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FOR TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ARE HIS JUDGMENTS

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SCRIPTURE READING: **REVELATION 19:1-8**

Revelation 19:2-4, **For true and righteous are his judgments:** *for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3: And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. 4: And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.*

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message April 26, 2020

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Today we will preach from the book of **Revelation chapter 19**.
- b. In order to fully understand what **chapter 19** is about, let's go back and take a bird's eye view of what has happened in the past.
- c. John sets the outline for this book very vividly as he tells us that he was to write the things which he had seen, the things which are and the things which shall be hereafter. **Revelation 1:19**, *Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;*
- d. When we look chapter by chapter at the things John had seen; in **chapter one** is the post-incarnate Christ in His glorified body. If you want to know what Jesus Christ looks like go to the first chapter of this book. It is the only authorized picture of Jesus Christ is described for us in the King James 1611 version of the Bible.
- e. No man knows what He looks like other than what the Preserved Word of God tells us.
- f. John was also told to write the things which are. This is in the messages to the seven churches in **chapters 2 and 3**. God chose seven churches in Asia Minor to give us a complete history of the church age from Pentecost to the rapture. Worthy to note there were more than 7 churches in Asia Minor at that time, but God chose these seven to represent the entire church age.
- g. When we say the church, we are speaking of a called-out body for the Lord Jesus Christ. We are in Christ; we take on His righteousness and His perfection.
- h. We will not go into detail about those seven churches; however, I will say that three of the churches are history.
- i. There was the apostolic church – the church of Ephesus. The church of Smyrna - the martyr church and the church of Pergamos – the church that joined the state. The

other four churches are still running their course this day in time: Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and the church of Laodicea. We talked at length about all these churches during several studies in the past. You can read about them in **Revelation chapters 2 and 3**.

- j. **Revelation chapter 4 thru chapter 18** describes God's judgment what we call the Tribulation which will last for seven years. The first three and a half years is called the Tribulation period and the last three and a half years is called the Great Tribulation Period. This tribulation period is for the Jews – the nation Israel. We spoke extensively about this during a previous message.
- k. At the beginning of **chapter four** the church, the Bride of Christ, all born again believers, left the earth. It was raptured and taken to be with God and His Son Jesus. **Revelation 4:1**, *After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.*
- l. We will see how all this dovetails into what we are going to talk about today in **chapter 19**.
- m. **Chapters 4 thru 18** We have come across all types of judgment that God has poured out on the earth. When we study the book of Revelation, we found out that it was devastating. In those later chapters there was the destruction of Babylon, the capital for the beast and it marks the end of the Tribulation period.
- n. In **chapter 19** the tone shifts from judgment to the fact there will be the marriage of the Lamb and a physical return of the Lord Jesus Christ to sit on the Throne of David and rule and reign for a thousand years. **Revelation 19:7**, *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.* **Revelation 20:4**, *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*
- o. The thousand-year period is called the Millennium. It will take place right here on earth.
- p. **Chapter 19 of Revelation** is one of the most thrilling chapters in all the Word of God because it speaks of the return of Christ.
- q. We have salvation because He came the first time, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, suffered, died, and went to the cross to pay for our sins. We must be careful to note that his first coming was to save the soul. He will redeem the body at the first phase of his second coming.
- r. Now we find that He is coming again. This will happen in two stages; first to receive the church. **1 Thessalonians 4:16**, *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:* – all born again believers will meet him in the air; this is what we call the rapture of the church. Secondly, He will physically come to establish His kingdom and sit on the Throne of David. **Isaiah 9:7**, *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from*

henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- s. We will also see the Marriage supper of the Lamb that will also take place on earth. The other supper is called the cannibalistic feast that happens as a result of the battle of Armageddon. **Revelation 19:9**, *And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. **Revelation 19:17-19**, And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; **18:** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. **19:** And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*
- t. Today we are primarily going to focus on the second coming of Christ and more specifically on the marriage of the Lamb.
- u. We have identified the apostate church mentioned in **chapters 2 and 3**; the church of Thyatira, **Revelation 2:18-20**, *And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; **19:** I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. **20:** Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Sardis - **Revelation 3:1-3**, And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. **2:** Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. **3:** **Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.** And Laodicea - **Revelation 3:14-17**, And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; **15:** I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. **16:** So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. **17:** Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:.*
- v. The only true church among the group was the church of Philadelphia where the Lord Jesus Christ had no condemnation for them. **Revelation 3:7-10**, *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; **8:** I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. **9:** Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. **10:** Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee*

from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

- w. There were three things that were very prominent in this church: The **Preserved Word of God, the Deity of Christ and justification by faith.** **Revelation 3:11**, *Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.* When you sit under false teaching and embrace false doctrine you lose rewards.
- x. With that introduction let us see what we can glean from **chapter 19** today.

3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. And after these things I heard.

1. **Revelation 19:1**, And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:
2. The term "after these things" – means after what has gone on before.
3. From **chapter 4 thru chapter 18** we have witnessed the judgments of God.
4. This is a dark time, a sad time for the nation Israel and the Gentile world that goes through the Tribulation Period. Yes, the apostate church will pass through this period.
5. We find that all of this has come to an end now and the *great voice of much people in heaven*, tells us that the scene has shifted to Heaven.
6. **Chapter 5 thru chapter 7** is about the elders which represented the church and an uncounted number of angels and others worshipping God.
7. The Tribulation Saints join them now and it is the very element of praise - *Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:* **Revelation 7:13-14**, And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14: And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
8. *Alleluia;* - occurs four times in the first six verses. This is the only occurrence in the New Testament. It is preserved for the final victory of what we are about to see – the second coming of Christ.
9. Jesus Christ's disciples were told, as He stood on the Mount of Olives, that He would come again. **Acts 1:11**, *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*
10. There is also a lot of praise in the **Book of Psalms chapters 146 thru 150.**
11. The church is now about to unite with the Lord Jesus Christ in marriage. What a blessed thing to be a part of the body of Christ.
12. God has already told us in **Psalms 104:35**, *Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.* – this means *Alleluia;*
13. Alleluia is the final phase of salvation. The Bible has already told us in **Romans 13:11**, *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.* – This means that until the time when believers get their glorified bodies at the first phase of His second coming.
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shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17:** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

14. Now we are moving to the end of the tribulation period and we have the tribulation saints joining in. Paul tells us in **Romans 8:18-23**, *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19: For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20: For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21: Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22: For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23: And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*
15. When a believer dies the body generally goes to the cemetery and the soul and spirit returns to God. One of these days the body and the soul will be reunited and put together. We see this at the first phase of the second coming of the Lord for the church.
16. We must keep in mind that the Old Testament saints are not raised at this time. We will give you the order of the resurrection of the Old Testament saints during a future message from **Daniel 12:2**, **And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Revelation 20:4-6**, *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5: But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6: Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

b. For true and righteous are his judgments.

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2. It is remarkably interesting that those who are with Jesus have perfect knowledge. Their perfect knowledge tells them *For true and righteous are his judgments:*
3. Sometimes people have a problem with what God is doing down here on earth.
4. I can tell you my friend; He has not lost control. He oversees everything that

happens, and He will use various elements in order to accomplish His will.

5. Did He not use Pharaoh? Notice that the destruction of the apostate church - the church of Thyatira, and Sardis were all destroyed. They were destroyed by the kings of the earth as the anti-Christ destroys the harlot.
6. Here it says God brought the judgment. We can see that God uses all the instruments He wants. He also uses the devil to accomplish His purpose in many cases.
7. True and righteous are His judgments because the apostate church deserves to be destroyed for not standing for the Lord Jesus Christ. Many true believers had been martyred for the cause of Christ during that time.
8. Nine times out of ten it is the religious institution that brings forth the persecution.
9. We know that when the true church was taken up, there were two events that were to take place. First, we go to the Judgment Seat of Christ to be judged for our stewardship, not sin specifically for our placement in the future kingdom. **2 Corinthians 5:10**, *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*
10. There is no judgment for sin because it was taken care of with the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
11. The second element is the marriage of the Lamb. We assume that this marriage takes place sometime in Heaven after the Judgment Seat of Christ. I believe it takes place after the destruction of the apostate church here on earth during the Tribulation Period.
12. *hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.* - Believers are forbidden to avenge themselves. **Romans 12:19**, *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*
13. When we take vengeance into our own hands we fail to walk by faith and try and walk by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7**, *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*
14. The twenty-four elders we have identified as representing the church. There is praise from all the elements of the voices in Heaven.
15. The church is called out. Simeon was the first to talk about it because it had been hidden from the Old Testament saints. **Acts 15:14**, *Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.*
16. We will no longer be called the church; we will be called the Bride of Christ.

c. And a voice came out of the throne.

1. **Revelation 19:5-6**, *And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. **6:** And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*
2. *And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God,* - Praising God for all the great things He has done. This is truly an Alleluia chorus.
3. Jesus is about ready to come back to earth to assume His responsibility and to establish everlasting righteousness. **Proverbs 29:2**, *When the righteous are in*

authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

4. **2 Samuel 7:16**, *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.* We cannot lose sight of this.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ is about ready to rule and reign for a thousand years, but before that happens there is a wedding that takes place in Heaven.

d. For the marriage of the Lamb is come.

1. **Revelation 19:7-8**, *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come,** and his wife hath made herself ready. **8:** *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**
2. Right off let us talk about the righteousness of the saints.
3. In order to get to Heaven, we must be clothed in the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
4. The Bible has indicated on many occasions that we cannot produce our own righteousness because we cannot save ourselves. It is only the blood of Christ that will cleanse us from all sin. **Titus 3:5**, *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; **1 John 1:7**, *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**
5. The believers we are talking about at the marriage of the Lamb is the church, the body of Christ, the called-out believers from Pentecost to the rapture.
6. We must understand that the Old Testament saints are not a part of this.
7. John the Baptist had indicated to us that he was a friend of the bridegroom. **John 3:29**, *He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.*
8. This is a specific group of people. The apostle Paul speaks of a husband – wife relationship in **Ephesians chapter 5**.
9. The home can only be built based on the Word of God. The home needs to have two people who are spirit filled; the husband that will obey God and a wife who will also obey God. **Ephesians 5:21**, *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*
10. You cannot have a Christian home unless there is two born again believers who are spirit filled.
11. **Ephesians 5:25-27**, *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **26:** *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **27:** *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.***
12. We cannot produce this kind of holiness in the flesh. This is a relationship between Christ and the church.
13. It is also a pattern for the home today.
14. We live in an era today that is called the new morality. It will not work. God lays out a pattern.

15. **John 17:23-26**, talks about the church in His High Priestly prayer. *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24: Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25: O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26: And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.*
16. The Lord Jesus Christ is praying for the church in this prayer.
17. *fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.* – We can only have righteousness in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
18. Paul reminds us in **Philippians 3:9**, *And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:* - The only way to have this righteousness is to lay hold of the Lord Jesus Christ, be baptized into the family of God by the Holy Spirit.
19. As we go to the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will find that God does focus on our works. Not for salvation but for rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:10**, *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 1 Corinthians 3:12-14*, *Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14: If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.*
20. This confirms that we go to the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive rewards.
21. We know that we are His workmanship. **Ephesians 2:10**, *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*
22. If our works abide, we get a reward; if our works do not abide, we don't lose our salvation but we escape as by fire. **1 Corinthians 3:15**, *If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*
23. **Ephesians 2:7**, *That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.* – We know that Christ came to save us; sinners and if our sins are not under His blood, we do not have His righteousness and we will not go to Heaven.
24. This reflects the intimate relationship between the church and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. God was manifested in the flesh.
- b. Do you know the Saviour? If you do not know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, you are opening yourself up to go through this horrible tribulation period.
- c. If you pass through this tribulation period unsaved, you will die without Christ, when your body is raised to reunite with your spirit you will go to the Great White Throne

Judgment and you will be consigned to the Lake of Fire where the beast and the false prophets are. This is the final judgment of the unbeliever and there is no way out for all eternity. **Revelation 20:14**, *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.* **Revelation 22:11**, *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.* So purgatory is false doctrine.

- d. We praise God for what He has done for us.
- e. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- f. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- g. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- h. Would you please stand?

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