

The Unveiling of Jesus Christ



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of Christ
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Seven-headed Beast from the Luther Bible

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- John's Outline for the Book of **Revelation** is found in **Revelation 1:19**:
 - The things which you have seen = Christ in glory, found in **Chapter 1**.
 - The things which are = The Church, found in **Chapters 2-3**.
 - The things which will take place after this, found in **Chapters 4-22**.

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- We may further divide the last section as follows:
- The things which will take place after this, found in Chapters 4-22:
 - Ch. 4-5 The scene in heaven including the completed Church – now with the Lord.
 - Ch. 6-19 The seven-year Tribulation.
 - Ch. 20-22 Events after Christ's return.

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- This chapter ends this book's preview of the seven-year Tribulation period.
- As the Old Testament led up to Christ's first coming, the New Testament has been leading up to this.
- **Revelation 19** can be considered the climax of the entire Bible.

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- 2 Peter 2:3-4

3 Knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

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- The Messiah is coming, but no longer as a suffering Servant.
- This time He comes as a conquering King, to judge evil and establish His kingdom on earth.

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I. Praises in Heaven

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19:1-10

- 19:1 A great multitude is praising God.
- This may the same multitude of tribulation saints “that no one could number” in Revelation 7:9.
- 19:1, 3, 4 & 6 Hallelujah! This is a Hebrew word meaning “Praise the Lord!”
- More common in the Old Testament, in the New it appears only in this chapter.

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- 19:6 Like the roar of many waters Like Niagara Falls (at least that's what comes to my mind).
- Mighty peals of thunder Something we are very familiar with around here.
- From this section, we learn that the worship in heaven is definitely loud!

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- There is no half-hearted, lifeless worship in the actual presence of God.
- Why should there ever be now?

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

*God is to be praised with the voice,
and the heart should go therewith in
holy exultation.*

– Charles Spurgeon (1834 – 1892),
Baptist Pastor in London



I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

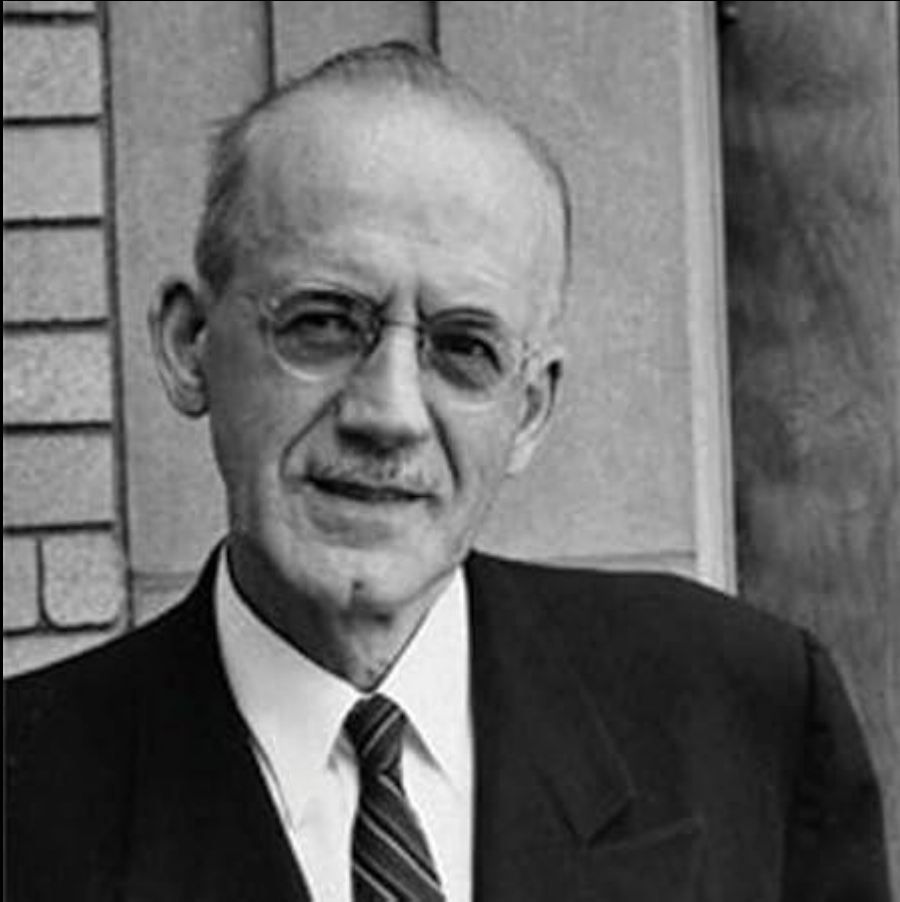


Worship is first and foremost for His benefit, not ours, though it is marvelous to discover that in giving Him pleasure, we ourselves enter into what can become our richest and most wholesome experience in life.

— Graham Kendrick,
Contemporary British Composer

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10



Without worship, we go about miserable.

– Aiden Wilson (A.W.) Tozer,
Christian Missionary
Alliance Pastor

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- Psalm 9:1-2

1 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

2 I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- 19:7 His Bride has made herself ready
- At present we, the church, are being prepared for our wedding.
- Paul saw his work in a similar light.

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- 2 Corinthians 11:2

For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- 19:10 The angel refuses John's act of worship. Jesus Christ does not.
- Let's look at some examples.

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- **Matthew 2:11**

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- Matthew 14:31-33

31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of [Peter], saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- Matthew 28:8-9

8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

I. Praises in Heaven

19:1-10

- Matthew 28:16-17

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

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19:1-10

- Luke 24:51-53

51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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- 19:10 The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy
- The primary focus of prophecy, in both the Old and New Testaments, is Jesus Christ.
- Any study of prophecy that takes our eyes off of Him is misguided.

II. The Glorious Appearing

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- 19:11 In righteousness He judges and makes war.
- The Lord's enemies often accuse Him of being unjust or unfair in His judgments.
- This is not true, as Revelation frequently reminds us.

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- Revelation 15:3-4

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God,
and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,

O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations! ...

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- Revelation 15:3-4

... 4 Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- Revelation 16:5-7

5 And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say,

“Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was,
for you brought these judgments.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,
and you have given them blood to drink ...

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- Revelation 16:5-7

... It is what they deserve!”

7 And I heard the altar saying,

“Yes, Lord God the Almighty,
true and just are your judgments!”

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- Revelation 19:2

for his judgments are true and just;
for he has judged the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- The age-old longing of Israel is now fulfilled.
- Isaiah 64:1-2

1 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood ...

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- The age-old longing of Israel is now fulfilled.

- Isaiah 64:1-2

... and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- The age-old longing of Israel is now fulfilled.
- Zechariah 14:3-4

3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. 4 On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

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- Matthew 24:29-30

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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- Jude 1:14-15

14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

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- 19:12 many diadems
- The crowns that Jesus wears use the Greek word *diadema* – a crown more of royalty and authority.
- Our crowns all use the word *stephanos* – the crown of reward or achievement – like laurels in Greek sports.

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- 19:13 a robe dipped in blood
- This blood is the blood of Christ's enemies, which He slays upon His return.
- This is related to 19:15 He will tread the winepress ...

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- Isaiah 63:2-6

2 Why is your apparel red,

and your garments like his who treads in the
winepress?

3 “I have trodden the winepress alone,

and from the peoples no one was with me;
I trod them in my anger ...

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19:11-16

- Isaiah 63:2-6

... and trampled them in my wrath;
their lifeblood spattered on my garments,
and stained all my apparel.

4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart,
and my year of redemption had come.

5 I looked, but there was no one to help; ...

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- Isaiah 63:2-6

... I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold;
so my own arm brought me salvation,
and my wrath upheld me.

6 I trampled down the peoples in my anger;
I made them drunk in my wrath,
and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

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- 19:14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.
- These armies will include us.
- See v.8 regarding the fine linen.

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

- Jesus obviously doesn't need our help in the battle.
- Why are we returning to earth with Him?
- We are returning to reign with Him!

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- He will replace the godless governments of the earth with his own chosen army of administrators.
- 2 Timothy 2:12a

If we endure, we will also reign with him.

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- Revelation 5:9-10

9 And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed
people for God ...

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19:11-16

- Revelation 5:9-10

... from every tribe and language and people and nation,

10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,

and they shall reign on the earth.”

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19:11-16

- Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

II. The Glorious Appearing

19:11-16

19:15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword

- This imagery has been used before.
- Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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19:11-16

19:15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword

- This imagery has been used before.
- Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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19:15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword

- This imagery has been used before.
- Revelation 1:16

In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

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19:15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword

- This imagery has been used before.
- Revelation 2:12

And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.'

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- Revelation 2:16

Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

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19:15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword

- And it appears again.
- Revelation 19:21

And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

III. Judgment on Earth

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- 19:17-18 the great supper of God
- A previous supper was mentioned in 19:9, namely, “the marriage supper of the Lamb”
- Those invited to the first will feast with Christ in celebration of His marriage to the church.

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- 19:17-18 the great supper of God
- All the birds that fly directly overhead are invited to this supper.
- They will feast on the bodies of the slain armies of those who oppose Christ when He comes.

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- 19:19 These armies were gathered together at the pouring out of the sixth bowl.
- They were deceived by demons into thinking they could do battle against Jesus Christ at His return.

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- Revelation 16:13-16.

13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty ... 16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

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- 19:20 These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.
- No one else, not even Satan, will be cast into the lake of fire at this time.
- That will happen after the White Throne Judgment at the end of the Millennium.
- Only the Beast and the False Prophet go there immediately at Christ's return.

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- 19:20 These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.
- Sulfur [older “brimstone”] gives off the smell of rotten eggs.
- When burning it not only stinks but produces toxic gases (SO_2 and H_2S).
- These are extremely irritating to the eyes and respiratory tract.

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- 19:20 The lake of fire was originally meant for the devil and his angels.
- People were not exactly supposed to go there.

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- Matthew 25:41

Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

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- 19:21 all the birds were gorged with their flesh
- This is the supper of 19:17-18.

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- Today we saw Jesus returning as the coming King.

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2. The Persistence of Sin

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- We also saw that right up to the moment of his return, humanity was engaged in rebellion.

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3. The Plan of God

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- We saw the fulfillment of God's plan to defeat evil.
- This gives us hope for the future.

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- We are betrothed to Christ.
- We should be looking forward to the day when we will once and for all be with Jesus.
- In what ways should that impact our daily life and our personal character now?

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- Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ...

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... 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

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