

Revelation 19—part 1 Verses 1-6

Read Revelation 19:1-6

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: <u>After the command to rejoice over Babylon's fall in Chapter 18</u>, heaven breaks out in the Hallelujah choir. In the New Testament, <u>Hallelujah</u> is used only here. Every use is connected to God's Righteous Judgment. The text gave us 4 things for which should be praised.

Homework: Study Guide "Drawing Near" (page 115) and Question 1 (page 123)

Someone read "Drawing Near" (page 115). Share answers to both questions

1. What reasons are given for heaven's rejoicing in 19:1-5? <u>Salvation Realized</u>, <u>Justice Rendered</u>, <u>Rebellion Crushed</u>, and <u>God Glorified</u>. [Plus one more great one covered next week]

Going Further

What does Hallelujah literally mean? <u>Praise the Lord!</u> See also *Psalm 104:35 & Psalm 113*

Under Point #1 (Salvation Realized), the stages or process of Salvation/Sanctification were discussed. What are those stages? Discuss each.

- 1. The instant/permanent salvation in receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. See *Romans* 10:9-10 [Spirit]
- 2. The ongoing process of our saving/holiness, being made more and more Christ-like. = Discipleship. See 1 Corinthians 1:18 & Philippians 2:12 [Heart and Mind]
- 3. The completed, filled, perfected salvation of being forever with Christ and free from sinful bodies. See *Romans 13:11 [Body]*

What Rebellion has been Crushed at Christ's return? <u>1—that of Satan when he revolted in heaven after Creation, taking 1/3 of the holy angels with him. See *Isaiah 14:12-15* <u>2—that of man who followed Satan.</u></u>

Teaching Note: Several asked, after church, about the 1000-year reign and a second rebellion. We'll cover it in depth in chapter 20. But, briefly...

- At the end of the 7-year Tribulation, Jesus returns physically to earth to rule and reign for a 1000 years.
- The current redeemed (us/the Church) come back with Him to rule and reign. We have glorified bodies and do not sin. (nor do we marry/procreate)
- The world/Israel is restored. Although the world's geography is different then, from the plagues, life flourishes. The world repopulates. The deserts blossom and produce food. Peace reigns throughout the world. The Law is followed and sin is immediately dealt with.
- But, sin is still present. New humans will be born to the Tribulation survivors. They will have sin natures.
- After the 1000 years, Satan is loosed. He immediately goes out and deceives the nations, leading them in one final rebellion against Christ. Jesus then instantly destroys them and everything with fire...ushering in a new heaven and a new earth = sinless.