

A Time for Rejoicing

Revelation 19:1-10

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I. Introduction

- A. Praise benefits both the one offering praise and the recipient
- B. There are 14 doxologies in Revelation
- C. The term *Hallelujah* is used only 4 times in the NT and are here in Rev. 19! (found 24 times in Psalms)

II. The Fourfold Hallelujah – vs. 1-6

- A. Rejoicing over the judgment of the Great Harlot (Babylon) – vs. 1-3

This is Heaven's response to the command of 18:20

- 1. The rejoicing came from heaven – v. 1a
 - a. A great multitude (tribulation saints)
 - i. See Revelation 7:9-12
- 2. Hallelujah = Praise to God – v. 1b (Number 1)
 - a. Salvation: deliverance and redemption
 - b. Glory: praise, honor
 - c. Power: ability to perform
- 3. Additional reasons our God is praised – vs. 2, 3 (Number 2)
 - a. His judgments are true (accurate) and righteous (fair)
 - b. He has judged the great harlot (Deuteronomy 32:35)
 - c. He has avenged the blood of the saints (Rev. 6:9-11)
- B. The Hallelujah of the 24 Elders and the four living creatures – v. 4 (Number 3)
 - 1. The 24 Elders represent the Old Testament saints, the four living creatures, the angelic host.
 - a. See Revelation 4:4; 21:10-14
 - 2. Their duty is to worship, i.e., acknowledge God's worth
- C. The Hallelujah of His bond servants – vs. 5, 6 (Number 4)
 - 1. Also identified as "a great multitude"; possibly all of the redeemed and the angelic host.

- 2. The Hallelujah chorus sung by the Hallelujah Choir!
- 3. A voice (probably that of an angel) calls out for "Praise to our God" – v. 5
 - a. Those who "fear Him" do this best
 - b. "Praise" = literally, keep on praising our God
- 4. The response of the great multitude to the "call for praise" – v. 6

III. The Marriage of the Lamb – vs. 7-10

- A. The announcement of the marriage – vs. 7, 8
 - 1. Read from *Escape the Coming Night*, pages 202-203 (old Oriental marriage customs)
 - 2. The Groom (Jesus) not the Bride will be the center of attention: "Here comes the Groom"!
 - 3. She is a bride (we are God's children) by grace; some of her clothing is a gift (Romans 3:21; Philippians 3:9)
 - 4. Some of the bride's clothing is self-provided. See Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 25:23; I Corinthians 3:10-14
 - 5. Read from *E.T.C.N.*, page 203; and, *There's a New World Coming*, pgs. 256-257
- B. The announcement of the marriage supper – vs. 9, 10
 - 1. A blessing is pronounced upon those called to the supper. This seems to be a different group than verses 7, 8. This may be Israel.
 - a. See John 3:29.
 - 2. Note: this is the supper of the lamb (v. 9) versus the marriage of the Lamb (verse 7).
 - 3. Why the Lamb not "creator", or "sustainer"?
 - a. It was the Lamb we fell in love with!
 - 4. John was forbidden to worship the angel who told of the supper.
 - a. Acts 10:25, 26; 12:20-23
 - 5. The study of prophecy should lead to a fuller understanding of Jesus.