**Revelation 19: The Return of the Real King**

**Main Idea: A good Father does good and takes care of His children**

**I. 19:1-10 – Heaven’s joy at Babylon’s fall**

* **19:2 MAJOR THEME: Judgment due to their treatment of the saints 6:9-11; 7:14; 8:1-4; 12:12, 17; 13:7, 15; 14:1-5, 13; 15:2-4; 16:5-6; 18:20-24; 19:2;**
* **19:5 – “Praise” for God’s righteous judgments.**
* **19:6 – Emphasis on the reality that He is Lord and All-powerful**
* **19:7-9 - The Marriage Supper - Like Feasts in Israel; celebration and fellowship!**
  + **Garments are for believers - Rev. 3:3-5 (A church); 16:15; also Mt. 22:13**
  + **Garments are related to our works – Rev. 19:8 and 3:3-5; 16:15; with Mt. 22:14 and 1 Jn. 2:28**
  + **19:9 – Those who are “called” are blessed. Compare this with “called” and “chosen” in Mt. 22:14 and 2 Peter 1:8-10**

**Summary**

* **Some see the white garments as automatically given to all believers. However, in passages that discuss this issue, it says that calling precedes the choosing (Mt. 22:14; 2 Peter 1:8-10). When it comes to getting eternal life, their view is that choosing (election) precedes the calling.**
* **Additionally, it is clear that the garments we receive are earned by our good works, not given to all who believe (Rev. 19:8; 3:3-5) and that there is shame associated with not living a meritorious life (Rev. 16:15; 1 Jn. 2:28).**
* **19:10 - The “spirit of prophecy” involves the righting of all wrongs. Jesus paid for sins and suffered in so doing it. So, HE is the focal point of prophecy. His suffering and death are the basis for offering men eternal life to avoid this tragedy, HE will right all wrongs, and HE will come back and rule the future that is made right.**

**II. 19:11-16 – The return and the description of the Glorious King**

* **Faithful and true**
* **Judges in righteousness**
* **His appearance shows who He is and what He has done**
* **The gathered army comes with Him**
* **He fulfills Ps. 2 = “rod of iron”**
* **He pours out God’s wrath**
* **He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords; a Ruler of rulers!**

**III. 19:17-21 – Armageddon! Massive earthquake, hail, blackout**

* **Sixth Seal - Rev. 6:12-16**
  + **Great earthquake – 6:12**
  + **Cosmic blackout – Sun darkened, moon red, stars fall – 6:12-14**
  + **The day of the Lamb’s wrath (6:17)**
* **Seventh Trumpet – Rev. 11:15-19**
  + **Kingdoms of this world becomes Christ’s**
  + **Dead judged**
  + **Servants rewarded**
  + **Earthquake, great hail with lightnings, noises, and thundering**
  + **Rev. 14:8-18 – Judgment of the Beast and his followers**
* **Sixth Bowl – Rev. 16:12-21**
  + **Rev. 16:12-16 – Armies gather for Armageddon**
  + **Rev. 16:17-21 Massive hail, earthquake, fall of Babylon**
* **Zech. 12-14 is significant**
  + **12:1-9 – Jerusalem will be a battleground**
  + **12:10-14 – They will mourn the killing of the Messiah**
  + **13:1-6 – Idols will be cleansed from the Land**
  + **13:7-9 – The remnant (1/3) of Israel will be saved**
  + **14:1-2 – The siege of Jerusalem**
  + **14:3-5 – The Lord’s return to Mt. Olivet**
  + **14:6-9 - Darkness to light at the King’s return**
  + **14:10-15 – The Lord will fight for Israel**
  + **14:16-21 – The nations will worship the Lord**