

Revelation 19:1-10

Theme: **True and righteous are God's judgments**

- 1. They bring the curse upon the prostitute Babylon;**
- 2. They bring blessings for the Bride of the Lamb.**

1.) a. Prophetic perspective

- i. what is it? E.g.: Isaiah 7 and 9: Immanuel
- ii. how do we see this in Rev. 17-19? Then (Rome) and now (Western world)
- iii. first and final fulfillment: partial and complete fulfillment

b. Who is the prostitute?

- i. Rome's power, power and wealth in our present time
Rev. 18:3. Oppression of poor to support the rich.
- ii. the power ('dynamis') of her luxury (18:3. NKJV: abundance of her luxury)
1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
- iii. her persecution of the saints

c. The curse over the prostitute

- i. Punishment: she will suffer what she made others suffer. See Rev. 18:2-3, 8.
'wannabees': stand far off ⇔ those who follow Christ, see 14:4!
- ii. Go out from her: see prophecies in OT:
many quotes from the OT!
Rev. 18:2: fallen, fallen, see Isaiah 13:21
Rev. 18:5 : see Genesis 18: Sodom and Gomorra.
Rev. 18:6 : Pay her back, see Psalm 137:8
Rev. 18:8 : burned with fire, see Lev. 21:9
Rev. 18:4 : Go out from her! Isaiah 48:20
stand apart from this world → Antithesis.
- iii. Avenging the blood of God's servants: see 18:4-8 : by whom?

2.) a. Contrast: the prostitute and the bride.

- i. antithesis: Gen. 3:15: seed of the serpent, and the woman
- ii. Prostitute: sexual immorality ⇔ Bride: fine linen, bright and pure, vs. 8
1 Peter 4:3-4
- iii. Wine of the passion of sexual immorality ⇔ marriage supper of the Lamb

b. The righteousness of the Bride:

- i. great multitude in heaven: praising God's righteousness.
delights in God's righteousness, not in their own lusts.
Great commandment!
- ii. 24 elders, 4 living creatures: God's people and this creation. Praising God
- iii. vs. 7: the Bride has made herself ready. How? Antithesis, Gen. 3:15

c. Voice from the throne

- i. Praise our God: that is purpose of Israel in OT. See Psalms (Ps 96).
- ii. Praise God: purpose of God's people in NT: stay away from the prostitute.
Rev. 17-19: strong warning
- iii. Marriage of the Lamb: He honoured by Bride having made herself ready.
Blessed those invited to the marriage supper: see 14:13:

Questions:

1. What is prophetic perspective and how do we see it here in Rev. 17-19?
2. Who is the prostitute in our time?
3. Discuss the difference between the communion of saints and this world, with regard to sharing the wealth/forcing the poor to contribute to the rich:
 - a. Why do we not have a system of imposed taxes, levies, or contributions, but voluntary contributions?
 - b. Do we seek also what is good for our neighbour, are we fair and honest in our dealing with others, or do we always try to get the best deal for ourselves?
4. How is our life: do we want to share in the luxury of this world, or do we invest or riches in God's kingdom? How do we do that?
5. 18:20 : Can we be glad and rejoice when God is punishing this world with disasters?