

Devo #31 – The revelation of Christ as Bridegroom and King

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB (19:1-10). Jesus predicted this wedding in parables (Matthew 22:2; 25:1; Luke 12:35-36). “Alleluia” appears four times (1-6). People in Heaven, the twenty-four elders, the four living creatures, and a great multitude praise God for His judgments and His reign. The Lamb (Christ) is the Groom. The Bride is the church. The Bride will be prepared (8) in white line, which is described as “the righteous acts of the saints.” This is not Christ’s righteousness, but virtue as a result of Christ’s righteousness. The New Testament refers to the church as the future Bride of Christ. “For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ (II Corinthians 11:2). After uniting Christ with His bride, the supper will begin. The marriage of Christ and the church will most likely take place after the Judgment seat of Christ. The wedding supper is a celebration. Christ will return to earth with His bride, and immediately afterwards will be the millennium (Revelation 19-20). The celebration will last 1,000 years. Dwight Pentecost says, The marriage supper is “a parabolic picture of the entire millennial age, to which Israel will be invited during the Tribulation period.”

THE RETURN OF CHRIST TO EARTH (19:11-16). Jesus will come riding on a white horse (11). Antichrist also rode a white horse. He brought peace to make war. Christ will make war to bring peace. On His head are many crowns. They represent all power and authority. He will come as a victor (12). His name is the Word of God (13). He is the full revelation of God. His clothes will be dipped in blood (13). This is the blood of the enemies He has conquered. The armies in heaven follow Him on white horses. These are the church and the tribulation saints and angels. They will reign with Him after He defeats His enemies. He will strike the nations with a sword, i.e., with the power of His word. He will rule the nations with a rod of iron (15). Jesus will rule with strong righteous judgment. He will bring justice in wrath (15). In wrath, He will trample His enemies like grapes. He will wear the name: King of kings and Lord of lords (16). He will be the Ruler of the universe.