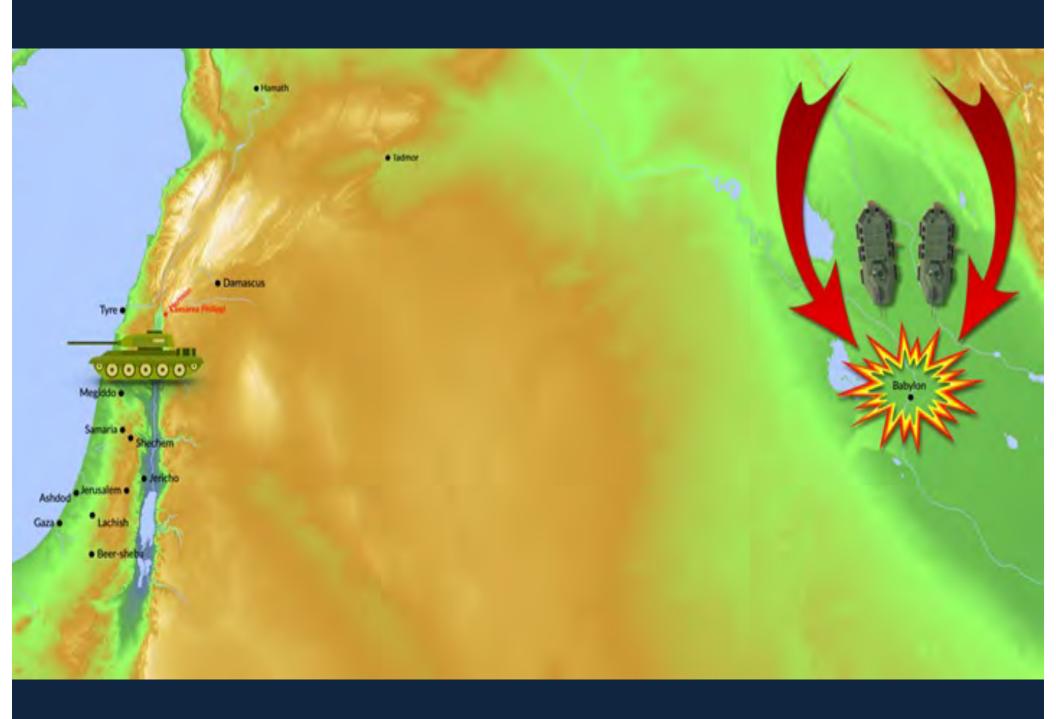
# "The Marriage of the Lamb" Revelation 19: 1-10

## When I mention Babylon, what do you think?

The religious and political system in our world since the fall of mankind







### How do I resist Babylon's lure?

Fear God

Put away the false gods (idols)

Serve God

Don't be afraid of the stretch



### <u>Verse 1 - 3</u>

### The Great Multitude Praises God

### Who are the great multitude?

Those martyred in the Tribulation - Revelation 7: 9

### Why are they praising God?

He has judged the great harlot!

God's love mandates that He deals with evil!!

### What are we to do with our enemies?

LOVE THEM!!
Matthew 5: 44-45

Satan, the world, and your flesh screams revenge and payback, "I've been wronged"

Jesus says love and forgive! THIS IS THE JESUS WAY!

#### Verse 4

# The 24 Elders and the 4 Living Creatures praise God

#### Who are the 24 Elders?

THE CHURCH!

Revelation 4: 4

Revelation 4: 10

Revelation 5: 8-9

Revelation 5: 10

#### **Verse 5 - 6**

# All the Servants of Heaven praise God

### All of heaven bursts forth in praise as God judges evil!

Praise is a fruit - something produced in us as we stay close to the Shepherd Hebrews 13: 15

# The praise in heaven is loud: Like a raging water fall or thunder Like a frenzied football stadium

#### Just think:

Exuberance, new discoveries, new horizons, new experience - FOREVER!!

# Verse 7 - 8 The Marriage of the Lamb

### The Lamb sacrificed Himself for Hisbride -

JESUS DIED FOR YOU!!

Presently, we are engaged THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR
GUARANTEE

**Ephesians 1: 13-14** 

"His wife has made herself ready" How?

The bride must be watchful, faithful and prepared

At an unknown time, Jesus will be released by Father to fetch His Bride (*Rapture*) - Mark 13: 32

Jesus will take His Bride to Father's house - John 14: 1-3

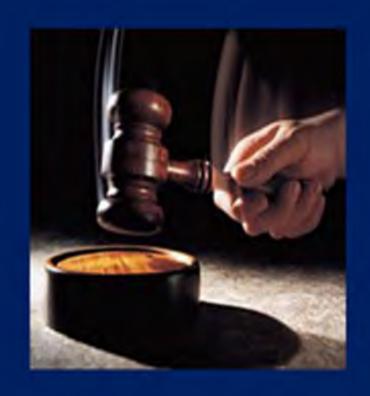
## The first thing that happens after the Rapture:

The Bride will be judged thoroughly and rewarded abundantly

### Why the Judgment Seat of Christ?

Not to judge sin (John 19:30)

Not to determine salvation (John 5:24)



But rather to give or not give rewards

## Questions regarding the Judgment Seat of Christ:

- 1. When? After the Rapture
- 2. Where? In Heaven
- 3. Who? All Church Age Believers
- 4. Why? To Give or Not Give Rewards



#### Scripture's Five Crowns

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

# Verse 9 - 10 The Marriage Supper

The Marriage Supper is a special celebration where guests are invited to celebrate the marriage

These guests include Old Testament saints and Tribulation saints - verse 9

#### **CLOSING THOUGHTS:**

### The Bible says to worship God and Him only:

- Satan wants to pervert this any way he can
- 2) Satan will encourage the worship of anything, but the True God
- 3) People gravitate to false worship like flies to honey
- 4) The deceiver is at work in our world, and most fall for his lies

It is good to remember the things God hates - Proverbs 6: 16-19

Every person struggles with these seven things

- 1) Satan will always attempt to convince you to act in your old nature
- 2) To revert to your fleshly self
- 3) He whispers, "You deserve this, they deserve this, payback is fun", etc.

### When you experience the "I want" attack:

- 1) Recognize Satan's schemes and armor up **Ephesians 6: 10-18**
- 2) Recognize his schemes and submit to God <u>James 4: 7-8</u>
- 3) Recognize his schemes and take captive every thought <a href="2">2 Corinthians 10: 3-5</a>

### When you experience the "I want" attack:

- 4) The battle is for control of your mind, your soul (thoughts, feelings, emotions)
- 5) He who controls the mind, controls the person

## Victors win by staying close to their power source:

- 1) Dwell in Christ
- 2) Be filled with the Holy Spirit
- 3) Drifters will lose the battle
- 4) Be a victor, not a victim!

#### **KNOW** who you are:

A one-of-a-kind follower of Messiah

ACCEPT who you are:

You do not have to be like someone else

**BE** who you are:

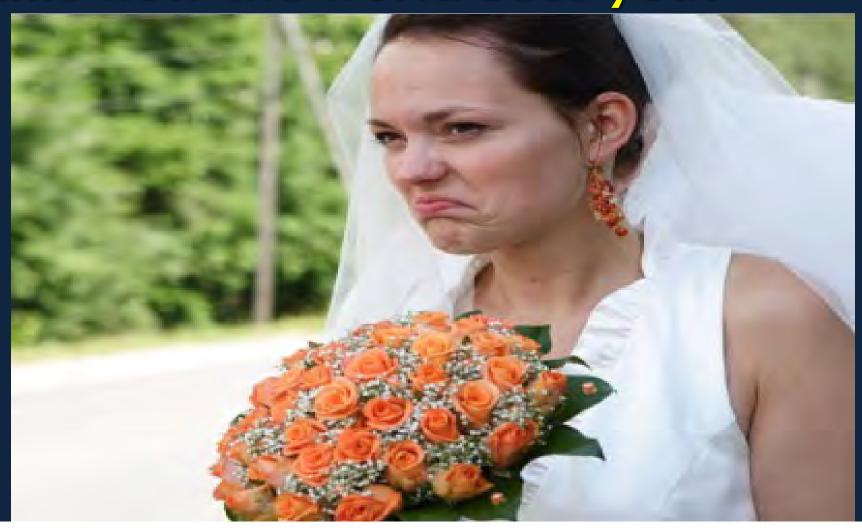
Not a phony; show the world the changed you

### You are the Bride of Christ with much to look forward to:

- 1) Watch and be ready for your bridegroom's unexpected return
- 2) Watch and be ready for your enemy to attack in those 7 areas
- 3) Watch and be ready for the best is yet to come the marriage ceremony!
- 4) We have much to look forward to!

Soooo...... no gloomy faces, no sad sack, no head down or poor me posture

Is this how the world sees you?



### THE BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF READY

I KID YOU NOT!
THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!