

Blessed are the Called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:1-9)

John is drawing a sharp contrast to the bride and the dragon (the harlot)

Ch 16: angel pours out 7th bowl: God's judgment: final act of 3 cycles

The great city of Babylon is destroyed along with the beast & the harlot

Ch 18 describes rejoicing in heaven at the destruction of Babylon the Great

Warning is given to Christians snared in Babylon, before her destruction

I. Rejoicing in Heaven for God's Righteous Judgments (19:1-5)

Destruction of the city gives rise to occasion for the marriage of the lamb

Great time of celebration in heaven: Hallelujah occurs 5 times in vs 1-6

Rev 18: 20: God invites the heavenly host to celebrate Babylon's demise

God has avenged the blood of His saints on the city: great rejoicing

Same multitude in 7:9 is here, vast number from every tribe & tongue

In 6:10 they cried: how long until you judge the inhabitants of the earth?

II. Rejoicing: Marriage of the Lamb to His Pure Bride (19:6-8)

1. The Lord God Omnipotent reigns

2. Marriage of the Lamb has come & the bride has made herself ready

➤ Fine linen clean and bright

III. Blessed are those Called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (19:9-10)

- The 4th benediction in revelation: "Blessed are those who are called"
- The final culmination of redemptive history (Isaiah 25:6-9)
- God's children not called as guests, but as the bride- John reacts in vs 10