

Sunday, September 15, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: The End of the Beast and the Prophet

Series: Revelation ... 25

Text: Revelation 19

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the FINAL countdown for the beast and the false prophet at the Second Coming of Christ Jesus.

Introduction:

In chapter 18 we observed the demise of Babylon the Great's economic-political power:

~ 1) Announcement of Condemnation; 2) Announcement of Separation; 3) Announcement of Lamentation; 4) Announcement of Praise

~ Chapter 19 continues the Divine defeat of the two beasts of Revelation 13: the first beast, which is referred to as 'the antichrist' (antichrist is found ONLY in 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3 and 2 John 1:7); the second beast, which in chapter 16:13 is called 'the false prophet.'

~ Chapter 19 marks the end of the time of Jacob's trouble (the Great Tribulation); Jeremiah 30:7, "Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it."

~ For the first time in the New Testament we are introduced to the word Hallelujah; it comes from the Hebrew halal meaning praise and jah meaning Jehovah (in the shortened form). Hallelujah is only used 4 times in the New Testament, Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6

~ Notice vs. 1, 6, 11, 17, 19

1. John Heard Heaven's First 'Hallelujah' Chorus:

~ vs. 4 – 8

~ vs. 6 – 7 As Christ Jesus prepares to establish His earthly reign He receives His Bride.

Consider Ephesians 5:25 – 32. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:29 – 30) and do not quench the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

~ vs. 8 Consider Philippians 2:12 – 13

~ vs. 9 There is no clear answer as to who the "invited" ones are at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

~ vs. 10 John is overcome with awe.

3. John Saw the Second Advent of Christ:

~ vs. 11 - 16

~ Revelation 6:1 – 2 My understanding is after the resurrection and ascension of Christ Jesus He commissions and sends His Church into the world to declare the Good News.

~ vs. 11 – 14 Christ Jesus personally comes with His Holy host to destroy the armies of the beast.

~ vs. 15 He who brought forth all of creation now speaks judgment. Psalm 2

~ vs. 16, "On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."

4. John Saw the Preparations for the Supper of God:

~ vs. 17 - 18

~ The final battle, the defeat of the beast's military power (chapter 17 was the defeat of the false religion and chapter 18 the defeat of the economic-political power of the beast)!

There will be so much carnage birds are invited to clean up.

5. John Saw the Final Battle:

~ vs. 19 – 21

~ Not only earthly defeat but assignment to the "lake of fire that burns with sulfur."

Conclusion:

Revelation 19:1 - 5

1) After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just;

2) for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

3) Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

4) And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

5) And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."