

REVELATION (PART 28) | REVELATION 19:1-10 27 MARCH 2016 + PASTOR JEFF ALEXANDER

The miracle of Easter can be summed up in 7 words: "He is not here; He has risen!" Luke 24:6

By His bodily resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ has <u>overcome</u> all of His enemies—and your enemies, too!

In vivid imagery, the Book of Revelation describes how God's creation and His church respond to what Jesus <u>inaugurated</u> on Easter and to what He will <u>complete</u> when He returns to earth on the Last Day.

Revelation 19:1 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, **2** for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants." **3** And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." **4** The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!" **5** Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!" **6** Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns."

The Triune God answers the cry of those who pray, "Thy kingdom come!"

A <u>threefold hallelujah</u> is the fitting response we give to God for His kingdom's victory over the "unholy trinity" of Satan, sin and death.

Revelation 19:7 [The voice said:] "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. **8** Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) **9** Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God." **10** At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

Like a long-awaited <u>wedding</u>, the Last Day will unite the <u>Lamb of God</u>, Jesus, with His church, the bride who "has made herself ready" (19:7).

How do you know you are invited to be part of this celebration?

How do you find the right clothes to wear for this special Day?

Are you ready to be seated at Jesus' Table for this unending feast?