

# Revelation: A Vision of the Coming King

## The Readiness of the Bride – Part 2

### Revelation 19:7b-10

## Introduction

As we discovered last week, **19:6-10** is a text of holy scripture that is both richly and finely layered in some of the greatest truths of Christ and His relationship with all those who have salvation in Him. We were able to look at the first **1.5 verses** and today we will next **3.5 verses**.

## Review

In **Revelation 19**, we find ourselves in the midst of the *Hallelujah chorus of the New Testament*. This word, Hallelujah (praise God) is found **4x** and all of them are found in the first six verses of **Revelation 19**. It seems as if this word was just reserved for just prior to Jesus' Second Coming, as if these moments prior to His return are some of the most special in God's unique design.

The context of our time today finds us just after the 4<sup>th</sup> Hallelujah. This one is connected to the subject matter of the Marriage of the Lamb. This event is a big deal in heaven, so much so that it is evidenced by intense worship as we see in **19:6** **Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder,**

Their roar of worship is connected to the reigning of Jesus and the marriage of the Bride, the church, to the Lamb King.

**19:7a** **Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come,**

The language the Apostle John records for us here is wedding/marriage language and once we get an good understanding of Jewish culture in relation to their marriage practices, we are able to come to an understanding concerning the details of our relationship with Christ as the Bridegroom and ourselves as the Bride.

This long awaited moment is taking place and it only leads to great worship and joy!

## 3 Phases of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Marriage

Weddings were framed by 3 key/important events:

## 1. Betrothed/Engagement - The Contract

This period was entered into by both sets of parents and most often, a marriage contract was made when the future couple were mere kids and even at times before they were even born.

God the Father did the same spiritually... **Ephesians 1:3** **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.**

## 2. The Presentation Period of the Bride

At the appropriate time and age of the two, the wedding would take place and this period consisted of a great celebration in which the Bridegroom would present his bride to all of the guests who had been invited to the wedding.

At that time, as the Bridegroom would be almost done getting his home ready to take his bride to it, they would plan and execute a celebration. When the home was fully ready, the Bridegroom would go with his attendants to get her and the presentation period of the bride would commence.

I believe that in the rapture of the church, this is when the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of this relationship happens. It is when the bridegroom comes to receive his bride before the Tribulation.

This is what we are waiting on today! We are betrothed/married to Christ, but we are just waiting on the Bridegroom to come and call His bride to come meet Him so he can present her.

This is why there are so many places that speak of being ready for His coming. The church is to live ready for the Rapture. Here are some of them:

**Church is presented at the rapture according to John 14:3.**

**John 14:3** **“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself that where I am you may be also.”**

In the rapture he comes to get his Bride and take her to heaven for the Presentation Period. During the rapture the presentation takes place during the entire 7 years where there is feasting, worship, celebration and waiting for the Marriage Feast, Vows and final consummation.

## 3. The Supper & Exchanging of Vows

**The Ceremony in that final hour following the meal was the key event. Everything was leading up to the exchanging of vows.**

After Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, when He is on the earth again, this is when it is most likely that the Marriage Supper will take place, for it is a marriage/wedding feast that is announced, not the Bridegroom coming to get the Bride and bring her to His house for this happens in the Rapture. **Revelation 19:11** shows the armies of heaven coming with Him, not going to Him.

All of this indicates, that the marriage supper is now at hand in the text. This then, according to Jewish custom, is 3<sup>rd</sup> phase. This is the event in the text that is about to happen, which again, I think assumes the rapture as happened earlier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage when the Bridegroom comes to take the bride to his home and he presents her.

The Wedding Feast is being announced here and this 3<sup>rd</sup> piece is the focus in the text that is announced and about to start.

**Betrothal period began in eternity past – Ephesians 1:3**  
**Presentation began with rapture and in heaven – Revelation 4ff**  
**Ceremony Comes in Millennial Reign on earth – Revelation 19:11ff**  
**Consummated in our Eternal state of glory forever in new heaven and earth! Revelation 21ff**

**“has come,”**

At this moment, God's plan for the ages is complete and celebrated. Ever since man sinned in the Garden of Eden, God already had a plan in place and that plan has been working to reconcile man back into fellowship with Him. This “has come” is the moment when the great celebration begins.

It will be the most special moment in all the history of creation! It will be the moment when the Lamb of God and His bride and guests uniquely celebrate the return of Jesus and this special relationship with Him!

We are now coming to the Ceremony time in Millennial reign on the earth.

She, the bride, has been getting ready for the occasion for a long time.

Let's now look at the next pieces of this section!

## **1. The Readiness of the Bride – 19:7b**

**19:7b and his Bride has made herself ready;**

Notice that “Bride” is capitalized, which emphasizes the special uniqueness and relationship of the church.

Typically in Jewish culture, brides prepared their own wedding garments, and they could be as elaborate or as simple as they chose to make them. Most often, Bride's garments consisted of two pieces.

- 1. An inner garment called a tunic**
- 2. An outer garment called a toga.**

In Jewish culture, it was the bride's responsibility to get herself ready for the wedding and to be ready for whenever the Bridegroom would come! She waited on Him to get things ready.

I have never been to a wedding where the topic of conversation has been centered on how well the Groom looked (even though they do look good), but every time people always talk about how beautiful the bride is in that moment. Every bride I have ever known and seen puts forth a lot of effort to look her best for her groom on the day of the wedding. She is excited and takes great pride in how she presents herself on that day.

**This special quality in the desire of a bride  
to both look and be beautiful on the wedding day  
reveals the purity in her heart for her Groom.  
She does this for him because she loves him.**

With that in mind, we should understand that the church should embrace this same kind of view of our wedding and marriage to Christ. Since the church is the bride of Jesus, she will never be more beautiful than she is at that time of the wedding. She will be this way for she has dressed herself to present herself beautiful to the groom by her **"righteous deeds"** (19:8b). She will be wearing good works that reveal her purity.

The church throughout its history hasn't always been the most perfect of brides and there have been times when she failed to meet the Groom's desires & expectations, nevertheless, she is loved by Him completely and she is beautiful in His eyes. He loved her enough to die for her and she is still the object of His everlasting affection.

**2 Corinthians 11:1** I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! **2** For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

As you come to the New Testament, the bride is seen as a virgin waiting for the Bridegroom who is to come. As we sit here today, **the union (Rapture) and the Feast/Marriage (after His return) are both future events.**

You and I need to understand that we are to prepare ourselves for that day that is coming as well! You see, **verse 8** says that the Bride of Christ will be clothed in white linen and that this linen is the righteousness of the saints!

Let's look at the clothes for a moment...

## 2. The Righteous Wedding Clothes – 19:8

19:8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Let's walk through this piece of text...

### “it was granted her”

This phrase is one that communicates that God is the one still in control and in His sovereign loving control, he gives the bride exactly this great opportunity to dress in the most beautiful of clothing.

In the text, the Bride is presented and seen wearing fine linen: they are clean, white and bright in appearance. **This description, indicates that her clothes speak of her purity in and before the Lord. It is his righteousness that is given to the Bride.**

As we live in this body of flesh, we have all found it to be true that we all fail and come short of the glory of God. At times, our choices are not so **“bright and pure”!** These moments can really break our heart and they can really rob deep fellowship with Christ.

Yet, because of what salvation in Jesus brings, we stand righteous positionally, not for anything we have done, but because of the blood of Jesus that has been applied on our behalf from God. We have no power to apply the blood in salvation, but through faith in Jesus, God applies the blood on our account and in that work, our sin is forgiven.

**Hebrews 9:13** For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**Ephesians 1:7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

**Acts 20:28** Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

In the text, when the Marriage Supper happens, all sin will be gone. We will be as God intended, holy and pure, free of sin's shackles.

**\*\*Let's take a moment and make sure we are on the same page about the “clothing of righteousness”.\*\***

**There are three kinds of righteousness that a person can have.**

**1. Works based righteousness** - This righteousness is produced out of self-effort and what they rely on for salvation. Unfortunately, this is an incredibly anti-Biblical understanding of salvation is far too prevalent in the western church. Foundationally, this kind of thinking is evil, and even on our very best day, our best righteousness is described as this in scripture...

**Isaiah 64:6** We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

In our own works based righteousness, all of ones self-effort finds us dressed in rags

before Christ's holiness. What we really need is a righteousness that is perfect and comes from outside of ourselves that can transform us on the inside. We need the Father to give us Christ's righteousness, for only His can cover the nakedness of our sin.

**Q: How do we get necessary righteousness? "it was granted her"**

**2. Provided Righteousness through Jesus** - This is called Imputed Righteousness! It is the righteousness we are given when we place our faith in the Lord Christ as Lord. The Bible affirms this in several places and here are two of them...

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Romans 3:21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**3. Practical Daily Life Righteousness** - This righteousness is the fruit that comes from walking in obedience to God's revealed will in the Scripture.

## Jesus on Wedding Clothes

**Matthew 22:1** And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

**11 “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”**

The text indicates that the bride has made the proper preparations and she is ready for the wedding!

**She has chosen to dress in a way that is beautiful,  
not by being provocative and loose,  
but her beauty comes from being morally righteous in Him.**

The language seems to indicate that the Bride is excited, ready and prepared. This means that the faith she places in Jesus is not some kind of a misplaced faith, it has saved her life.

This moment also reveals that all of her trials and struggles are behind her for she is to be wed to the One Who reigns. It means that she has trusted the Lord to save her and He has!

She is home! She is loved! And, she is ready to enter into the joy of her Lord!

### **Paul on the Bride’s Holiness and Preparedness**

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

### 3. The Recipients of the Unique Invitation – 19:9

19:9 And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

Then the angel speaks to John and wants John to make sure he writes down these new words, words concerning an invitation to the guests of the greatest marriage in the world’s history.

We now encounter *the 4<sup>th</sup> of seven Beatitudes in Revelation!*

#### The Beatitudes

In **Matthew 5:2-11**, we are introduced to something called “**Beatitudes**” and they come from the mouth of Christ Himself. They are a series of **9 short statements** that define how we are to see ourselves, treat others, live in purity as well as encompassing how we are to respond to persecution.

In Revelation, there are a total of 7 Beatitudes that are given throughout the book:  
**Revelation 1:3** **Blessed** is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and

**blessed** are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

**Revelation 14:13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: **Blessed** are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "**Blessed** indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

**Revelation 16:15** ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! **Blessed** is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!")

**Revelation 19:9** And the angel said to me, "Write this: **Blessed** are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

**Revelation 20:6** **Blessed** and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

**Revelation 22:7** "And behold, I am coming soon. **Blessed** is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

**Revelation 22:14** **Blessed** are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

**Revelation 19:9** reveals to us the 4<sup>th</sup> Beatitude and it is connected to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

We will see it a bit clearer in a moment, but by way of reminder, it is important to note that the bride (the church) is seen different than those who will attend the supper as invitees. According to the text, there are two groups distinguished here: (1) The Bride (2) Guests who are invited to the supper! The Bride cannot also at the same time be the guests who are invited to her wedding. Let's discern who they are so we can get the full picture.

**Q: So, Who are those invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb? The invitees?** It is clear they are different than the Bride. We know that only those who have a relationship with Jesus get to be with Him moving forward from this moment, so let's see who they are. There are two groups of Followers of the Lamb that will be at the Marriage Supper and they are definitely different groups, the text makes that clear. **So, who are they?**

1. **Bride – Church**
2. **Guests/Invitees**

**Q: Who are these guests?** Since the context is in heaven, these are obvious people of faith, who have received salvation. If they are not the Church Age Believers/the Church (**the Bride**), then they can only be two other groups that are similar to the church in that they are in heaven through salvation through faith in Christ.

The "Guests" are comprised of two Jesus believing groups on each side of the church age:

1. **Old Testament Saints**

So, they are every believer of the past – who are the Old Testament, pre-church believers like those Hebrews 11 affirms as men and women of saving faith:

**Hebrews 11:13** These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**Hebrews 11:32** And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— 38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The first of these Guests/Invitees are the Old Testament saints: Joseph, Abraham, King David, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Deborah, & Micah!

## 2. Tribulation Martyrs

The second of these guests/invitees to the marriage supper must be the Tribulation saints. They are the future Tribulation Christ-followers who will come to faith in Jesus after the rapture of the church and during the seven year Tribulation period.

Both of these must be the guests invited to the marriage supper of the Bride of Christ, the church on the earth.

They will come to the celebrative union between Christ and the church. The makeup of this group will consist of both Jews and Gentiles who were Believers before Pentecost and after the Rapture! ***This will be quite the assembly of people!***

## Not More Special, Just Deals Differently with Them

It is critical to note that in God's dealings with these 3 different groups of saved authentic believers, His relationship with the has taken place over 3 different key ages:

### 1. Old Testament until Pentecost when church age began

Primarily seen in His relationship to Israel.

### 2. Pentecost to the Rapture – Church Age

### 3. Tribulation Period to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

In each of these 3 periods, saving faith in Him alone, not works is required for salvation. The Old Testament saints faith was in saving power of the Messiah who would come, the New Testament church placed their faith in Christ under the New Covenant, and the Tribulation Saints will by faith trust in the saving work of Jesus' blood as seen in...

**Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

### **Does He Love One More than the Other?**

No, it does not mean He loves one more than the other, it is just that His relationship with each of them was/is different because of the time period of when the people live.

Each has a very special relationship with Him. He loves them equally, He just deals with them differently. When you look at the New Jerusalem, both groups are represented by name, which reveals an honor given to each of these time periods..

**Revelation 21:12** It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— **13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14** And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

As the wedding ceremony and celebration commences, it will be surrounded by a host of guests looking on who have been invited and it is the Lord Himself who will prepare this enormous guest list of untold and uncountable numbers.

### **Q: Can you imagine those who will be present to celebrate the marriage of the Lamb?**

As I just previously pointed out, this list will include all of the heroes of our faith - Enoch, Noah, Joshua, Josiah, Benjamin, Isaiah, Jeremiah, citizens of Ninevah who repented, Rahab, Deborah, and so on.

These Old Testament saints were only allowed to see and understand Jesus through types and pictures, they will be present to celebrate His wedding with the church.

The Tribulation Saints who chose to serve the Lord rather than the pleasures that the beast will offer, they will also have a "seat at the table".

It will be a celebration for all of God's people to enjoy together.

**The wedding of the Son will be a glorious event!**

Again, this does not mean that one group is more loved over the other, but rather it is simply the way God designed it. Each of these groups has a unique place in God's Sovereign plan in the world, and in each of His dealings them God was/is good & perfect in His Sovereign plan. He can do nothing but the absolute good!

### **1,000 Years**

As we have earlier discussed, at the end of a Jewish wedding there was always a big feast right before the exchanging of the vows and its length and extravagance depended upon the wealth of the Bridegroom.

The Lord Jesus is going to return and present His Bride with a celebration that will last 1,000 years as He and his bride will reign together on the earth! When He comes He will put down His enemies and establish His throne on this earth.

## **4. Right Garments and Readiness – Matthew 22 & 25** **More Instructions for the Church to Understand & be Ready...**

### **Right Garments & Reach of the Invitation**

**Matthew 22:1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.**

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**that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”**

For a king to throw a wedding party and invite you as a guest would be the highest of the highest of invitations.

King – the Father  
The Son – Jesus  
Servants – Prophets and saints

To reject this invitation would be crazy and then to kill those who extended the invitation would never happen for everyone would want to come to that party!

**22:7** – Nebuchadnezzar or destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD.

**22:8** – Israel was the earliest invitees and they said no

**22:9 & 10** – Gentiles got invited – the Church!

**\*\*Here the church is the guest and no bride is even mentioned\*\***. So this is a different picture than **Revelation 19**. In **Matthew 22** and **Revelation 19**, though they both have a reference to the church, they do not take place during the same time period. Matthew 22 is about the church being invited as guests to be in relationship with the Son, not as His bride for the word “bride” is not used at all.

## **Readiness of the Bride**

**Matthew 25:1** Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Bridegroom could come whenever he wanted as there was not an invitation sent out with a specific date & time. As we’ve already established, the Bridegroom came when he was ready, not when she was, so she had to be ready.

5 Virgins in Jesus’ story were not ready and 5 lived prepared.

- **The 5 Without oil** – this represents those who hang around Christianity and look the part, they have a lamp, but are not ready and have never come to faith in Christ! They end up missing out of the marriage feast.
- **The 5 With oil** – those believers who are ready.

## **Readiness of the Bride**

### **Strong Counsel from Jesus - Be Ready**

**Luke 12:35** “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

### **Jesus on When He Would Drink the Cup Again**

**Matthew 26:26** Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

### **Angel says to John...**

**“These are the true words of God.”**

Everything that John has witnessed so far in Revelation is now affirmed by the angel as things that are true and will certainly come to pass. They are things that are absolutely true and trustworthy.

It has been a glorious scene for us to examine and it will take place just as God had reveals it. The church will one day stand before the Bridegroom as His blood bought bride.

We have encountered much prophecy in Revelation and each of these prophecies will come to pass.

**The Word of God will stand  
when the world is on fire.**

The world may scoff, doubt, ridicule and even belittle for our faith in the Bible and Jesus, but one day all that God has promised will come to pass.

## **5. Revelation's Aim – Reveal More of Jesus – 19:10**

**19:10** Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me,  
“You must not do that!”**

John gets so caught up in the moment as he sees the Marriage of the Lamb that he falls down at the feet in worship of the angel who quickly tells John to get up and stop it!

**“I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers”**

This word in in the Greek is “**sundoulos**” – fellow slave, the lowliest of a slave is the emphasis. It is a picture where pride is gone and total submission is the reality. The angel says he has the same role as John and the entire Christ-following family – we are servants of King Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

It is here that the angel reminds John that all he has seen, every single event and every single prophecy is centered on Christ.

**“Worship God.”**

The angels boils everything down to the true essential for John – worship God!

**“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”.**

**Revelation 1:1** The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Every page of this book has as its greatest aim this one singular purpose – to reveal more and more of the majesty and glory of Jesus.

At its core, prophecy’s purpose is to reveal the glory of Jesus. He is the story, the theme, and the sole focus of every bit of prophecy. It is all designed to reveal more and more of Jesus. This is why we study it as He is to be the purpose of our lives.

Revelation is the unveiling of Christ Himself. The Bible is the Book about Him.

He is found in every book of the Bible.

He is present in every generation.

Much of the prophecy of the OT points to His first advent and sacrificial death and everyone of those prophecies was fulfilled in Christ.

The prophecy that John has received as well as others concerning His second coming and the blessings of the redeemed will also come to pass.

Jesus is the focal point of our faith.

He will be the center of heaven!