well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and I apologize for some of you this might be for the first time Wednesday morning Bible study and I think for most might be Wednesday afternoon but appreciate your flexibility I'd rather do this then then cancel the study and unfortunately bye-bye God's blessing I can still do this while I'm on the road so tonight we're going to be studying Revelation chapter 19 we'll open with a word of Prayer and just continue in studying the victory of our Lord Heavenly Father we pause before our study to give you thanks and to ask you Father to bless our study bless those who tuned in bless me Father for reading these words of revelation and those who hear them and blessings father with the ability to keep what we hear the instructions that are given in this wonderful book we praise you father we ask this blessing in Jesus Holy Name Amen so we are in Revelation chapter 19 let's get straight into the study I want to begin though just by going back to chapter 19 and I start scripture 18 where we were last week and last week we're in chapter 18 and this was a part two of chapter 17 which is the fall of **Babylon** so in chapter 17 we saw the fall of the spiritual Babylon and then in chapter 18 we saw the fall of the commercial and political Babylon so as to the colopsis of Babylon and just picking up from where we were last week in one hour for in one hour so great riches has come to nothing so there's there's a sense of disbelief that those who are behind this they really have a sense of disbelief in

what is happening and they're just trying to cope with this and every shipmaster and all the company in ships and the sailors and as many as trade by sea stood afar off they are just in shock

they stood afar off and cried they there their party has come to an end they still far often cried when they saw the smoke of her burning saying what city is like unto this great city and they cast dust on their heads and cried they're just in despair they cast dust on their heads and cried weeping and wailing this is an intense loss they had bet their entire lives on this path of wealth that they were on they took the mark of the beast in order to participate in this commercial endeavor and they were doing extremely well but unfortunately the whole thing has come crashing down on them and so it says here they cast dust on their heads and cried weeping and wailing saying alas alas that great city it seems so permanent and that's really the the tremendous blessing that we have in in understanding this scripture and in Christ giving us this scripture before you know he wants us to know the things that are going to come to pass things that must shortly come to pass and this is the blessing now when everybody else is looking at this Enterprise as permanent as powerful as unassailable we're looking at it and saying it's just a matter of time we are waiting for our Lord and it's just a matter of time so these people are in complete shock they are weeping and wailing and saying alas alas that great city wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness or her abundance and and we can add all who took the mark of the

beast as well but all who are made aware of it they were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness for in one hour is she made it's unbelievable just when God asks he asks decisively and this is the hour she's gonna check that I'm back online okay it looks like I'm back on line awesome just technical difficulty there with the connection out here so I was just saying that here when we read in verse 20 of Revelation 18 and this is going to continue in Revelation 19 there is a completely different reaction in heaven than there is on earth so on earth those who dwell on upon the earth they are despondent they're in shock they can't believe what's happened how could this be they're just in complete shock and dismay however in heaven there is a completely different reaction in heaven we read rejoice over her you heaven and you holy apostles and prophets oh the holy people of God are to rejoice in the collapse of Babylon for God has avenged you on her and so we see here one of the great agendas of this great city this great system of Babylon one of the agendas was to destroy God's people and that's why when we go back to ancient Babylon when it was established by King Nimrod that this great loves magnificant city that he was building in this great tower that he was building God cut it short and he confused them and quite clearly as we read here now in Revelation when they can finally have their way we see that part of the agenda it's not just to make a name for themselves and establish their own authority but it is to stamp out and destroy all the people of God so in the end time as this Babylonian system gets in full speed full traction

it's going to be hunting down the saints of God hunting down the people of God and destroying them because we are antithetical to the Babylonian system and so God cut it short anciently but you know seven heads it has been continuing ever since and it has been hunting down persecuting destroying the people of God but here in the end time it gets to run unhindered for a season for a short period so it's running unhindered this Babylonian system and and it's causing great sorrow for the people of God but Christ told us in John 16 that our sorrow will be turned to joy and this is the moment when the sorrow of the people of God is turned to joy this is the moment as as the people of God are crying out for God to take vengeance for God to respond and guys like not yet not yet a little more patience this is the moment when he finally acts and avenges God's people so rejoice for God has avenged you on her and a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast it into the sea saying thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down and shall be found no more at all so it's going to be expect a spectacular end it's going to be a violent end there's gonna be complete destruction and with violence basically what she the violence that she has perpetrated this violence is going to be turned on her head and she's going to receive just as she has put out and the voice of the Harper's and musicians and of Piper's and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in you it's over the party is over you know it says other prophecies let's say that the voice of merriment and the voice of the Harper's at the sound of the Harper's will be

heard again in Jerusalem you know so all of this destruction is going to come upon Jerusalem and the the abomination of desolation while the Babylonian system is coming into its peak but then there's going to be this great reversal and Jerusalem shall be established and Babylon there shall be no more mirth heard again in in the Babylonian city and no craftsman of whatsoever craft he be shall be found any more in you it is over and the sound of a millstone shall be heard

no more at all in thee and the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in you but just it's completely over and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in you and Christ said in Matthew 24 that right up until the end they shall be marrying and giving in marriage so as much as they rail against marriage as much as they try to belittle marriage it's it's an institution that although they pervert it it remains right up until the end and and now never again will the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride be heard in Babylon for your merchants were the great men of the earth

so these mighty men of the earth the Multi multi billionaires Multi multi billionaires of the earth great men of great influence it's over for by your sorceries were all nations deceived so this this harlot going right back again to the establishment of Babylon by Nimrod and and his wife Semiramis and their son Thomas this Babylonian system there's this systematic way of thinking and of capturing men souls of men and enslaving them and putting them to this great purpose of defying God and hunting down the Saints and destroying the

Saints and and presenting all of this with a religious cloak so that you know people sign on to it and they feel like they're doing something righteous and holy when they're actually doing the work of the devil goes all the way back to the original Babylonian system and and from there God confused the language and so they spread out and every single civilization all over the earth this is the root of of all civilization doesn't matter and all religion doesn't matter it's got different names may be slightly different practices but we can trace all of these practices and we can trace all of these names right back to this original Nimrod Babylonian system and so now and even Israeli Israel's the one nation

that didn't have the same foundation its foundation is the Lord God and then the code of conduct and the law of God this is the one nation that's set apart from all of the other civilizations but even this nation participated in Nimrod worship and then the worship of cemre honors and so truly Satan has succeeded in deceiving all nations and so he says here for by your sorceries were all nations deceived and in her what look what we found in her in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all that were slain upon the earth this is the real purpose that the devil has so he's trying to be like the Most High but he hates the Most High he hates Jesus Christ and he hates the body of Christ and he hates the people of Christ and so part of his agenda big part of his agenda is hunting down and destroying the people of God now he says after these things so now the collapse of Babylon chapters 17 and 18 so we're going into more detail of the fall and

so in 17 and 18 we get the detail of how this great was judged and there was a spiritual that was judged and then there was this commercial and political system that is also founded on the also judged after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven so everyone now is rejoicing in heaven

I heard of grateful a great voice a lot of people in heaven saying hallelujah salvation and glory and honor and power unto the Lord our God and so we'll going back to the throne room in chapter 4 where we saw these living creatures and all these angels and and when we saw them in heaven and then you know the camera moves to earth and we see all of this controversy

and then you know the camera moves to earth and we see all of this controversy and chaos in the earth but everything is orderly in heaven and everything is happening according to the agenda that God has in heaven and now it is all complete and and John hears this great voice of many people many souls in heaven saying hallelujah or praise Jah or praise Jehovah salvation and glory and honor and power unto the Lord our God for true and righteous are his judgments his judgments are true and righteous and I think this is really important because many of us we might think that were more righteous than God and so you'll you have people today just very tolerant in the church everything's fine and everybody's fine and I don't want to judge and you know the Bible tells us not to condemn it's not right above our pay grade to say someone is condemned to you know to be you cut off and in the lake of fire and it's above our pay grade as well to say that somebody's going to inherit eternal life this is not our position this is God's

God's judgment and then that's that solely in the purview of Jesus Christ but we can judge we can evaluate in fact God praises in the and the epistles God praises those who are able to identify false apostles he praises those who do not tolerate false doctrine that requires evaluation that requires judgment and and we must be people who can judge and evaluate and we must hate evil we must hate what God hates and so we'll have to make sure that we're not so loose and so permissive and so tolerant in the Church of God that we actually love and will tolerate what God hates and God again if we read the epistles carefully God condemns those brethren that tolerate what he hates and so here the the holy angels and men the Saints are able to say that God's judgments are true and righteous he thought he's a righteous judge and his judgments are true for he has judged the great this she's great you know she has been around for so long and she has done so much damage and and her influence is just so incredible it's so wide-ranging she's everywhere you know in fact Here I am in Europe and I'm looking around and I'm like wow she's everywhere she's in the advertising she's just all around and even though it's a different country the the influence is the same you've all the religions doesn't matter whether you're looking at Christianity Catholicism Islam Buddhism Hinduism she's there she's everywhere and he's finally judged her he says here this great which did corrupt the earth again all civilizations she she began in Babylon and she spread everywhere and she corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality and has avenged and God has

avenged the blood of his servants at her hand that's her real agenda she puts makeup on she presents herself as beautiful

she puts jewels on and beautiful clothing and a lot of people are seduced by her but her agenda is to slaughter the servants of God who would stand in her way

and now God has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand and again they say Alleluia or hallelujah and her smoke rose up forever and ever and the four and twenty elders again were going back to the throne room that we saw that John introduced us to in Chapter four the four and twenty elders and the four creatures fell down and worshiped God that sat on the throne saying aim

and hallelujah rejoice so I want to know now I just go back to Deuteronomy to show that this was this is not new and and you know the scriptures and this is something that we're trying to emphasize is that the Bible speaks with one voice it speaks with one voice and we can study the book of Deuteronomy and see the entire plan of God laid out by Moses in this one book of Deuteronomy even better we go from Genesis to Deuteronomy and see the whole plan of God in detail in the Torah and then the rest is really commentary you know got the law and the prophets which comprise the Old Testament and the writings and and the prophets and the writings are really commentary and an exposition of the Torah and then we have the New Testament which is totally integrated with the Torah and now finally we're here in the book of Revelation and what we see is the book of Revelation ties everything together and our God speaks with one

voice and all of Scripture is good for doctrine and for correction and so we're not fooled by anybody who comes along they could be holding a Bible and tell us that you know God says if it doesn't sit right and fit with the entire story of the Bible sorry we're not interested where they could be holding a Quran or Bhagavad Gita or any other quote/unquote holy text and they want to present it to us sorry our God speaks with one voice and we know his voice and we will not follow anybody else and so right in Deuteronomy look what the Moses the Prophet Moses writes rejoice this is Deuteronomy o you nations with his people all nations for he will avenge the blood of his servants right in Deuteronomy this is the will of God that he's a patient God he doesn't act right away but he does act and and Jesus Christ told us as much when he said never give up don't stop praying be be like the woman the widow who just keeps on knocking at the judge's door asking for judgment and and and finally this this evil judge finally acts on behalf of the poor Widow just because of her importunity her her persistence and so here we're all the way back in Deuteronomy and Moses writes that God will indeed avenge the blood of his servants and will render vengeance to his adversaries and will be merciful unto his land and to his people right here in Deuteronomy and again a lot of people this that we're not going to be fooled by anybody who has a voice that does not align with the voice of God which means the entire text of the Bible nowhere in the bible does the God of the Bible promise heaven he promises the Kingdom of Heaven which is coming to earth and that's what we're seeing now

as we reading the book of Revelation the final sort of the eschatological buckle on the belt that brings everything together that it's all about the earth and God will avenge Moses says he'll be mercifully avenged as his servants he will bring vengeance upon his adversaries and he'll be merciful unto his land and to his people and this is the promise to Abraham land and people and so no matter what this is this is ultimately what we're looking for is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham that he will inherit land and people you'll have an inheritance continuing as I again put the prophets or commentary on the Torah but here Isaiah says and the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch and the dust thereof into brimstone and the land thereof shall become burning pitch it shall not be quenched night or day the smoke thereof shall go up forever and ever from generation to generation it shall live waste again Revelation is repeating what the prophet Isaiah saw so these Christians are say we don't need the Old Testament it's just still the final book of the New Testament has over 500 references and we can't even quote them all but if we're trying to quote as many as we can to show that it's one voice it's it's an integrated whole and we can't really understand the Book of Revelation without the Old Testament and then where people get into trouble is they try to read the book of Revelation independent of the Old Testament but all these symbols in this symbolic language it's all in the Old Testament and when we tie it with Revelation then we don't go astray we can better understand what the book is actually saying so Isaiah writes

it shall not be quenched this fire night nor day the smoke thereof shall go up forever from generation to generation it shall lie waste none shall pass through it forever and ever it's a thorough collapse and this is what John saw as well the psalms psalm 119 speaking of the the righteousness of God's judgments David writes you are righteous righteous are you O Lord and upright are your judgments the heaven and the earth and all that is therein shall sing for Babylon and that's just what we saw in the opening chapter 19 that although the earth and those who dwell on the earth are in great despair and they are weeping and wailing and throwing dust on their heads the heavens and those in heaven are just delighted with God's judgment and so here he says that being sorry David says that the Lord's judgments are upright and then Jeremiah says that the heaven and the earth and all that is therein shall sing for Babylon so it's it Babylon it's over and now they're singing for the spoilers shall come upon her from the north and so an indication of how this violent attack is going to occur it's going to come upon her from the north says the Lord continuing in chapter 19 verse 5 of Revelation and the voice came out of the throne saying praise our God all you his servants and you that fear Him both small and great and again language from the Old Testament if we look at psalms david writes in chapter 22 you that fear the lord praise him all you the seed of Jacob glorify him and fear him all ye the seed of Israel same language that we see in Revelation in Psalm 134 verse 1 behold bless you the Lord all you servants of the Lord which

by night stand in the house of the Lord and so all the servants of the Lord we're just going to be so filled with praise for our righteous God and the righteousness of his judgment that his judgment will be pure and righteous and holy and will rejoice over his judgment in Psalm 135 verse 1 the next chapter says praise you the Lord praise you the name of the Lord praise him o you servants of the Lord continuing in Revelation and I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude so it's like a lot of people and we'll have a lot of people talking and as the voice of many waters so he's trying to ease he's hearing this voice and he's trying to describe it to us and he's saying you know it sounded like

and he's saying you know it sounded like a lot of water like if you were to think of a waterfall and as the voice of mighty thunderings saying hallelujah for the Lord God omnipotent reigns so there was just so much joy that it's all of heaven just lit up and just praising this God that all of this evil that has been on the earth for so long for thousands of years and that the success of the

all of it has just come to a sudden end when God finally acts and he's omnipotent and this is again why it's important for us to read this book that as powerful as this beast system is going to be we will have the patience to say yeah just for a little season just for a little season three and a half years and then it's over and yes is gonna seem protracted it's gonna seem like forever but we know it's coming to an end

because God is omnipotent and he will crush it and so here there's this great joy that the Lord God reigns and again that's language that's borrowed from the Old Testament here in Psalm 93 the Lord reigns David just is just so affirmative and it's just conclusive the Lord reigns he is clothed with majesty the Lord is clothed with strength wherewith he has girded himself the world also is established that it cannot be moved in Psalm 97 the Lord reigns and just it's categorical

the Lord reigns let the earth rejoice the whole earth let the multitude of the Isles be glad thereof now Ezekiel seeing that the who is this God that that John is interacting with because Ezekiel had an interaction with the same God he says here in Ezekiel 1 now it came to pass in the thirtieth year in the fourth month in the fifth day of the month as I was among the captives so they had been taken captive by the river of Chebar that khabar that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God so Ezekiel had this tremendous privilege of having the heavens opened and seeing visions of God it's the same thing that happened to John heavens open and he was able to see visions of God and so there should be some correlation if it's the same God there should be some correlation between what Ezekiel saw and what John saw and certainly it is the same God he speaks with one voice and drop dropping down to verse 24 and when they went I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters so constantly whenever there's this interaction with God the the men of God and in heaven with a hero and so he continues here to say that I heard like the noise of Great Waters as the voice of the Almighty the voice of speech as the noise of a host when they stood they let down their wings and behold the glory of the God of

Israel came from the way of the east and his voice was like the noise of many waters and the earth shined with his glory

so both prophets hear the same thing when they're given this great privilege above having a vision of heaven and they say they hear this does voice of many waters this is what they hear and the earth side with his glory Daniel when he had a vision of God he said here that his body was like the Bervl his voice like the appearance of lightning and his eyes as lamps of fire and certainly when we were introduced to Jesus Christ the glorified Christ in Chapter 1 it told us that his eyes were like flames of fire and in fact he introduces himself to one of the churches to say this is he whose eyes are like the flames of fire get your act together and so here Daniel sees him and says his eyes as lamps of fire and his arms in his feet in color polished brass and notice the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude so when they say see they hear these prophets it's consistent it's consistent and I'm sorry anybody's gonna come to us to say they have heard from God or they've seen God it better be consistent with what the prophets heard and what the prophets saw in Psalm 18 David writes and he rode upon a cherub and did fly yes he did fly upon the wings of the wind so same thing that Ezekiel saw Isaiah he says but with righteousness shall he judge the poor

and reprove with equity
meek of the earth and that's exactly
what we saw when we were studying the
Book of Luke that Christ is coming to
redeem the poor - to act on behalf of
the poor and to bring down the powerful
and the mighty and he shall smite the

earth with the rod of his mouth so the earth certainly needs smite and it needs correcting and he will do that and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked and righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins and faithfulness the girdle of his reigns and we need to be in alignment with God's judgments again we can't be holier than God we agree with God when God judges we say Amen and hallelujah

continuing in chapter 19 verse 7 he says here let us be glad and give honor to him for the marriage of the lamb has come and his wife has made herself ready and we need to be careful here a lot of people will read this verse and it speaks of the marriage of the Lamb and it speaks of his wife and so they automatically come to the conclusion that the Saints must have been whisked off to heaven and then they were before the throne in heaven heaven and they were married to Christ in heaven and and and the marriage took place in this single verse the marriage took place and I would say let's have some caution and then be careful that that this does not necessarily mean that the marriage takes place right here and now that the marriage of the lamb has come meaning now there's no more impediment to the marriage because his wife is finally ready she's made herself ready and the fact that he refers to her as his wife again this does not imply that the marriage has taken place because in this custom of the people of God that there is I mean we kind of we don't have it anymore but there was this whole system of betrothal that a man would be betrothed with his fiancee we would say today

perhaps but at that betrothal it was a

legally binding agreement and they were married they were as good as married the betrothal was was perceived as marriage and they were then from that point referred to as husband and wife even though they were not officially married and the man would go away and he would prepare a place and then that he would return to receive his wife and then they would be married and then they would engage in relations to confirm the marriage and so they could be betrothed for some time before the marriage actually takes place and so we'll see that here in Luke one when we were studying the Book of Luke in the six month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth to a virgin notice this espoused to a man whose name was Joseph so they're engaged of the house of David and the Virgin's name was Mary so they're not married yet they're engaged verse 34 then said Mary unto the angel after after he Gabriel explained to her what was gonna happen that she was gonna conceive and be the mother of Jesus Christ and she says how can this be notice this seeing I know not a man so she was not yet married even though she was engaged she wasn't yet married so she's saying to the angel I haven't I haven't had relations with Joseph so how could it be that I'm pregnant in in chapter 2 verse 4 he says and Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea this is when the census unto the City of David everybody had to return back to their City which is called Bethlehem because

he was of the house and lineage of David so that's why he had to go back there to

be taxed notice this with Mary his

espoused wife so there's this notion of being an espoused wife not yet married but still referred to as wife and she was being great with child so you know he's not he has not had any relationships with her but they are in this betrothal and and their and he was going to put her away which putting her away would mean he'd have to actually divorce her to get out of the betrothal it was that legally binding but the angel warned him not to divorce her in Matthew he says now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit so before they came together so they were not married yet but she was espoused to him she was pregnant then Joseph her husband again they're not married yet but it's her husband because they're betrothed being a just man and not willing to make her a public example he was minded to put her away privately so notice he would have to divorce her to get out of the betrothal it's legally binding he'd actually have to divorce her so he's gonna do it privately because he did love her and he didn't want to ruin her reputation but so while he thought on these things behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto Him in a dream saying Joseph you son of David fear not to take unto you Mary your wife so she's already his wife but he mustn't be afraid to marry her so again this betrothal system we have to understand for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit now we understand how from Ephesians this relationship that Christ has with his wife which is again the betrothed wife so we need to understand this this powerful system of betrothal here in

chapter 5 the the marriage chapter of Ephesians husband loves your I love your wives even as Christ also loved the church so the church is referred to as Christ's wife even though the marriage hasn't taken place yet because we are betrothed and in fact there's a scripture where Paul says have espoused you unto Christ and gave himself for it that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word so that's what he's been doing with his wife his betrothed wife is enabling us to purify ourselves and to wash our clothes in his blood that he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish and that's what's happening that's what we're watching and observing now in the book of Revelation that from Chapter six to eighteen the Saints have been washing their linen in the blood of Christ you know we've been purifying ourselves in the blood of Christ so that we can be presented to Christ as a glorious church where his wife but we've made we finally made ourselves ready so the the espoused wife the betrothed wife is now finally ready to be married and and it's all been enabled by the husband Christ by our husband Christ that he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish which is totally fitting for Jesus Christ he deserves nothing less and so we want to ensure that we are washing ourselves in pure a he that has this hope within him purifies himself even as Christ is pure so this is gonna be a wonderful marriage that is enabled by Christ so it's amazing that we human

beings can Tabernacle with God for eternity but we have to be purified to do that in chapter 19 verse 8 and to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen this this is a gift of God that we should be arrayed in fine linen clean and white so this is part of the the wedding garment is to be arrayed in fine linen clean and white and then he explains what this clean and white and fine linen is

for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints that's what it is this fine linen is the righteousness of the saints contrast how the saints are dressed this beautiful bride is in fine linen that's clean and white which is righteousness let's compare that to the great and how she was dressed and the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour and decked with gold and precious stones and prayers she's the one dressing herself death with gold and precious stone this is what she thinks of herself and pearls having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication so there is a complete contrast between the pure Bride of Christ and the righteousness of the saints though the clean and white linen and this and how she rejects herself with jewels and precious stones and purple and scarlet now there's righteousness of the saints that we were granted it goes calls back to chapter 6 that we've referred to several times and they cried with a loud voice saying how long O Lord holy and true do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth well chapters 17 and 18 answer the question

that's when but in the meantime the saints are suffering and they're being

persecuted but what happens when they're persecuted verse 11 white robes were given unto them unto every one of them so to her to the bride was granted that she can dress in this fine linen it was granted that she be given fine linen which is the righteousness of the saints and here we see how they received this fine linen white robes were given unto every one of them and it was said unto them that they should rest yet for a little season until their fellow-servants also and their brethren that should be killed as they were should be fulfilled so more will be granted this white linen and he says them to me and all the saints have to be willing to be martyred we may not we may not be martyred but I think woe unto any of us if there is something that we are going to put before our God that our God has sacrificed everything for us but there's something that we want to put before him and so we're not quite willing to give everything to God no this is not gonna work we have to be people that love not our lives unto the death and we're willing to give everything even our law we're just so filled we're overflowing with gratitude that we will give everything to God even our lives and and it's just it's just it's not like we have to work this up we can't help it he is such a glorious God he's such a beautiful husband he's such a gracious Lord that our response is just hallelujah praise him praise Him praise Him and we'll give anything for him and this is what God wants we may not have to but he wants to see that we love the Lord our God with all of our mind and all of our heart and all of our soul that's what he's looking for and this

now results in this righteousness of the saints so he goes on to say then the and he said them to me write blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb there's going to be this great feast this great celebration and he says them to me these are the true sayings of God these are the true sayings of God and this is again why this why we have this apocalypsis but the people in the world have no idea that a great marriage is going to be taking place and so you know they're consumed with the seduction of the but we know that everything is moving towards this great moment in time when Jesus Christ is going to marry mankind and going to goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden he's going to dwell with man the way that he wanted to well with Adam and Eve but Adam and Eve failed him and so this whole redemptive process have been put in place and we know that ultimately that marriage between Adam and Eve was symbolic of the marriage that the Covenant the tabernacling that God wants between himself and mankind and so the apocalypse' assists that tell us it's coming it's coming and no matter what happens on the earth don't don't take your eye off the ball stay on target eyes on the prize stay focused you know it's like a horse that has blinders on and we don't get the horse doesn't get distracted it's focused on what's ahead and so we're just focused on what's ahead and what's ahead is this marriage and he says these are the true sayings of God and and John is just so overwhelmed by this vision that this angel is giving him that he writes and I fell at his feet to worship Him John is like thank you thank you this

is just he's just so overwhelmed that he admits to us here that he felt the angel's feet to worship Him and he said unto me don't do that see you do that do it not

I am your fellow so this is a mighty angel and it's amazing that man will will seek worship and you have filled over a billion human beings and you worship the Pope because he's in place of Christ over a billion human beings who worship Muhammad kill anybody who says any blasphemy against him that men will worship men and men will accept worship from men but this mighty angel would not accept worship from John he felt - John fell at his feet to worship him and he said to him don't do that I'm your fellow servant and of your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus and this is the whole key now we're you know you're blessed and I'm blessed I'm blessed for reading the words of this prophecy and you're blessed for hearing the words of these prophecy this prophecy but it's not just this the reading and the hearing it's the keeping we've got to know what to keep and what we have to keep is the testimony of Jesus and this is what Satan wants to take away but we're gonna fight to hold on to the testimony of Jesus so I hey I'm a fellow servant with you and and with your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus worship God worship God you know he will say that because we say Christ is God oh this is idolatry Christ is God Christ is God we don't we don't engage in any kind of idolatry in fact all these other religions that are rooted in the Babylonian system are deep deep into idolatry and and to worship God is

truth and the words of the scripture are true and so this is these words are true and faithful and the Brethren have the testimony of Jesus hey worship God for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy so so the the whole all the prophets who have prophesied have had the testimony of Jesus the spirit of prophecy is all about the testimony of Jesus the testimony of Jesus is the heart of the matter and so all of these all of this prophecy that John is being given it's about the testimony of Jesus and so don't get distracted John and John admits to a CD guy kind of got distracted he was so overwhelmed with this angel and there's this prophecy that the angel gave him that he worshiped the angel or wanted to worship the angel an angel stopped him interrupted him to tell him that all of this prophecy is about the testimony of Jesus and I'm just a fellow servant with you and with your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus and he goes on to say and I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse and so we saw a white horse in Revelation chapter 6 and some people are confused I've even heard brethren in the church you know newer brethren saying that the white horse in chapter 6 is Jesus Christ and nothing could be further from the truth those first five seals are the operation of the devil those first five seals we see the devil at work and it's not until the sixth seal that God acts and God tells us in Matthew 24 not to be deceived when they say here's Christ or there's Christ don't be deceived because when he comes the whole all eyes will see him from the east to the west yeah everybody's gonna see and it's not until

we see the signs in the heavens and there's great earthquake when when wicked men have lost control that's when Christ is returning so John now has this vision of the heaven opening and this white horse and he that sat upon him was called faithful and true and in righteousness he judges and makes war so he again he's gonna make war and he's going to condemn but he does it in righteousness he does it in righteousness his eyes were like the flame of fire so again every time we have we see John interacting with this just being just this great glorious God he says his eyes are like flames of fire and that's exactly what Daniel saw as well so imagine Christ looking at John or looking at us and we're looking into his eyes and we see this these great flames of fire that's that's what John saw that that's that's this great glorious God that that we serve his eyes John says were like a flame of fire and on his head were many crowns he had a lot and again this is you know it's not that literally as all these crowns gonna have all these guys it's all symbolic language this is the apocalypsis it signified so it's given to John in symbols and so this symbol he sees he says you know what I saw this is the Lord on a white horse heaven opened his white horse appears he's riding on it his eyes are like a flame of fire and he's on his head many crowns so he sees all these crowns on his head and he had a name written which no man knew but himself and he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood and his name is called the Word of God that's who he is so these crowns are in chapter 18 we

heard it said the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord so all these crowns that men have been wearing under the auspices of the devil Christ is taking them away taking them away and he will be the king of all nations and so here now we read that the reason as well so we saw earlier so not only does he have many crowns but he was clothed with this garment that was dipped in blood so he had blood on his garment and and the reason for that is again his judgment Isaiah writes I have trodden the winepress alone so Christ did this by himself this is why John wept that there was nobody in heaven nobody on earth nobody under the earth who was found worthy to open the seals and so he wept but here he says John said that he has trodden the winepress alone so this is he can do this because he alone was worthy to open the seals and so now he can judge no one else could judge the way Christ can judge but but he has fulfilled all the requirements of the law all the requirements of the Covenant he's able to judge and so he is trodden the winepress alone and of the people there was none with me so there's trodden the winepress we saw earlier what it means to trod on the grapes these grapes are wicked people this is the harvest of wicked men so first God harvest the wheat which are the firstfruits and then he harvests the grapes which are the wicked men and he's going to burn them and the symbolic language here he's going to crush and so this is the winepress but he does it alone and of the people there was none with me for I will tread them in my anger and trample trample them in my fury and their blood shall be sprinkled

upon my garments this is why he has blood on his garments because it's all symbolic of this judgment and their blood will be sprinkled on his garment and I will stain all my raiment raiment this is how serious he is about this judgment Isaiah goes on to say for the day of vengeance is in my heart and the year of my redeemed has come this is this is what God has in his heart this is what it just been waiting patiently and the Saints have been saying how much longer before you avenge our blood well the day of vengeance is in God's heart and again we got to make sure that we are not trying to be more righteous than God in God's heart is this day of vengeance and God says in Ezekiel through Ezekiel that you'll put a mark on those who sigh and cry for the evil that is done I believe it's that they're in in Jerusalem but now it's all over the world and unfortunately because you know in Matthew 24 Christ says that because iniquity will abound the love of many will not scold we won't have this passion for God's truth and this passion for God's judgment well kind of just is just around us come-to tolerated it's okay wicked men are not that bad have what God has and he says the day of

wicked behaviors not that bad we have to have what God has and he says the day of vengeance is in my heart and the year of my redeemed has come and all heaven lights up when he finally judges wicked men and I loved and there was none to help again this is what revelation was referring to that there was nobody worthy

to open this book to scroll with the seven seals and Christ is saying here he himself looked and there was none to help not one and I wondered that there

was none to uphold therefore my own arm brought salvation unto me and my fury it upheld me and so this is the great God that we serve he's a he's a wonderful God he's a righteous God we are looking to him for salvation and what we'll do now is I'll go ahead and stop here we'll continue next week with revelation 19 we won't have the chat this evening but really looking forward to the work that we are doing as we work through this judgment of God and see the outcome of his righteousness which God willing we'll see next week thanks for joining remember Jesus Christ as king he's our Lord he's our husband let us hold on to let us keep the testimony of Jesus Christ