



VISION OF VICTORY

A STUDY OF REVELATION

#29: CELEBRATING OUR VICTORY—REVELATION 19

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Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. And his called and chosen and faithful ones will be with him.”

Revelation 17:14 (NLT)

I. OVERVIEW OF REVELATION CHAPTER 19

1. Response of Heaven to the demise of the great prostitute (v.1-4)

The word judgment carries negative overtones for a good many people in our liberal and postliberal world. We need to remind ourselves that throughout the Bible God's coming judgment is a good thing, something to be celebrated, longed for, yearned over. It causes people to shout for joy and the trees of the field to clap their hands. In a world of systematic injustice, bullying, violence, arrogance, and oppression, the thought that there might come a day when the wicked are firmly put in their place and the poor and weak are given their due is the best news there can be. Faced with a world in rebellion, a world full of exploitation and wickedness, a good God must be a God of judgment.

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2. Announcement of the wedding of the Lamb (v.5-10)

I am jealous over you with a jealousy that comes from God. I promised to give you to Christ, as your only husband. I want to give you as his pure bride.

2 Corinthians 11:2 (NCV)

3. Description of the rider of the white horse (v.11-16)

- His character (v.11)
- His righteousness (v.11)
- His insight (v.12)
- His authority (v.12)
- His credentials (v.12-13)
- His identity (v.13)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 1:1 (NIV)

- His followers (v.14)
- His mission (v.15)
- His title (v.16)

4. Description of the defeat of the enemies of God (v.17-21)

- Birds are invited to feed on some of the remains (v.17-18)
- The beast and the false prophet are thrown into the fiery lake (v.19-20)
- The rest are killed by the sword of the rider of the white horse (v.21)

GOD'S LOVE IS EXPRESSED THROUGH HIS JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE

The god who is truly scary is not the wrathful God of the Bible, but the god who closes his eyes to the evil of this world, shrugs his shoulders, and ignores it in the name of "love." What kind of love is this? A god who is never angered at sin and who lets evil go by unpunished is not worthy of worship.

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II. THREE REASONS I CAN CELEBRATE THIS VICTORY

- 1. I can celebrate because I am saved and the very bride of Christ because of the sacrifice of the Lamb**
- 2. I can celebrate because God's power has eternally defeated sin, evil and death**
- 3. I can celebrate because ultimately my good, gracious and just God reigns over all**