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### Brief Revision

- We addressed the messages that Jesus Christ gave to God's Churches for the time period before His second coming.
- We studied the prophesied events until Christ's second coming.
- We also studied how Satan has been attacking God's Church and specifically the brethren in the faith. He will continue to do so until Christ's coming.
- We have also seen how the Great Babylon, both in its religious and civil form, will be destroyed.
- To conclude with the study of this Great Babylon's destruction, we will look today at the rest of the events which will take place until the destruction of the leaders of this great pagan system.

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### Rejoice

- **Rev 18:19-20** – Call to rejoice because God judged Babylon the Great in favor of the faithful angels and us (the saints, apostles and prophets).
- **Rev 19:1** – "After these things I heard **a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven**, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!"
- Tone change in the Book of Revelation
  - represents the transfer from darkness to light
  - from days of wrath to days of blessings
- "I heard a loud voice of a great multitude ..."
- – The apostle **heard**, but **did not see**.

The word "multitude" (Gr 3793 "*ochlos*") – means a large number of beings.

- it does not define what kind of beings they were;
- we believe they were angels.

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## Rejoice

- **Rev 19:2** – “For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.”
- Babylon’s judgment (specifically of the religious system – the great harlot) is declared true and righteous.
- **Rev 19:3** – Again they said, “Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!”
- KJV: “for <1519> ever <165> and ever <165>.”
- Gr: 1519 – **eis** = a primary preposition; to or **into** (indicating **the point reached** or entered), of place, **time**, ...
- Gr: 165 – **aiōn** = 1) for ever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity  
2) the worlds, universe  
3) **period of time, age**

The context defines which translation is best applicable.




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## Rejoice

- **Rev 19:4** – “And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, ‘Amen! Alleluia!’”
- Angelic leaders around the throne of God.
- **Rev 19:5-6** – “Then a voice came from the throne, saying, ‘Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!’ And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!’”
- **Rev 19:7** – “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage (Gr 1062) of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”
- The text does not identify where the marriage will be held.
- Gr: 1062 – **gamos** – a wedding or marriage festival, a wedding banquet, a wedding feast.




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## Rejoice – The Wedding of the Lamb

- (V7) “His wife has made herself ready.” – This is the important point!
- **Mat 25:1-13** – the parable of the 10 virgins.
- (V10) – Those who were ready.
- **Luke 21:36** – “you may be accounted worthy”
- **Ex 24:4-8** – How was the marriage ceremony sealed and ratified with God (the Word)?
- By a commitment (promise – V7) which was sealed and ratified in blood (V8).
- **Hosea 2:2-3** – What caused the separation? By harlotry and adultery.
- **Jer 3:8** – “I have put her away and given her a certificate of divorce.”
- **John 1:1, 3, 14** – The Word became flesh.
- **Rom 7:2-3** – The husband (the Word) died. Now legally free to re-marry.
- **Heb 9:15-18** – Double meaning: It was necessary for the Old Covenant marriage to be annulled and consecrated with blood (death and payment).
- **2 Cor 11:2** – Therefore Jesus Christ is free to marry those who are ready.




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### Rejoice – The Wedding of the Lamb

- **Rev 19:8** – “And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”
- The meaning of “fine linen, clean and bright” is quite clear.
- KJV “the righteousness” – ‘acts’ not in the Greek – Gr 1345 dikaioma – “that which has been deemed right; a judicial decision.”
- **Rom 4:3-8** – imputed righteousness because Abraham believed (obeyed).
- **Eph 5:26-27** – Christ sanctifies and cleanses us by His Spirit and the Word.
- **1 Pet 1:2** – God’s Spirit Sanctification process for Obedience.
- **2 Pet 1:3-11** – this is how we enter the Kingdom of God (become ready).
- **2 Pet 3:17-18** – We are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.




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### Rejoice – The Wedding of the Lamb

- **Rev 19:9** – “Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”
- A very special glorious distinction!
- **Rev 19:10** – “And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! **For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**”
- All prophecy points to Christ and His testimony through His very life and deeds. during His life and through His actions – particularly the culmination of what follows.
- **Psalms 2** – The Father puts all creation under Christ’s control.




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### The KING of Kings and the LORD of Lords

- **Rev 19:11-13** – “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.”
- **Zech 14:3-4** – This event was prophetically anticipated.
- **Isaiah 64:1-5** – Prophecy fulfilled.
- “Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence...”




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### The KING of Kings and the LORD of Lords

- **Rev 19:14-16** – “And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”
- **Is 34** – The ultimate destruction of end time Babylon.
- **Is 63:1-6** – The day of vengeance; the year of My redeemed.
- **Rev 19:17-19** – “Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.” And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.”
- **Rev 16:12-16** – The physical armies had just gathered (sixth last plague).




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### The KING of Kings and the LORD of Lords

- **Rev 19:20** – “Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.”
- The two leaders are thrown alive into the lake of fire.
- **Rev 19:21** – “And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.”
- The gathered armies are completely destroyed.
- **Zech 14:1-5, 12-14** – Additional detail of their destruction.




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### God’s grace and justice

- **John 3:16** – God’s Word is very clear that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for mankind.
- **Acts 24:24-25** – The same Word of God makes it absolutely clear that those who reject God’s mercy will receive the fruits of their actions, God’s judgment to come.
- **James 2:13** – “For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”
- How foolish is the Christianity of this world, which believes in God’s grace and mercy, but rejects the parts of God’s Word which deal with God’s righteous judgment.
- Will we be ready and striving to overcome our weaknesses to the end, trusting fully in God’s help through His Holy Spirit?




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