

– an uncluttered approach –

SIMPLIFYING

# REVELATION

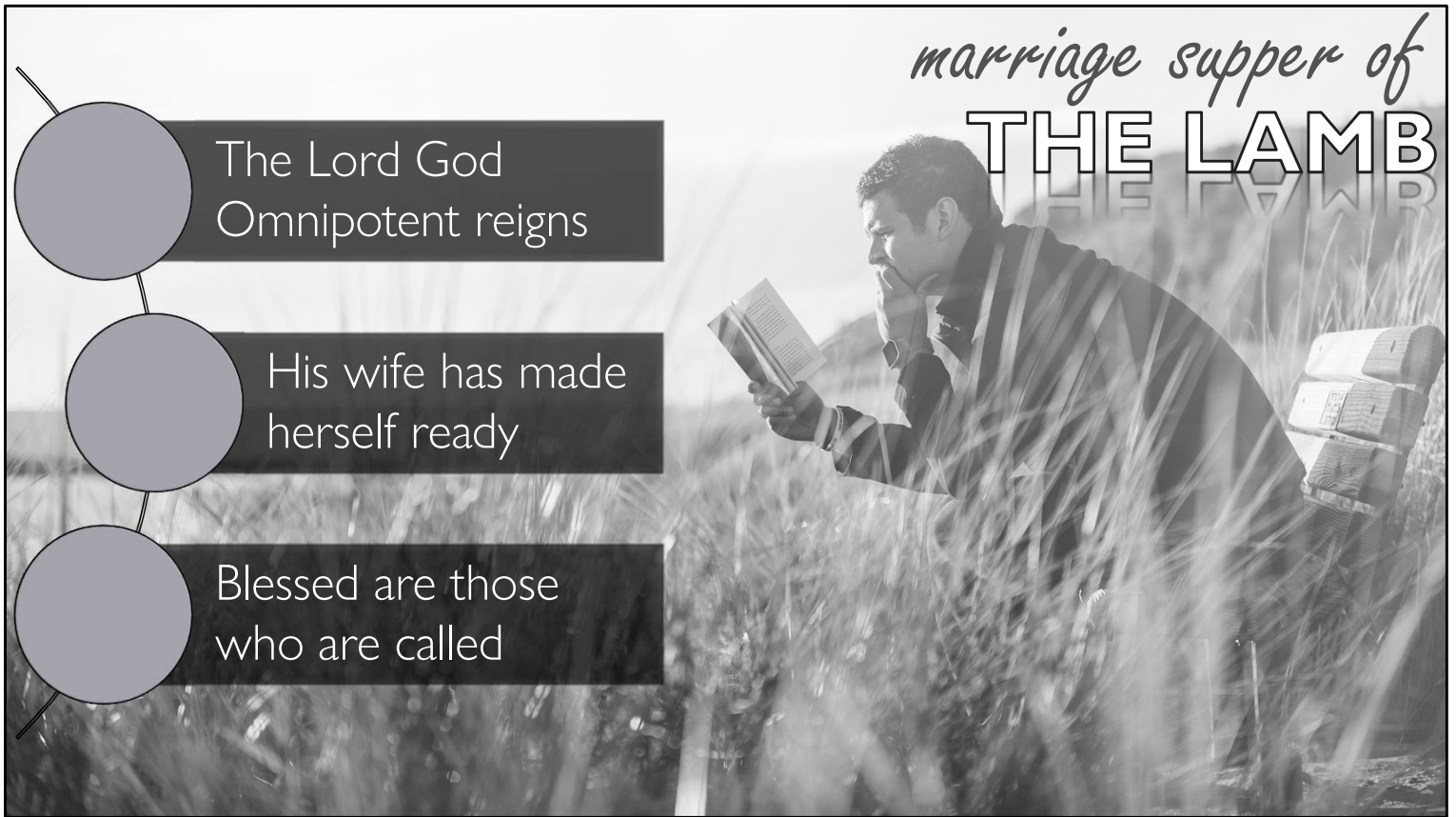
- Ch. 17-18 displayed the defeat of the harlot known as Babylon.
- In ch. 19, the victory of the Lamb and His people is proclaimed.
- While they are jubilant and praising God, the enemies of God's people are judged.

The image features a man in a dark jacket reading a book in a field of tall, golden grass under a bright sky. At the top, the word 'Alleluia' is written in large letters, each inside a colored circle: 'a' (yellow), 'l' (light grey), 'l' (purple), 'e' (green), 'l' (blue), 'u' (yellow), 'i' (light grey), and 'a' (purple).

Below the word, four numbered points are listed in colored boxes:

- 1 • Salvation & glory & honor & power
- 2 • He has avenged the blood of the saints
- 3 • The eternal judgment of the harlot
- 4 • All in unison, 24 elders & 4 living creatures

- Read 19:1-5
- Alleluia – Praise the Lord (Hallelujah).
- **V 1** – salvation, glory, honor, power belong to God.
- V 2 – the events of the previous chapter resulted in praise. The destroyer is destroyed!
- V 3 – the punishment in judgment is eternal.
- V 4 – 24 elders (God’s people) and 4 living creatures (God’s character) voice their agreement with all that was done.
- V 5 – a single voice from heaven in response. An angel? The Lamb?



- Read 19:6-10 – marriage supper of the Lamb
- As the marriage supper of the Lamb is about to be declared, a thunderous voice of praise is heard (multitudes, many waters – all of God’s people).
- God is praised for his **OMNIPOTENCE**, “all-ruling”
- His wife has **MADE HERSELF** ready. We want to be ready to meet the Lord (parable of the 10 virgins).
  - V 8 – she is arrayed in fine linen, the righteous acts off the saints.
  - What we do is important. We need to live holy lives in obedience to God’s will.
- V 9 – the **BLESSING** of being called to the marriage supper.
  - The only way to be there is if we are the bride!
  - We are called by the gospel, whether we answer the call or not is up to us.

- V 10 – John was overwhelmed by the things which he saw.
  - He fell before the angel who was with him (v 9, “he”) to worship him.
  - He was rebuked. No one, neither man nor angel are worthy of worship.
  - Worship God and Him alone.

# king of kings

LORD OF LORDS



White horse (**REV 6:2**)

Faithful & True (**REV 3:14**)

Judges in righteousness (**JN 7:24**)

Eyes like a flame (**REV 1:14; 2:18**)

Many crowns (**REV 6:2**)

A special name (**REV 2:17**)

Robe dipped in blood (**ISA 63:2-3**)

Called the Word of God (**JN 1:1**)

A sharp sword (**REV 1:16**)

Rod of iron (**REV 2:27; 12:5; PS 2:9; ISA 11:4**)

Winepress of God's wrath (**ISA 63:3; REV 14:19-20**)

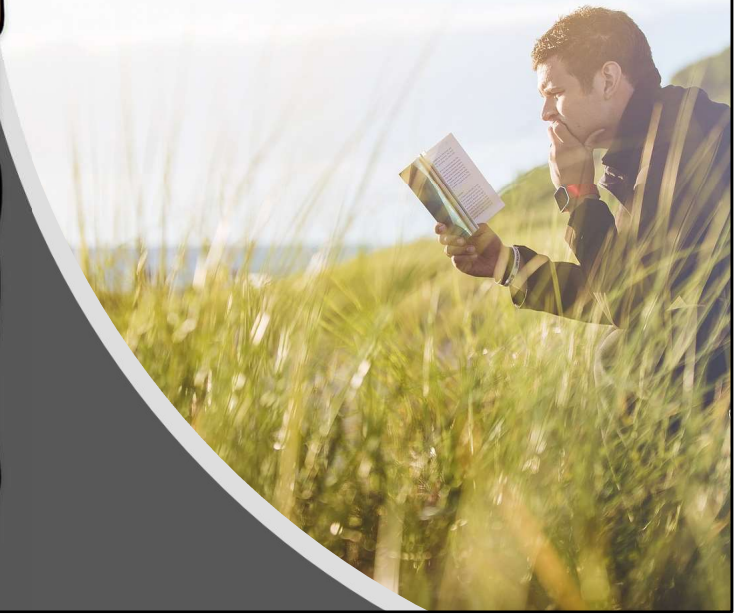
King of kings, Lord of lords (**1 TIM 6:15**)

- Read 19:11-16 – king of kings & lord of lords...
- The description in this text draws from images associated with Jesus in Revelation and elsewhere in Scripture...
- It is about the Messiah, JESUS.

# THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD

## MENU

- Combo 1 – the flesh of kings
- Combo 2 – the flesh of captains
- Combo 3 – the flesh of mighty men
- Combo 4 – the flesh of horses and their riders
- Combo 5 – the flesh of all people, free & slave, small & great



- 19:17-21 – the supper of the Great God
- There are 2 feasts in this text. The marriage supper of the Lamb (we are the bride if we are there).
- Or, the supper of God's wrath (all who are not ready for the supper of the Lamb).
- NOTE – the guests are actually **ON THE MENU!!!**
- The image of this supper is borrowed from Ezekiel 39:17-20 (judgment against Gog & Magog; Gog was the king of Magog, which was linked with the posterity of Japheth, Gen 10:2; 1 Cor 1:5).
- V 19 – this is the battle of Armageddon (16:16) being retold.
  - V 20 – the beast is captured, along with the false prophet (the other beast)
  - V 20 – they are cast into the lake of fire.
  - V 21 – all who side with the beast are destroyed.

- v2

• Satan is bound
- v3

• Satan's power restrained
- v4

• Righteous reign with Christ
- v5

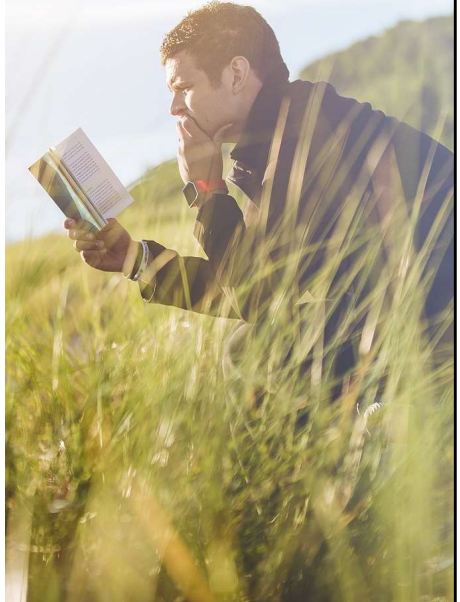
• First resurrection
- v6

• Royal priesthood
- v7

• Satan loosed, then destroyed

# 1000

## YEARS



- 20:1-10 – the 1000 years.
- In 9:1, the 5<sup>th</sup> angel who sounded a trumpet was given the key to the bottomless pit. Whether this is the same angel or not, we don't know.
- Regardless, an angel comes with a key to the pit and chains the devil, casting him into the pit for 1000 years.
- There are 6 references to the 1000 years in the text...
  - It is not a literal period of time. Numbers in the book are symbolic.
  - It is a perfect or complete long period.
- The **DEVIL IS IMPRISONED** throughout the entire time (v 2).
- His power is **RESTRAINED** (v 3).
  - NOTE – restrained doesn't mean he is unable to do harm.
  - He can no longer deceive the nations & accuse the brethren as he once did.
  - Consider a vicious dog that has been chained. So long as you

keep your distance, it cannot hurt you.

- The righteous **REIGN** with the Lord (v 4).
  - When does Jesus' reign begin? Some future date?  
Look at Mark 9:1.
    - In Acts 2:30-33 Peter speaks of Christ sitting on His throne (fulfilling Psalm 110:1-2).
    - Colossians 1:13 says God has "*...delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love...*" (present tense)
  - The thrones are for the righteous.
    - Eph 2 – made to sit together in heavenly places.
    - John identifies the characteristics of those who partake in His kingdom:
      - Beheaded for their witness to Jesus
      - Beheaded for their witness to the word
      - Had not worshiped the beast or his image (us)
      - Had not received the mark on the forehead or hand (us)
    - Some of those pictures are deceased, yet in Christ, they live and reign with Him. Others are alive and upon the earth (cf. 5:10, "*...made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.*")
- The rest of the dead (v 5) did not live again until the 1000 years were finished.



- These are the enemies of the Lord, they are in spiritual death.
- When they die, they go to torments in hades.
- These unrighteous dead did not receive the **FIRST RESURRECTION**.
- The first resurrection describes spiritual life, obedience to the gospel, being conquered by the one on the white horse).
- Those who experience the first resurrection are not overcome by the second death (v 6), which is hell. They have eternal life!
- They are **PRIESTS OF GOD AND OF CHRIST** (v 6).
  - 1 Peter 2:9 (cf. Rev 20:6) refers to Christians as “...*a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people...*” (present tense)
  - Revelation 5:10, “...*has made us kings and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the earth.*”
- The devil is **LOOSED BRIEFLY** (v 7).
  - V 3, “...*after these things he must be released for a little while.*”
  - V 8, he goes out to deceive the nations, here described as Gog & Magog, to gather them for battle.
    - This is the Armageddon scene again.
    - Who are Gog & Magog? Ezekiel helps...
    - Eze 38:16-17 – there is no one nation that the prophets said would come against Israel.
      - Gog & Magog are used as a catch-all for

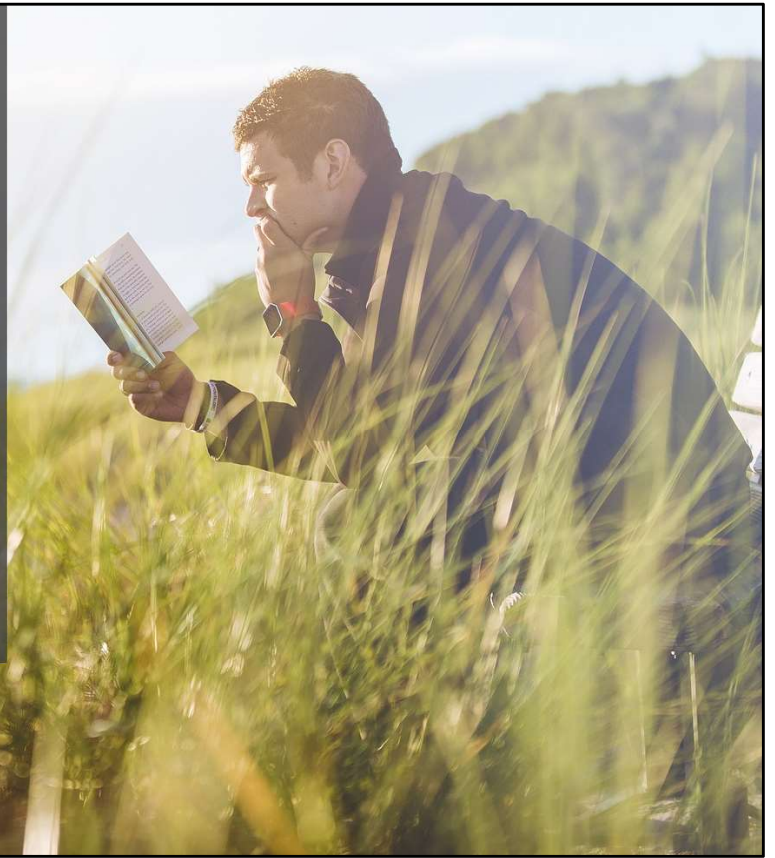
the enemies of God's people.

- For Israel (northern tribes) it would be Assyria;
- For Judah (southern tribes) it would be Babylon;
- For Judea (1<sup>st</sup> century) it would be Rome;
- Eze 38:18-23 – even though they were used to judge His own people, they would be destroyed by the Lord for their wickedness.
- Satan calls for Gog and Magog to join him in battle against the Lord (Rev 20:8). The devil and all the enemies of God's people will be destroyed (v 9-10).
- How long will the devil's release be?
  - Long enough to be judged.
  - He is pictured gathering the nations for battle (he doesn't give up); but we've seen this picture before (Armageddon).
  - He was defeated before he started.
- V 10 – the devil, the beast and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire.
  - we've seen the same characters previously, just identified differently:
  - Ch. 13 – Dragon, beast from the sea, beast from the earth;
  - Ch. 17 – Devil, scarlet beast, great harlot Babylon

Next week...

- ❖ Great White Throne
- ❖ A New Heaven And A New Earth
- ❖ The Holy City

REVELATION 20-22



Ch. 20:11-22:5

- The judgement scene before God;
- Descriptions & depictions of heaven.