

1 **A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

LESSONS 59 & 60

2 **FLOOR PLAN GRAPHIC**

3 **REVIEW**

- We are beginning chapter 19 which is a new time era in our study of the Book of Revelation
- Last week we studied in detail the destruction of the false church that had destroyed so many of God's people
- As we read chapter 19 verses 1 through 6 tonight, keep in mind that is after the destruction of Babylon, the false religion that God hates so much according to His Word

4 **THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST**

Revelation 19:1-4

1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God:

2 for true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

5 **THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST cont.**

Revelation 19:5-6

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

- This is taking place in heaven and these worshipping and praising God are the different elements of the bride of Christ
- The bride of Christ are rewarded according as their works are (Revelation 22:12)

6 **REJOICING AFTER THE EVENT**

- Keep in mind your salvation is not from works but your rewards are according to the Scriptures
- What is the difference in this worship service in heaven from other worship services in heaven we have already studied in Revelation?
- This worship service is the first "after-the-fact" worship service as previous worship services in heaven have occurred before the event(s) took place
- As we look at world conditions today we can see how easy it will be to set up a world religion that has a great commercial aspect as part of it

7 **DISTRESS OF NATIONS**

- No one will oppose this world religion except those full of the Holy Ghost and power and even then it is these who will be caught up in the Rapture
- Antichrist is able to bring peace and prosperity but only for a very short while
- The world has to get to a place of great distress so this distress can facilitate the rise of Antichrist – (see Daniel 8:23)
- The destruction of the false religion and world commercial system, Babylon, is of great concern in heaven
- Why is this event, the destruction of Babylon, so important to those in heaven?

8 **THE BLOOD OF HIS SERVANTS**

- The Tribulation and Judgement periods are over, the work there is complete
- The marriage of the Lamb seems to wait for the destruction of this

rival woman (evil church)

- In verse 2 we see God's judgement is true and righteous for destroying that city which was judged adulterous and corrupted the whole earth and her destruction has avenged the blood of His servants at her hand
- We studied this when we saw the church, God's people, left behind after the Rapture
- Part of those avenged by God's judgement will be the Tribulation Saints who will be martyred for not taking the mark of the beast

9 **THE BLOOD OF HIS SERVANTS cont.**

- By giving their own blood in this way they will be saved
- We are seeing today the upset of world order and perplexities that will result in the rise of Antichrist

Jeremiah 51:47-48

47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the Lord.

10 **THE BLOOD OF HIS SERVANTS cont.**

- This Scripture in the Old Testament shows the same thing as in Revelation; rejoicing at the destruction of this terrible evil which is Babylon
- We will now see the setting up of the kingdom of God with His saints on this earth
- This is the beginning of the 1,000 years of peace under God as He finishes up the redemption and regeneration of the earth
- The blood spoken of here is that of His servants in times past and in times ahead
- This world religion that is coming about is what causes His servants

to die

11 **THE BLOOD OF HIS SERVANTS cont.**

- This is not a new role for the Roman church: the shedding of blood has happened in times past and will continue until its final destruction
- The Inquisitions killed hundreds of thousands of people who were martyred for the Name of Jesus Christ
- This will be the first time that she is able to do in all parts of the world what she always does in countries where she is in control of the government
- The beginnings of the one world system have already started
- It is such a great privilege to be able to understand and see prophecy unfolding

12 **THE WORLD RELIGION**

- The ventures of the Pope, his rise in popularity, and importance in world affairs expose the beginnings of a dominating world religion
- The Pope's popularity is not just among Catholics
- Protestants are returning to Catholicism
- The world religion will be where everyone agrees together
- It will not be a people who hold to the name of Jesus Christ and are filled with His Spirit
- This false church will treat God's people as if they are causing problems and will kill them thinking they God a service

13 **THE WORLD RELIGION cont.**

- There are hard times for many people these days: illnesses, homelessness, apostacy, persecution, etc.

Matthew 24:22

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

- We must open our eyes and look beyond ourselves and our own

comforts and wants

- We must seek more of the Spirit, of the love, and of the compassion of the Word of God so we can have these to give as the time comes

14 **CURRENT EVENTS**

- So much in the news today aligns with the prophecies that we have been studying
- One of the world's focus areas lately has been on events and concerns with NATO and the EU
- The fact of where this news is and what it is and how it relates to Biblical prophecy confirms that we are living in the end days
- Biblical prophecy is history written before it happens
- Political events over the last several decades have increasingly made this world ready to accept one world leader
- We know this must be for the coming back of Jesus after the Tribulation and Judgement periods

15 **CURRENT EVENTS cont.**

- Things have to get worse so they can bring about the rising up of the Antichrist and all the power that has to be put into his hands
- The world needs to come to a harvest for a better world to come
- We are in the 19th chapter of the Book of Revelation
- If you are just joining this Bible study you can catch up by viewing the previous lessons online at this link
<https://bodyofjesus.org/sermon-series/archives/revelation-bible-study>
- It is near impossible to understand what's going on in our study except you build upon previous lessons to build up to where we are now

16 **FLOOR PLAN GRAPHIC**

17 **REVIEW**

- Babylon has to be destroyed as part of God's work for the redemption of mankind and the regeneration of the earth

- The time period we are studying in the 19th and 20th chapters, Room 6 on our chart, is from the return of Jesus Christ to this earth at the battle of Armageddon
- This is where we are studying now
- In Room 6 we will see Satan chained for the 1,000 years and Jesus set up His kingdom on earth and then come to the end of the millennial reign

18 **MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB**

Revelation 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

- These Scriptures are so important to us as we are looking for this time as it us who are called to be there

19 **MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB cont.**

- This is not the Rapture, it is the marriage supper
- When the Rapture takes place the marriage supper does not take place immediately
- The work has to be finished first: the marriage cannot be performed until the earth has been cleansed, it has been judged, Satan is chained, and Jesus' kingdom is set up on the earth
- After the marriage supper the bride will be able to enter the New Jerusalem, going in and out
- The marriage of the Lamb is a common subject in both the Old and New Testaments
- In this lesson we will look closer at the groom, the bride, the guests, the wedding itself, the witnesses and friends

20 **THE BRIDEGROOM**

- This marriage of the Lamb has a lot to do with us and is one of the most important subjects and one of the closest to our hearts
- Looking first at the Bridegroom there is not much room for misunderstanding who this is
- Here Jesus is called the Lamb, why is He called this?
- The Lamb is a type of Christ in the Old Testament where lambs were sacrificed for sins which rolled their sins ahead
- The Lamb became a name for Jesus in the New Testament when John the Baptist said "Behold the Lamb of God" as Jesus was to become the perfect sacrifice for sin for all mankind

21 **THE BRIDEGROOM cont.**

- In verse 7 we know that the marriage of the Lamb is the marriage of Jesus Christ
- This is not a natural marriage; it is a spiritual event that is represented by a natural ceremony by which we may understand the spiritual implication
- The Scriptures liken the Groom, the natural husband, and the natural wife to the relationship that the church has with Jesus Christ, where He is first in our lives
- Jesus referred to Himself as the Bridegroom in the 22nd chapter of Matthew
- This is a parable that Jesus gave about Himself as a Bridegroom, it is a perfect picture of this event

22 **THE BRIDEGROOM cont.**

Matthew 22:1-4

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

23 **THE BRIDEGROOM cont.**

Matthew 22:5-9

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

24 **THE BRIDEGROOM cont.**

Matthew 22:10-14

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

25 **THE BRIDEGROOM cont.**

- Here is a perfect picture of what is happening in the world today and right on to the end
- The wedding garment spoken of in Matthew 22:11 is a very specific

and important requirement

Revelation 19:8

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

- The white represents the righteousness of the saints and the righteousness being the Holy Ghost

26 **THE WEDDING GARMENT**

- The Scriptures tell us the Holy Spirit is peace, joy and righteousness (Romans 14:17)
- This righteousness is not a garment you can buy or acquire by any other way than through the Holy Spirit
- Without this righteous garment, the wearing of this wedding garment, you stand before God speechless and without a hope
- God offers this to whosoever will; for many are called for this position in God but few are chosen
- What is the difference between being called and being chosen?
- We are reminded of the parable of the 5 foolish virgins who received the oil but let it run out

27 **THE CALLED & THE CHOSEN**

- Not everyone who is called receives the Holy Ghost
- To be chosen of God you must fulfill all His commandments and align with the Word
- Being called and being chosen are 2 separate things
- The call goes out to the majority of the world, the call is given
- God calls whosoever will but you have to answer that call
- God chooses first, and you have to be called, chosen and faithful
- You can lose out anywhere along the way according to the Scriptures

28 **THE CALLED & THE CHOSEN cont.**

- God will take you every step that you will walk but you can choose at

- any time to do it your way
- If you do not want to walk in God's way, as Cain, you will loose out with God
- We must all be overcomers and endure until the end (Revelation 2&3, Matthew 24:13)
- If you do not endure until the end you are not considered faithful
- It takes all 3 to make it: called, chosen, and faithful
- The call went out to the Jews first but they refused so the call went out to whosoever will: Jews, Greeks, Gentiles, slaves, bonded, free, it dosen't matter

29 **THE CALLED & THE CHOSEN cont.**

- With that call it put the debt right in our laps and what are we going to do about it as an individual?
- We see in this parable in Matthew 22 the same thing we are seeing in Revelation chapter 19: the wedding of the Groom and the bride who are the saints
- In Ephesians chapter 5 the apostle Paul is talking about the relationship of a husband and wife
- This is a natural example that we might understand the spiritual application

30 **THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP**

Ephesians 5:25-27, 32

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

31 **LIVING IT EVERY DAY**

- Being without spot or blemish takes the power of the Holy Ghost, and staying full of the power of the Holy Ghost and living it every day of our lives
- The time that you turn and begin to go your own natural way for whatever reason is the time that you go out from under this covering of the Holy Ghost
- The apostle Paul is telling people here what they must live like naturally to be as Jesus Christ
- But...he is really teaching us about the bride and groom spiritually: Jesus Christ and the church
- We are seeing both here in Ephesians and in Revelation chapter 19 that it is Jesus we are talking about as the Bridegroom

32 **THE BRIDE**

- Who is the bride?
- It is those who are caught away in the Rapture
- We become espoused to Jesus when we receive the Holy Ghost; it is like an engagement
- We do not become part the bride until we endure until the end and we're caught up and translated
- A unique feature of the bride is that it is made up of those who have translated, immortal bodies
- This will not be everyone; only those who have been raised from the dead or translated alive into heaven
- In addition to the bride, we find mentioned, guests and friends who will be at this wedding, but who are these?

33 **THE BRIDE cont.**

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption:

43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power:

44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a

natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

- The bride will be made up of those with that glorified, translated, spiritual body
- They will not just be floating around as a spirit; there will be that translated spiritual body

34 **THE BRIDE cont.**

1 Corinthians 15:49-53

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

35 **THE BRIDE cont.**

- This is the wife that has made herself ready
- This is what we are doing right now, getting ourselves ready
- When we first receive the Holy Ghost we often think that it automatically takes care of everything; we don't need to do anything, we're saved
- We are not saved until we become the bride and have endured until the end
- How do we do this? It is taught all the way through the Scriptures how we make ourselves obedient and ready
- Salvation is something Jesus has bought for us: He paid the price with His blood

36 **THE BRIDE cont.**

- Jesus did not pay this price for us to continue in our sins
- He bought our salvation: the ability that we might receive the Holy Spirit and we might use this power of the Holy Spirit to change our lives to be like His
- We must take up our cross and follow Him daily
- We must use this power to change and grow and become like Him
- This is getting rid of our old nature and sacrificing those things to Him that He desires from us
- We make ourselves ready by obedience to the Word and by using the power of the Holy Ghost

37 **THE BRIDE cont.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-16

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

38 **THE BRIDE cont.**

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

17 then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- This is the time we are waiting for as this prophecy has not yet been fulfilled

- The Scriptures tell us what has to happen for this to be fulfilled, and we are on the brink of it
- The world is currently is a great state of perplexity and rapidly changing daily

39 **THE WEDDING SUPPER**

- It is at times like this that the Rapture will take place and Antichrist will come into full power
- The wedding supper will not take place until after the Tribulation and Judgement periods
- The wedding supper doesn't take place at the time of the Rapture as part the guests are Tribulation Saints
- Also, the wedding supper has to be set aside until the completion of our work which begins at the Rapture
- The 144,000 Jews will be at the wedding also and those who have walked according to God's commandments in each dispensation
- No one can come into the wedding supper without the wedding garment on

40 **THE WEDDING SUPPER**

Matthew 22:10

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

- The will be the bride, the Groom, and there will be the guests
- Believers that are living on earth might conceivably attend the wedding, but they could not be the bride
- Children and babies who have died as such are God's and they will most likely be there but we do not know in what form
- The created angels will be there but not as guests or friends

41 **PLACES EVERYONE**

- We know that the bride can come and go from the New Jerusalem but it is doubtful others will have this freedom other than for the

wedding supper as friends and guests

- We do not know what the immediate results of the work of the Two Witnesses are
- Their ministry is primarily to the Jews and no details are given
- There are 7 dispensations and the Scriptures teach us that anyone that walked according to God's Word in their dispensation will be saved
- They will have different places in God just like the bride even has different places

42 **PLACES EVERYONE cont.**

- There will be many to inherit the new earth but only the bride will reside in the New Jerusalem, coming in and out as they please
- Remember John was caught up to see these things, and write them for our benefit, as in an example of the Rapture
- What he is seeing and is able to understand has not happened yet but it must be awesome to him

43 **THY FELLOW SERVANT**

Revelation 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- It is very understandable why John would want to do this as what the messenger is showing him is extraordinary
- This happened twice to John where he fell down to worship the one who was showing him all these things – the other time is in Revelation 22:8-9
- Why do you suppose John did this?

44 **THY FELLOW SERVANT cont.**

- Most likely John was so overwhelmed by what he was shown that his humility pays undue reverence to the messenger who was

communicating this to him

- We know from experiencing just the earnest of our inheritance how powerful the move of God's Spirit can be
- John was caught away spiritually to be shown all these things and to write them, he surely was not in anyway familiar with what he was feeling and being shown
- If one of the angels that administered the trumpets and vials was a fellow servant, we may assume the others were also
- The angels are created; their relationship to us is not the same as our relationship to each other

45 **THY FELLOW SERVANT cont.**

- The angels are God's creation, to be there to help, to guide, to do His bidding for His people on this earth
- This messenger also says that he is "of thy brethren"; he is one of God's people
- This is part of the work that will be done by the bride including those saints on this side of the cross who have died and will be raised first at the Rapture
- Verse 10 states "...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." What is he saying here?
- Here is a telling reason why the Rapture must come before any of these things start as it is the saints who are the ones who start them and carry them to completion

46 **THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS**

- The saints, according to the Scriptures, have charge of the redemption process just as we do right now
- The Lord does not do this work Himself: His Spirit goes and prepares the way but it is His people who have charge of the redemption process
- The Book of Revelation is the testimony of Jesus Christ

Revelation 1:1

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

47 **THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS cont.**

- This tells us this is an important book, one that must be studied and understood
- The fact is that all the teachings of Jesus have a prophetic character and very little of what Jesus said was understood by the people of His time
- We can understand most all of His teachings, including Revelation, because they are for our time
- Jesus almost always spoke with the future in mind
- Jesus had the future in mind as the Scriptures say that it was for the joy that was set before Him that He endured the cross (Hebrews 12:2)
- This joy was ever before Him and tempered everything He said

48 **THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS cont.**

- His testimony is always the spirit of prophecy

Revelation 1:3

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

49 **CLOSING GRAPHIC**