 indicate Israel had been victims of the same violence.**
  - **The psalmist is not taking vengeance into his own hands.**



# Psalm 137:9

- **First, the issue within Ps 137:**
  - **Only those who have not sinned against their enemies can leave the matter of righteous vengeance to God.**
  - **The psalmist's curse falls on himself (vv. 5–6).**
  - **Both he and Israel are unworthy of taking vengeance or of receiving justice.**

# Psalm 137:9

- **Second, the issue within the OT:**

# Exodus 21

**23** But if there is *any further* injury, then you shall appoint *as a penalty* life for life, **24** eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, **25** burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

# Isaiah 13:16

**Their little ones also will be dashed to pieces  
Before their eyes;**

**Their houses will be plundered  
And their wives ravished.**

**See Deuteronomy 28:25–68**

## Jeremiah 51:56

For the **destroyer** is coming against her,  
against Babylon,  
And her mighty men will be captured,  
Their bows are shattered;  
For the LORD is a God of **recompense**,  
He will fully **repay**.

## 2 Kings 8:12

Hazael said, “Why does my lord weep?”

Then he answered, “Because I know the evil that you will do to the sons of Israel: their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword, and **their little ones you will dash in pieces**, and their women with child you will rip up.”



## **2 Kings 25:7**

**They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah  
before his eyes,  
then put out the eyes of Zedekiah  
and bound him with bronze fetters  
and brought him to Babylon.**

# Hosea 10:14

Therefore a tumult will arise among your  
people,  
And all your fortresses will be destroyed,  
As Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of  
battle,  
*When* mothers were dashed in pieces with their  
children.

## Hosea 13:16

Samaria will be held guilty,  
For she has rebelled against her God.  
They will fall by the sword,  
**Their little ones will be dashed in pieces,**  
And their pregnant women will be ripped open.

## Nahum 3:10

Yet she became an exile,  
She went into captivity;  
**Also her small children were dashed to pieces  
At the head of every street;**  
They cast lots for her honorable men,  
And all her great men were bound with fetters.

# Psalm 137:9

- Third, the issue within the NT:
  - Matthew 23:13–38

# 1 Corinthians 16:22

If anyone does not love the Lord,  
**he is to be accursed.**

**Maranatha.**



# Galatians 1

**8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, **he is to be accursed!** **9** As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, **he is to be accursed!**

## Revelation 6:10

and they cried out with a loud voice,  
saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true,  
will You refrain from judging  
and **avenging our blood**  
**on those who dwell on the earth?”**

## Revelation 18:20

**“Rejoice over her, O heaven,  
and you saints and apostles and prophets,  
because God has pronounced judgment  
for you against her.”**

# Revelation 19:3

And a second time they said,  
“**Hallelujah!**  
HER SMOKE RISES UP  
FOREVER AND EVER.”

# Psalm 137:9

- Prayer can provide a means for relinquishing rage — giving it to God and letting go of it.
- “[I]t is an act of profound faith to entrust one’s most precious hatreds to God, knowing they will be taken seriously.”  
— Walter Brueggemann

## **G. The Rejoicing in Heaven (19:1–8)**

- 1. 1st Hallelujah Chorus (19:1–3)**
  - a. Cf. 7:9–12.**
  - b. Proclaim a twofold “Hallelujah” (1, 3).**
  - c. Verse 2 answers prayer of 6:10.**
  - d. They praise God for the character of His judgments.**
  - e. Smoke (v. 3) appears to be evidence of torment (cf. 14:11).**



## **G. The Rejoicing in Heaven (19:1–8)**

- 2. 2nd Hallelujah Chorus (19:4)**
  - a. Last mention of 24 elders.**
  - b. “Amen” affirms the 1st Hallelujah chorus.**
- 3. A Call to Praise (19:5)**

**Angel, rather than God:**

  - (a) Compare 21:6.**
  - (b) “our,” “His,” “Him.”**

## **G. The Rejoicing in Heaven (19:1–8)**

### **4. 3rd Hallelujah Chorus (19:6–8)**

**a. Cf. Ephesians 5:23–32.**

**b. “His bride” (v. 7) = the Lamb’s bride = the church.**

**c. The great multitude does not include the church (cf. Heb 12:22–23).**

**d. “Fine linen” symbolizes “the righteous acts” of true believers.**

## **H. The Recommissioning of John (19:9–10)**

- 1. Guests at the Marriage Supper (19:9a)**
- 2. The True Words of God (19:9b)**
- 3. Mistaken Worship of the Angel (19:10a)**
- 4. The Spirit of Prophecy (19:10b)**
  - a. Content of the “testimony.”**
  - b. Source of the “testimony.”**
  - c. Jesus is the focal point of prophecy—  
climactic fulfillment later in this chapter.**

## **Question for Discussion**

**What does 19:10 indicate  
about the occurrence,  
content,  
and purpose of prophecy?**

# Jesus, the spirit of prophecy

- As with many occurrences of divine revelation in the Old Testament, the 2nd Person of the Godhead appeared in person.
- The Scriptures speak of Christ, His birth, His sacrificial death, His resurrection, and His reign.
- God's purpose in prophecy is to reveal His program for His kingdom and His program of redemption from sin.

# **I. The Return of Jesus Christ (19:11–20:6)**

## **1. The 2nd Advent of Christ (19:11–16)**

### **a. Christ's Appearance**

## Daniel 2

- 34 “You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.
- 35 “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But **the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.**

# **I. The Return of Jesus Christ (19:11–20:6)**

## **1. The 2nd Advent of Christ (19:11–16)**

### **a. Christ's Appearance**

- He rides a white horse (v. 11).**
- His eyes are a flame of fire (v. 12a).**
- He wears many diadems (v. 12b).**
- He possesses an unknown written name (v. 12c).**
- He wears a bloodied garment (v. 13).**



# **I. The Return of Jesus Christ (19:11–20:6)**

## **1. The 2nd Advent of Christ (19:11–16)**

### **b. Christ's Titles**

- **“Faithful and True” (v. 11).**
- **An unknown name (v. 12).**
- **The Word of God (v. 13).**
- **King of kings and Lord of lords (v. 16).**

## Daniel 2:37

“You, O king, are **the king of kings**, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory.”

# Deuteronomy 10:17

For the LORD your God is **the God of gods**  
**and the Lord of lords**, the great, the mighty,  
and the awesome God who does not show  
partiality nor take a bribe.

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### **c. Christ's Purpose**

- **To wage war in righteous judgment (v. 11).**
- **To lead His armies (v. 14).**
- **To smite the nations with the sword of His mouth (v. 15a).**
- **To rule the nations with a rod of iron (v. 15b).**
- **To tread the wine press of God's fierce wrath (v. 15c).**

# Megiddo

# Jerusalem

# Bozra



# Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus judges Babylon.
- Jesus will reign.
- Jesus will come for His bride.
- Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
- Jesus is Faithful and True.
- Jesus wages righteous warfare.
- Jesus has a hidden name.
- Jesus is the living Word of God.

# Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus will slay with the word of His mouth.
- Jesus will rule with a rod of iron.
- Jesus will tread the wine press of divine wrath.
- Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords.