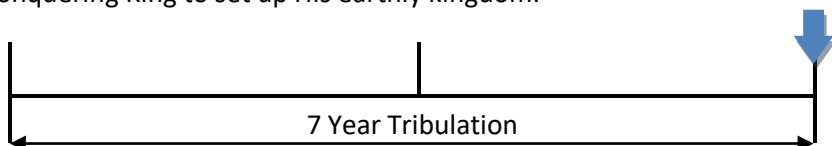


**SESSION 7—“Things Which Will Be Hereafter” (Part 5)**

Sunday, October 16, 2016

In this passage we see the Second Coming of Christ where Christ sets foot upon the earth once again. In this Second Advent He comes as a conquering King to set up His earthly kingdom.

**I. The Four Alleluias (19:1-6)****A. The 1<sup>st</sup> Alleluia—The Salvation of God (v. 1-2)**

Note: The Lord our God is the One who is the *Possessor of all these things*. He alone can give salvation for He is the One who brought it about.

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**B. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Alleluia—The Severity of God (v. 3)**

Note: An eternal reminder of God’s righteous and true judgment given upon the great prostitute, Babylon, the world system of control over the people.

“[God’s] *severity*, when at last it is unleashed, proceeds along the lines of truth and righteousness and falls with wrath and indignation upon all that is false and wrong.”—John Phillips

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**C. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Alleluia—The Sovereign of God (v. 4-5)**

Note: Praise and worship is directed toward the *God who sits on the throne* as the Sovereign One.

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“From their standpoint in glory, the *sovereignty* of God, no less than the *salvation* of God, is seen to be something to be eminently worthy of praise.”—John Phillips

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**D. The 4<sup>th</sup> Alleluia—The *Supremacy* of God (v. 6)**

Note: This is a declaration of Christ’s outright *supremacy* as the Righteous Ruler of all the earth.

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**II. The *Acclamation* of the Marriage of the Lamb (19:7-10)**

“In Scripture, marriage is often used to describe the relationship of saints to God.”—Bible Knowledge Commentary (BKC)

Note: In the New Testament, marriage is also used to describe the relationship between Christ and the church, ... a virgin bride waiting the coming of her heavenly bridegroom.

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BKC – A wedding in the first century normally included three *phases*:

- A. #1 – Pictures *Salvation*: The legal consummation of the marriage by the parents of the bride and groom, with the payment of the dowry.

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- B. #2 – Pictures *the Rapture*: The bridegroom coming to claim his bride (see Matthew 25:1-13)

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- C. #3 – Pictures *the Wedding Supper*: (as illustrated in Joh\_2:1-11) which was a several day feast following the previous wedding phase.

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### III. The Second Advent of Christ (19:11-16)

#### A. Christ's Nature (v. 11)

Note: He is called "*Faithful and True*," which points to only One Person, the Lord Jesus. The fact that He is called this shows His character. He will be faithful in dispensing justice and truth will come out. No favors. No preferences. He will judge everyone justly. He will also make war on those who deserve it. He will set things right.

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#### B. Christ's Names (v. 12-16)

##### 1. The name of mystery (v. 12)

Note: He also possesses a name which only He knows. Thus He is unsearchable. No one can find out that Name.

"There are unfathomable mysteries in the Godhead that even glorified saints will be unable to grasp."—John MacArthur

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##### 2. The name of ministry (v. 13-15)

Note: The fact that "*His name is called The Word of God*" indicates that His judgment will be according to the Word, being true and will be fulfilled.

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##### 3. The name of majesty (v. 16)

Note: "King of kings, and Lord of lords" speaks of His supreme status as King Jesus over all other kings; King of all creation.

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**IV. The Angel's Address to the Birds (19:17-18)**

Note: An angel calls to all the birds to come for a feast. This will be the great supper of God, because it will be the result of His judgment on the armies gathered against Him. (Isaiah 56:9; Jeremiah 12:9; Ezekiel 39:17-20)

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**V. The Adversary Defeated—Armageddon (19:19-21)**

**A. Satan's forces are drawn (v. 19)**

Note: The armies of the world are drawn together in alliance with the beast against Christ.

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**B. Satan's forces are destroyed (v. 20-21)**

Note: We see the capture of the beast and the false prophet. They were immediately judged and cast into the lake of fire. It is important that they are the first to go here. Those *unbelievers who have died in the past* have gone to *hades* and are still there awaiting judgment.

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**VI. The Adversary Bound for 1,000 Years (20:1-3)**

Note: In these three verses John references the 1,000 year reign of Christ which further helps us see this literal millennial kingdom where Christ rules and reigns.

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