

A Marriage Made IN Heaven

"Heaven's Hallelujah Chorus" Revelation 19 : 1 - 10

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets modifying the biblical text underlined with dots. The abbreviation "NIV84" stands for the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION of the Holy Bible published in 1984. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1139.

Four Reasons to shout "Hallelujah!"

1. The power of God has vanquished _____!

Revelation 19:1–2, NIV84 -¹ After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah!" ["Hallelujah", OT in origin: HEB: הַלְלוּ־יָהּ, it simply means, "Praise the Lord" (*Hal-hel* means "praise", *Yah* is short for "Jehovah"; its used only in this passage in the NT, the Greek form is "alleluia" (19:1, 3, 4, 6) Three groups cry "Hallelujah" before Holy God: The saints in Heaven (vv. 1-3), the elders before the throne (v. 4), and the great multitude (v. 6)] *Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,* ² *for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned [lit, vanquished—destroyed forever] the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."*

2. The _____ Reigns!

Revelation 19:3–6, NIV84 -³ And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her [destroyed Babylon] goes up for ever and ever." ⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!" ⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns." [lit., "to be enthroned as King"]."

3. The Marriage of the _____ has come!

Revelation 19:7–8, NIV84 -⁷ "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

Ephesians 5:25–28, NIV84 -²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

4. The Marriage supper _____.

Revelation 19:9, NIV84 -⁹ Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Revelation 19:9, The Living Bible -⁹ And the angel dictated this sentence to me: "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "God himself has stated this."

Bonus: God _____ is to be worshipped!

Revelation 19:10, NIV84 -¹⁰ At this I fell at his [the angel's] feet to worship him [the angel]. But he [the angel] said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. [a reference to the OT; in other words, the main theme of the OT prophecy, as well as the NT is this: **Jesus is the Messiah!!!**]."

Revelation 19:10, NLT -¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus."



Since He may come *any day*, it is well to be ready *every day!*"

- J. Hudson Taylor

Answers to "The Marriage Made in Heaven" Sermon

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1. Evil

2. Lord God

3. Lamb

4. Begins

Bonus: Alone