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**Rev. 19:6-10 – Marriage of the Lamb**

 “Then I heard something like the shout of a vast multitude, and like the boom of many pounding waves, and like the roar of mighty peels of thunder, saying,

 “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, [the Omnipotent, the Ruler of all] reigns.

 “Let us rejoice and shout for joy! Let us give Him glory and honor, for the marriage of the Lamb has come [at last] and His bride (the redeemed) has prepared herself.” [Ps 118:24]

 This refers to all believers who have been faithful to God and have been watching eagerly for His return in the rapture; their “lamps were lit” having been forgiven; and they worship God. Other believers will follow throughout most of the following events, but they will not be raptured...only one rapture. However, they still have the “opportunity” to believe in Jesus and suffer for Him as a martyr. Martyrs will rule as judges along with Jesus Christ during the millennium period of 1000 years. [See Rev. 20:4-6 below]

 We know for sure that God is preparing a place for every believer in his heavenly kingdom. [John 14:1-6]

 “She has been permitted to dress in fine linen, dazzling white and clean—for the fine linen signifies the righteous acts of the saints [the ethical conduct, personal integrity, moral courage, and godly character of believers].

 “Then the angel said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he said to me [further], “These are the true and exact words of God.” [Is 25:6-8; Matt 26:29; Luke 13:29]

 “Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he [stopped me and] said to me, “You must not do that; I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who have and hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God [alone]. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy [His life and teaching are the heart of prophecy].” [Acts 10:25, 26; 2 Pet 1:21]

**Rev. 19:11-16 The Coming of Christ the Conqueror**

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who was riding it is call Faithful and True (Jesus Christ)[trustworthy, loyal, incorruptible, steady], and in righteousness He judges and wages war [on the rebellious nations]. [2 Thess 1:7-10]

 “His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many royal crowns’ and He has a name inscribed [on Him] which no one knows or understands except Himself.

 “He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is call The Word of God. [John 1:1, 14]

 “And the armies of heaven, dressed in fine linen, [dazzling] white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

 “From His mouth comes a sharp sword (His word) with which He may strike down nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He will tread the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty [in judgment of the rebellious world]. [Ps 2:9; Is 11:4; Rev 1:16]

 “And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name inscribed, “King of kings, and Lord of lords.” [Deut 10:17]

**Rev. 19:17-21 Doom of the Beast and False Prophet**

 “Then I saw a single angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he shouted to all the birds that fly in midheaven, saying, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, [Ezek 39:4, 17-20]

 “so that you may feast on the flesh of kings, the flesh of commanders, the flesh of powerful and mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all humanity, both free men and slaves, both small and great [in a complete conquest of evil].”

 “Then I saw the beast and the kings and political leaders of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against Him who is mounted on the [white] horse and against His army.

 “And the beast (Antichrist) was seized and overpowered, and with him the false prophet who, in his presence, had performed [amazing] signs by which he deceived those who worshiped his image; these two were hurled alive into the lake of fire which blazes with brimstone.

 “And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds fed ravenously and gorged themselves with their flesh.”

**Rev. 20:1-3 Satan Bound**

“And then I saw an angel descending from heaven, holding the key of the abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand.

 “And he overpowered and laid hold of the dragon, that old serpent [of primeval times], who is the devil and Satan, and bound him [securely] for a thousand years (a millennium); [Rev 12:7—9, 12, 15]

 “and the angel hurled him into the abyss, and closed it and sealed it above him [preventing his escape or rescue], so that he would no longer deceive and seduce the nations, until the thousand years were at an end. After these things he must be liberated for a short time.”

**Rev. 20:4-6 The Millennial Reign**

 “And then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom judgment [that is, the authority to act as judges] was given. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had refused to worship the beast or his image, and had not accepted his mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [Dan 7:9, 22, 27]

 “The rest of the dead [the non-believers] did not come to life again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

 “Blessed (happy, prosperous, to be admired) and holy is the person who takes part in the first resurrection; over these the second death [which is eternal separation from God, the lake of fire] has no power or authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and they will reign with Him a thousand years. [Ex 19:6; 1 Pet 2:5, 9; Rev 1:6; 5:10]

 This *seems* to imply indirectly that all believers will rule and reign with Him during the millennium years, a seeming contradiction...we will know for sure when it happens. This does not present any problem to argue about...we will all be with Jesus and our status is under His control; we will all be happy and blessed.

**Rev. 20:7-10 The Final Rebellion**

 “And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison (the abyss),

 “And will come out to deceive and mislead the nations which are in the four corners of the earth—[including] Gog and Magog—to gather them together for the war; their number is like the sand of the seashore. [Ezek 38:2; 39:1, 6]

 “And they swarmed up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints (God’s people) and the beloved city [Jerusalem]; but fire came down from heaven and consumed them. [2 Kin 1:10-12; Ezek 38:2, 22]

 “And the devil who had deceived them was hurled into the lake of fire and burning brimstone (sulphur), where the beast (Antichrist) and false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night, forever and ever.

**Rev. 20:11-15 – The Final Judgment**

“And I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them [for this heaven and earth are passing away]. Is 51:6; Matt 24:35; 2 Pet 3:10-12]

 “And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened, which is the Book of Life; and the dead were judged according to what they had done as written in the books [that is, everything that is done while on earth]. [Jer 17:10; Rom 2:6]

 “And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and death and Hades (the realm of the dead) surrendered the dead who were in them; and they were judged and sentenced, every one according to their deeds.

 “Then death and Hades [the realm of the dead] were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire [the eternal separation from God]. [Matt 25:41; I Cor 15:26]

 “And if anyone’s name was not found in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire.”

**Rev. 21 The New Heaven and Earth**

 “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away (vanished), and there is no longer any sea. [Is 65:17; 66:22]

 “And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, arrayed like a bride adorned for her husband; [John 14:2, 3; Gal 4:26; Heb 11:10]

 “and then I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, ‘See! The tabernacle of God is among men, and He will live among them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them [as their God] [Lev. 26:11, 12; Ezek 37:27; John 1:14; I Cor 3:16, 17]

 “and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be death; there will no longer be sorrow and anguish, or crying, or pain; for the former order of things has passed away.” [Is 25:8; 35:10]

 “And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true [they are accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy].” [Is 43:19]

 “And He said to me, “It is done, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the one who thirsts I will give [water] from the fountain of the water of life without cost. [Is 55:1]

 “He who overcomes [the world by adhering faithfully to Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior] will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. [2 Sam 7:14; I John 5:5]

 “But as for the cowards and unbelieving and abominable [who are devoid of character and personal integrity and practice or tolerate immorality], and murderers and sorcerers [with intoxicating drugs], and idolaters and occultists [who practice and teach false religions], and all the liars [who knowingly deceive and twist truth], their part will be in the lake that blazes with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

**Rev. 21:9-27 The New Jerusalem**

“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven final plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

 “And he carried me away in the Spirit to a vast and lofty mountain, and showed me the holy (sanctified) city of Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, [Ezek 40:2]

 “having God’s glory [filled with His radiant light]. The brilliance of it resembled a rare and very precious jewel, like jasper, shining and clear as crystal.

 “It had a massive and high wall, with twelve [large] gates, and at the gates [were stationed] twelve angels; and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were written. [Ex 28:21; Ezek 48:30-34]

 “On the east side [there were] three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

 “And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (Christ).

 “The one who was speaking with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.

 “The city is laid out as a square, its length being the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod—twelve thousand stadia (about 1400 miles); its length and width and height are equal..

 “He measured its wall also—a hundred forty-four cubits (about 200 feet), according to man’s measurements, which are [also] angelic [measurements].

 “The wall was built of jasper; and the city was pure gold, transparent like clear crystal. [I Kin 6:30]

 “The foundation stones of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the forth, emerald; [Ex 28:17-20; Is 54:11, 12]

 “The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite (yellow topaz); the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

 “And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each separate gate was of one single pearl. And the street (broad way) of the city was pure gold, like transparent crystal.

 “And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty [the Omnipotent, the Ruler of all] and the Lamb are its temple.

 “And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the glory (splendor, radiance) of God has illumined it, and the Lamb is its lamp and light. [Is 24:23; 60:19, 20]

 “The nations [the redeemed people from the earth] will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring into it their glory. [Is 60:1-5]

 “By day (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed [in fear of evil]; [Is 60:11]

 “and they will bring the glory (splendor, majesty) and the honor of the nations into it;

 “and nothing that defiles or profanes or is unwashed will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices abominations [detestable, morally repugnant things] and lying, but only those [will be admitted] whose names have been written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. [Dan 12;1]

**Rev. 22 The Perfect Life**

 “Then the angel showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (Christ), [Ezek 47:1-12]

 “In the middle of the street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. [Gen 2:9; 3:22]

 “There will no longer exist anything that is cursed [because sin and illness and death are gone]; and the throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve and worship Him [with great awe and joy and loving devotion]; [Zech 14:21]

 “they will be privileged to] see His face, and His name will be on their fore-heads. [Ps 17:15; Matt 5:48; I John 3:2]

 “And there will no longer be night; they have no need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign [as kings] forever and ever. [Zech 14:7; Rev 1:6]

 There is no need to comment on the previous sections; they are plenty clear in what they say and mean. It sounds like we will always be busy! Reign as kings? There are millions of planets and universes out there, so that would not be a problem for God. Something to think about!

**Rev. 22:8-15 You are Invited to be Blessed**

 “Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel [as a representative] to show His bond-servants the things that must soon take place.

 “And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed...is the one who heeds and takes to heart and remembers the words of the prophecy [that is, the predictions, consolations, and warnings] contained in this book (scroll).”

 “I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

 “But he said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets and with those who heed and remember [the truths contained in] the words of this book. Worship God.”

 “And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time [of their fulfillment] is near.

 “Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and the one who is righteous, still be righteous; and the one who is holy, still be holy.” [Dan 12:10]

 “Behold, I (Jesus) am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to each one according to the merit of his deeds. [Is 40:10; Matt 16:27; 2 Cor 5:10]

 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End {the eternal one}.” [Is 44:6; 48:12; John 10:30]

 “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. [Gen 2:9; 3:22, 24]

 “Outside are the dogs [the godless, the impure, those of low moral character] and the sorcerers [with their intoxicating drugs, and magic arts], and the immoral persons [the perverted, the molesters, and the adulterers], and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying (deception, cheating).

**Rev. 22:16-21 The Final Invitation**

 “I Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you and to give you assurance of these things for the churches. I am the Root (the Source , the Life) and the Offspring of David, the radiant and bright Morning Star.” [Num 24:17; Is 11:1, 10]

 “I testify and warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book [its predictions, consolations, and admonishes]; if anyone adds [anything] to them, God will add to him the plagues (afflictions, calamities) which are written in this book; [Deut 4:2]

 “And if anyone takes away from or distorts the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away [from that one] his share from the tree of life and from the holy city (new Jerusalem), which are written in this book.

 “He who testifies and affirms these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

 “The grace of the Lord Jesus (the Christ, the Messiah) be with all [the saints—all believers, those set apart for God]. Amen.

 This ends the Book of Revelation Mini Series. I have attempted to clarify the book for those reading my series. Any questions you may have check with the Holy Bible that you have and go forward according to what God is saying to you. His message is really very simple...Seek God with all your heart; do away with all sins and evil actions and ask God for forgiveness. Jesus died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice that we might, through His shed blood, be saved from our sins and enter into His glorious life and future. Do not delay...His coming can be any time and you want to be ready, whether it is tomorrow or ten years from now. God bless you and keep you! Maralyn Dyck