

the real hallelujah chorus

REVELATION 19:1-10



Call to the Word Rev 19:1-5

After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God! For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her."



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Again, they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

introduction

"Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!"

It's time for praise!

Jesus is about to return!





Introduction reviewing the past

"From chapter six on we have witnessed the escalating fury of God as His judgment is unleashed in the world."

(MacArthur)

Yet, through all of the time of God's judgment, God is also saving those who come to Him.



Introduction reviewing the past

"The essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil; Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind..."



Introduction reviewing the past

"...As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you. " (CS Lewis)

"Pride is the armor of darkness itself."



Rev 19:1

Hallelujah

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"halal" (halle, alle) — "praise"
"lu" — "the"
"Yah" — "Lord"
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Rev 19:2

True and righteous are His judgements

Psa 7:9-11

The greater authority of the person you attack, the greater the consequence.



Rev 19:2

The great harlot = false religions

Rom 12:19-21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good



Rev 19:3-5

Great Praise Fest

Ps 150:6

"Your life may resemble the psalter with its varying moods, its light and shadow, its sob and smile; but it will end with hallelujahs, if only you will keep true to the will and way and work of the Most Holy." (Meyer)



The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

"Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

Rom 8:19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.



Throughout the New Testament the figure of husband and wife is used to depict Christ and the Church.

Eph 5:31-32



V8: Dressed to Impress

John 6:29

2Co 5:21

Titus 3:5



V9: Blessed

Makarios: "Oh, how happy!"

Jude 1:24



"EXEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

Extreme happiness, delight & pleasure; Immense satisfaction, contentment and elation; Overwhelming gratitude, awe and profound sense of well being;

Feeling truly alive, at peace with yourself and the world and in harmony... with God



Assurance I said it, I will do it.

Ezk 24:14

Ps 33:9

Isa 55:11

Mat 24:35

Num 23:19



Any time you see someone bowing to an angel, they are immediately redirected.

God and God alone is to be worshipped

Contrast: Mat 2:11, 8:2, 28:17; Mark 5



If you are only allowed to worship God and Jesus is accepting all of this worship, what does that tell you?

Jesus is God



"The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy"

Luke 24:25-27

Gen 3:15 - Mal 4:2

"This means that prophecy at its very heart is designed to unfold the beauty and loveliness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (Walvoord)



Where is your worship meter?

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." (Tozer)



We need to worship.

"I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear." (Ortberg)



We need to cultivate a worshipful spirit.

"You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run." (Augustine)



Develop a sense of wonder

"We are perishing for lack of wonder, not for lack of wonders." (G.K. Chesterton)



We worship an amazing God

"Isn't it a comfort to worship a God we cannot exaggerate?" (Francis Chan)



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