

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 19

JEWISH WEDDING ...

Consisted of **three parts**:

- **Betrothal** – the time that the husband paid the dowry (Christ did for His bride too – **Acts 20:28; 2 Corinthians 11:2**)
 - One who was espoused (betrothed) was considered to be the bride of the groom even before the marriage supper (Deuteronomy 22:23-24)
 - “Among the Jews, the betrothal was so far regarded as binding that if marriage should not take place owing to the absconding of the bridegroom or the breach of contract on his part, the young woman could not be married to another man until she was liberated by a due process and a paper of divorce” (ISBE III: 1997).
- **Interval** – where the partners live separately with their companions (Christ now in heaven waiting for his bride) – (**Hebrews 10:12-13**) same as already married. Joseph/Mary (**Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-27; 2:5-6**)
- **Wedding Supper** – final vows of marriage (Ephesians 5:23ff; 1 Corinthians 15:24ff; cf. Matthew 22; 25 – lasted week or more)

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MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

- “Wife made herself ready” **Preparation!**
- “She would be clothed in fine linen”
Revelation 19:8, “... for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”
- “Clean and bright”
- The clothing of the bride of Christ is set in **stark contrast to that of the harlot** in Revelation 17:4 (seductive and luxurious clothing).
- The bride **symbolizes** purity. Ephesians 5:27
- Lord warns us to keep our **garments spotless (16:15 – Matthew 22:1-13; 25:1-13)**

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INVITATION LIST

- “**Blessed**” are those who have been called to the **marriage feast**
- “*True words of God*” **solemn emphasis** concerning the good as well as the bad
- Lord’s people **invited** to this supper (**Revelation 3:20**)
- Give divine assurance even to those who have faced severe persecutions **this right** to be theirs!

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JOHN’S RESPONSE

- John prostrated himself to **worship** the speaker – angel. (cf. Matthew 4:10)
– John did this once again at Revelation 22:8ff.
- John is in **awe** and **overwhelmed** at the scene
- Worshipping of angels **foreign** to the Lord’s church (**Colossians 2:18**)
- Angel warns – **DO NOT DO THAT!** (cf. Acts 14)
- “**Worship God**” only!
- Angels are **fellow servants!**

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- NOTE: If Jesus were created like the angels, as Jehovah’s Witnesses teach, then He could not be worshiped (5:8-14).
- Jesus was not created, nor has He ever been an angel (Hebrews 1:5-8).
- Jesus was worthy to be worshiped even while on earth (John 9:35-38), because He IS God (John 1:1ff, 14).

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"Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

- All the word of God bears witness to Jesus and not to angels (**1 Corinthians 12:3**)
- Jesus came to fulfill the **Law and Prophets** (**Matthew 5:17; Luke 24:44-45; John 5:39**)
- Worship God the true author of all revelation – not the **messenger!**



CHRIST THE VICTORIOUS RIDER UPON A WHITE HORSE (REVELATION 19:11FF)

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REVELATION 19:11

*"And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon called **Faithful and True**; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."*

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REVELATION 19:12

"And his eyes (are) a flame of fire, and upon his head (are) many diadems; and he hath a name written which no one knoweth but he himself."

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REVELATION 19:13

*"And he (is) arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood: and his name is called **The Word of God.**"*

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RIDER ON WHITE HORSE

- **Victorious Christ**
- Leader on a **white** (Victory) horse
 - **Horse** – the symbol of war or battle (Job 39:19-25; Zechariah 10:3) speed (Jeremiah 4:13) and victory **Revelation 6:2**
- Identified – **Faithful and True** (Revelation 1:5 and 3:14). This is the Christ!
- In **righteousness**, He judges and makes war
- He is the leader of a **spiritual army**
- Eyes like a **flame of fire** (**1:14**). This is the Christ!
- Wearing **many diadems** – crowns of royalty – widespread dominion. See: 6:2
 - Third time we see "diadems." cf. 12:3; 13:1; and 19:12

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RIDER ON WHITE HORSE

- Name which no one knows. Only God knows the **full significance of the Savior's name**. (2:17)
 - One's name indicates all that he is!
 - All I know is what is revealed.
- Clothed with robe **sprinkled in blood**. (Isaiah 63:1-6)
 - Blood He shed on cross, or the blood from the winepress of His wrath. cf. Joel 3; Revelation 16
- He comes to **conquer**.
- **Rules with a rod of iron**. (cf. Psalms 2:9-12 and Isaiah 11:4).