

MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB
(Revelation 19:7-10)

- I. Marriage Supper ANNOUNCED (Rev. 19:7-8)
 - A. The marriage [supper] has COME (19:7)
 - 1. WHEN is it?
 - a. AFTER the destruction of BABYLON
 - b. An EVENING meal to START a NEW DAY
 - 2. WHERE is it?—unstated, but probably on EARTH
 - 3. WHAT is it?
 - a. Marriage INITIATED with signed CONTRACT: parallels SALVATION with the HOLY SPIRIT as the SEAL
 - b. Wedding BEGAN at the appointed TIME when groom went to bride's HOME to escort her to his FATHER'S HOUSE: parallels RAPTURE of the church at Christ's COMING
 - c. Wedding ENDED with the marriage SUPPER to which GUESTS were invited: parallel with what is announced HERE
 - d. Christ is coming WITH His bride, not FOR her
 - B. The BRIDE has made herself READY (19:8)
 - 1. WHO is the bride?
 - a. OT Israel depicted as the UNFAITHFUL WIFE of JEHOVAH
 - b. NT church described as the VIRGIN BRIDE of CHRIST
 - 2. WHAT has she done for HERSELF?
 - a. She has NOT made herself THE BRIDE
 - b. She has made herself READY for the WEDDING
 - 3. HOW is she made ready?
 - a. Dressed in garment of FINE WHITE LINEN (cf. Eph. 5:26-27)

- b. Garment identified as the SAINTS' RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - 1) It is a GIFT of God's GRACE (Eph. 2:10)
 - 2) It is a LIFE of OBEDIENCE (Phil. 2:12-13)

II. Marriage Guests are CALLED (Rev. 19:9-10)

A. Guests are especially BLESSED

B. Guests are DISTINCT from the BRIDE

- 1. Bride is evidently the RAPTURED CHURCH
 - a. Distinct from those REJOICING in Rev. 19:7
 - b. Distinct from those INVITED in Rev. 19:9
- 2. Guests are evidently the OLD TESTAMENT and TRIBULATION saints (cf. Matt. 22:1-14)
 - a. Shouldn't press distinctions TOO FAR
 - b. Primary message is the ETERNAL UNION and BLESSEDNESS of God and His PEOPLE

C. John is DEEPLY MOVED

- 1. Instructed not to WORSHIP the ANGEL
- 2. Instructed to WORSHIP GOD
- 3. Instructed about the testimony of JESUS (cf. John 13:13)
 - a. He is the major theme of SCRIPTURE
 - b. He is the central theme of PROPHECY