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2 for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."
3 And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."
4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"
5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!"
6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns."
7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.
8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)
9 Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" And he added, "These are the true words of God."
10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."
11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.
12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.
13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.
14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.
15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.
16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,
18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."
19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.
20 But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.
21 The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Rev. 4-18 primarily dealt with events (earth & heaven) during the Great Tribulation. Ch. 19 turns its focus to heaven and the 2nd coming of Jesus.

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There's literally a great roar of praise in heaven. Babylon (the great prostitute) has been judged... so many of God's servants have been martyred...so much loss...so much violence/bloodshed—now has been avenged.

³ **And again** they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." ⁴ **The twenty-four** elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!" ⁵ **Then a** voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!"



The praise doesn't stop—as they are reminded that the smoke—the fire of hell, the punishment is eternal!

The 24 elders (church—OT & NT), 4 living creatures (angelic beings) fall on their faces in worship! **[pic]**

A voice from the throne said...Praise our God, you His servants! Thunderous praise arose!

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Oh my...the sound is deafening! You've probably been in stadiums when people erupted...cheered...stomped... this is way bigger! The praise... the worship... it's WEDDING DAY!

John 14:1-3, 6 (NKJV) "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ **And if** I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also..."

⁶ **Jesus said** to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The bride...the church...the people of God have made themselves ready!

With salvation, He brings us to be in right standing with Him.

After salvation, we change our thoughts...our pursuits...our behaviors – we prepare ourselves for the wedding
Note...brides...getting ready...meticulous...clothes...hair...nails... every detail!

Saints were "given" fine linen to wear – Jesus is our salvation, our righteousness... our wedding garment.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ **and to** present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

NOTE: JESUS GAVE HIMSELF for the church...HE SANCTIFIES/MADE HER (church) HOLY, HE CLEANSSES HER BY HIS BLOOD/WASHING THROUGH THE WORD...HE PRESENTS HER TO HIMSELF.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (NLT2) Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he

made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.³¹ Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD."

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory. **The Holy Spirit is our deposit...guaranteeing our inheritance...the "bride price."**

9 Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" And he added, "These are the true words of God." **10** At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Bless—prolonged form... supremely blessed are those invited to the wedding! John was so overwhelmed that he fell at the feet of the angel to worship him. This angel, a fellow servant of the Lord, wouldn't accept worship.

Luke 14:16-24 (NLT2) "Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations.

17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' **18** But they all began making excuses **[TO DECLINE/BEG OFF...NO-SHOWS]**. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' **19** Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' **20** Another said, 'I now have a wife, so I can't come.' **21** "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious **[to provoke/enrage—they treated the invitation as no big deal! Do you know what He paid so you could come to this wedding?]** and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'

The Lord's servant is to go to those who will need assistance in order to come; ...go to those who know and readily admit that they need help. Note the servant is to "bring in" these to whom he is now sent. He is to bring in the poor, those who will need new and appropriate clothing...the blind who will need guided.

22 After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' **23** So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. **24** For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.'"

So the Lord told them go out of the city (Jews) and invite even the Gentiles! He's going to fill the banquet hall... who wants to come? He said to leave the homes of the rich and luxurious, the self-sufficient and worldly-minded, the religionists and self-righteous.

The angel simply tells John "...Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

The evidence of Jesus (who He is and what He has done/is doing) is the spirit of prophecy (prediction/foretelling)

I can't tell you how much I love the content and wording of what's coming up next...

11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. **13** He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

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No matter what hero or heroine you can think of... or superhero...NONE compares to the picture of Jesus on the white horse, ready to bring an end to the rebellion of the people of the earth.

This time, He's not on a foal of a donkey... He's on a majestic white horse... "to save the day."

14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

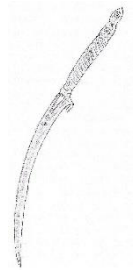
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The armies of heaven in those dressed in fine linen (saints).

Describing Jesus in Rev. 1:16 it says he had **“...a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth.”**

The word for "sword" (*rhomphaia*) was used of an unusually long sword and sometimes used as a spear, thus indicating a piercing action. It may be straight or slightly curved, the but the blade 2-3 ft.

<https://military-history.fandom.com/wiki/Rhomphaia>



Note that the Word of God is said to be sharper than a double-edged sword. All Jesus has to do is speak the word and His enemies—the rebellious nations are struck down!

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Angels beckon birds, flying in midair... come....have we got a feast for you! All who have rebelled against God.

19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. **20 But the** beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded **[tricked/caused them to be led astray]** those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. **The two** of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.



You just have to say—how dumb to fight against God!

Antichrist and False Prophet were thrown alive into fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Why? Deceived people with miraculous signs...performing them on behalf of the beast.

21 The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

The birds (vultures) gorged themselves on the flesh of kings, generals, mighty men, etc.

The same inspired Word of God which so wonderfully describes the grace of God and the salvation which is available to all who believe is equally plain about the judgment of all who reject the grace of God. Judgment awaits the wicked, and the second coming of Christ is the occasion for a worldwide judgment unparalleled in Scripture since the time of Noah's flood.

BUT TODAY... YOU...ALL OF US ARE INVITED TO MARRIEAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION?

If so, He supplies your wedding garment!

ARE YOU MAKING YOURSELF READY? DON'T SOIL YOUR CLOTHES. THE TIME IS DRAWING NEAR!