

Book of Revelation

26. The Wedding of the Lamb



Revelation 19

Introduction

Finally the much awaited event takes place – the wedding supper of the Lamb! In our previous study of Revelation we learnt about the judgment of the great harlot, 'Mystery Babylon', which represents false religions. Now as we come to chapter 19 we see another 'woman', but this is the 'Bride of the Lamb'.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 19:1-10

Make a comparison between these two women. What are the differences?



	<u>The Harlot</u>	<u>The Bride</u>
Where does she live?	17:3	21:10
What does she wear?	17:4	19:8
What does she drink?	17:4	21:27
Who lives with her?	18:2	21:27
Can you see any others?		

Jesus compared his Father's Kingdom to a marriage given by a King for his son. See Matthew 22:2. In Israel during the time of Jesus a marriage included two events: the betrothal and the wedding feast. Let's spend some time learning about this so we understand the significance of the Wedding of the Lamb.

1. The Betrothal

This was like an engagement, but in Israel the man and the woman were considered husband and wife when this took place. Although they were considered to be husband and wife they would not stay together until the marriage took place, but they were to be faithful to one another. This was why Joseph faced a dilemma when he discovered that Mary was pregnant in Matthew 1:18-19. The Apostle Paul spoke of the believers in Corinth as being 'betrothed' to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:2. This means that we are too!

2. The Preparation

Following the betrothal the groom would go back to his home and prepare for his bride, and he would only return for her when everything was ready. What then does Jesus' promise to us in John 14:2-3 mean?

3. The Procession

Once the house had been prepared and the wedding feast was ready the groom would proceed to the bride's home. We see this in the Parable of the Virgins. Matthew 25:6

4. The Wedding Feast

Then the bride and guests would return to the groom's place for the feast. We are waiting for this glorious event to take place!



In Revelation 19 we are told that the bride has made herself ready, but in v8 we are told that she was 'given' fine linen to wear. To what extent are the wedding garments given, and to what extent are they earned? Discuss. See Revelation 3:4-5 and Philippians 2:12-13, 3:9.



Ask each member to read Revelation 19:1-10 again by themselves and spend 5 minutes meditating on the passage. Share one thing that the Holy Spirit has spoken to you tonight from this passage.

Conclusion

As we studied the seals, trumpets and bowls, it may have seemed that the future is very dark. It will be for those who reject God's wonderful offer of salvation, but it will be glorious for those who have accepted Him. This is the hope of our calling. Press on and do not give up!