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THE THRONE: A STUDY OF WHAT IS TO COME
PART 14: JESUS AT ARMAGGEDON

Over the last few weeks, we have witnessed the fall of the world's systems – the religious, economic, and political systems have fallen under the judgment of God.

Revelation 19:1-10 (NKJV)

We leave the prophetic revelation of Babylon's judgment amidst mourning rising from the earth and exultation coming from heaven. A great multitude in heaven shout, "Hallelujah!" This is the only time we hear this word of praise used in the NT. 4 times, we hear hallelujah used – 3 times by the multitude and once by the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders – these adding Amen to the praise from their position as both witnesses and judges. Psalm 113-118 are called the "Hallel" because of their use of the word "hallelujah". The focus of these Psalms being God's victory over enemies.

When the Lord God Omnipotent is praised, He is praised because His reign is a continuous rule. Then, praise is raised because the marriage of the Lamb has come and the bride has made herself ready. It might be useful to remember the sequence of a Jewish wedding. A "bride price" is negotiated and a covenant entered. Jesus death was the price for us to be His own. Upon the price being paid, the covenant is established and the two are legally married. The groom goes to his father's house to prepare a home for his bride. This is where we are currently: The price paid – the covenant established – we are His. He has gone away to His Father's house to prepare a home for us. The ceremony occurs when the groom comes to take his bride home. It is at that time the marriage supper or reception celebration is held. The announcement goes forth: the groom is coming! The bride is prepared to go to her home! It is time to celebrate! Two more things: we don't worship the messengers even though we are grateful for them. Second, true prophecy always magnifies Jesus. The praise and announcements silence as heaven opens.

Revelation 19:11-21 (NKJV)

The groom appears on a white horse. He is called:

- Faithful: the One upon whom you can always rely.
- True: the genuine One – the Ideal One.

He is the originator of righteous war. His eyes burn away all deception – His head has too many crowns to mention. He has a name (identity) which no one

knows but out of which He lives. He is clothed with a robe dipped in the blood of His enemies – an abiding condition. He is known as The Word of God:

Logos: Word that expresses God.

We are following behind Him. Out of His mouth comes the Sword of the Spirit – the word of God. He rules with a rod of iron:

Rules: shepherd the nations and injustice will not be tolerated.

He treads the winepress of the wrath of God for the removal of all the rebellious for the Millennial Reign. Running from His robe down His thigh is the Title: King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He cannot be dethroned. An angel is seen in the sun crying to all the birds which fly high: vultures, buzzards, eagles, hawks – come to the supper of the great God. Notice: two suppers are prepared:

- 1. Marriage Supper of the Lamb**
- 2. Supper of the great God**

The beast and his armies gather to make war against Jesus and His army. Many scholars believe that the beast and his armies are gathered at Armageddon because of the events described in Daniel 11:40-45. There are several interpretations of these passages. The interpretation will depend upon where you think the King of the North and the King of the South come from. Is the King of the North from Rome? Russia? Is he the Antichrist/beast? We do know that Daniel 11:40 tells us that this event occurs at the end. While it cannot be known for sure – some believe that the Antichrist will move to an area south of Israel to put down an insurrection there. While on this mission, he hears news that the kings of the east with their armies are moving toward Palestine. He camps in Israel awaiting their arrival. Jesus appears in Israel with His army. The Israelis see Him and repent to accept Him as Messiah. The armies of the east join with the Antichrist and his army to fight against Jesus. The beast and the false prophet are captured by Jesus and thrown into the lake of fire. The rest of the army is destroyed by the spoken word of Jesus and the great supper of God's judgment commences.

Joel 3:9-18 (NKJV)

Today's Scriptures:

- Revelation 19:1-21 (NKJV)
- Joel 3:9-18 (NKJV)