

Chapter 19

In [Chapters 17 and 18] John was shown the why, the when, and the how the great whore was going to be judged. And now, the beginning verses of [Chapter 19] display a great celebration of rejoicing and praising unto God by those in heaven because of the judgment he imposes upon her, in which he avenges the blood of his saints.

[1] And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God;

[2] For true and righteous are his judgments; for he has judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of his saints at her hand.

[3] And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up forever and ever.

[4] And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshiped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

[5] And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all you who are his saints, and you that fear him, both small and great.

It is certain that the contrast between life on earth, with its many frustrations, heartaches, and disappointments; and life in the spiritual realm, can't even be imagined. For it is written that, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him." [1 Corinthians 2:9]

Those who refused to take part in the idolatrous ways of the "great whore," and refused to believe that she had any rudiments of Christianity; those who would not worship the beast, i.e., the false doctrines on which she was established, even if it meant their lives, will be among "those in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God."

The twenty-four elders signifies the continuing apostolic office, along with the office held by the twelve Nephites, working under the direction of the apostles; [1 Nephi 3:113-117] just as the man whose number is 666 represents the continuing line of popes. [Revelation 13:18] It would be preposterous to believe that Judas, one of the original twelve apostles, will be there!

[6] And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigns.

[7] Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has made herself ready.

[8] And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

[9] And he said unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

In [Verses 6-9] the praises continue, and they have a reason to be glad and to rejoice; "the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has made herself ready." [Verse 7]

Many view this scripture as signifying that “the wedding of the Lamb is come,” but that cannot be, for the angel declared that “**his wife has made herself ready.**” [Verse 7] She is already his wife! And has made herself ready; ready for what? Ready for the “marriage supper of the Lamb.”

Wife: 1. a woman who **has** a husband; a married woman.

Marriage: 1. the act or fact of living together as husband and wife; relation between husband and wife; married life; wedlock. 2. the condition of being a husband or wife. 3. the ceremony of being married; a marrying; a wedding. 4. (Figurative.) a close union. [Webster]

This supper is to be a ceremony of “being married,” not a ceremony of “getting married.”

Look at what the Lord told the children of Israel of, Old Testament times, concerning his bride:

[**Isaiah 50:1-2**] Thus saith the Lord, Have I put you away, or have I cast you off forever? For thus saith the Lord, **Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement?** To whom have I put you away, or to which of my creditors have I sold you; yea, to whom have I sold you? [2] Behold, for your iniquities you have sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away; wherefore, when I came there was no man; when I called there was none to answer. O house of Israel, is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem; or have I no power to deliver?

If she was already the “mother” of the children of Israel, **and was not divorced**, why would she be getting married 3,800 years later, after the “little season;” after Satan had been conquered?

And, what about when the Jews inquired of John the Baptist concerning, “he who was with *him* beyond Jordan, to whom *he bore* witness?” What did John say?

[**John 3:29**] You yourselves bear me witness that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. [30] **He who has the bride, is the bridegroom**; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice; this my joy therefore is fulfilled. * John didn't say “he who has the fiancée, is the bridegroom.”

Now consider this; the reason the Lord continually had to chastise his people was because, instead of them looking to the woman clothed with righteousness, described in [**Revelation 12**] as their spiritual mother, they embraced the woman clad in sin, depicted in [**Revelation 17**]! They loved her ways, her doctrine, her gods, more than they loved Jesus and his bride! They wanted a god who could change with the times; a god whom they could control! The Lord warned them, after he had led them into their land of promise, not to covenant with the people there:

[**Judges 2:16-17, 20-21**] The Lord raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. [17] And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them, they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in,

[1 **Chronicles 5:25**] And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

We should be aware that throughout the Old Testament times the neighboring nations to the Lord's people were already steeped in idolatry, and because his chosen people continually wanted to be like them, and chose to be like them, God withdrew his blessings from them! Sound familiar?

[10] **And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See that you do it not; I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

This verse, along with the following verses, introduce the reality that at least some angels are men who have already lived their lives on earth.

[**Revelation 22:8-9**] And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. [9] Then he said unto me, See that you do it not; for **I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book;** worship God.

These two angels refused to be worshiped by John, for, though they were now angels, they had previously been humans on earth. They were **still** the same persons they had been while on earth; for one angel said to him, "**I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus,**" and the other said, "**I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book.**"

Presuming that these were two different angels, since John apparently didn't recognize the second angel as being the first, they had lived their lives on earth as prophets and brethren who had the testimony of Jesus, and now they were angelic messengers of God. They did not become someone else when they left their earthly existence, for we read:

[**Alma 16:232**] ... that same spirit which possess your bodies at the time that you go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

Other scriptures which evidence this man/angel relationship are:

[**Mark 9:1-3**] Jesus took Peter, and James, and John, ... and led them up into a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them. [2] And his raiment became shining, exceeding white [3] And there appeared unto them **Elias with Moses,** or in other words, **John the Baptist and Moses;** and they were talking with Jesus. [**Matthew 17:1-2**]

[**Luke 9:28-31**] ... And behold, there came and talked with him two men, even **Moses and Elias,** [31] Who appeared in glory, and **spoke of his death, and also his resurrection,** which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

They appeared to Jesus in angelic form and outlined his crucifixion and resurrection!

And what about Moroni and Nephi? Did they not appear to Joseph Smith as themselves? For in [CH Vol 1, Ch 5, Pg 64] is recorded that “**Moroni**, an angel from heaven” declared “the fulfillment of the prophets - the book to be revealed.”

And this is written in [CH Vol 1, Ch 2, Pg 11]; “When I (*Joseph*) first looked upon *the angel* I was afraid, but the fear soon left me. He called me by name, and said unto me that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God to me, and that his name was **Nephi**.”

So it seems that both Nephi **and** Moroni may have been involved in the restoration, as angels!

The angels who appeared to Abraham and spoke of the very grievous sins of Sodom and Gomorrah, were referred to as “**holy men**, sent forth after the order of God.” [Genesis 18:19-23]
The angels who visited Lot “**were holy men**.” [Genesis 19:14-18]

Now lets look at some who appeared in more recent times:

[CH Vol 1, Ch 3, Pgs 34-36] The Aaronic priesthood was conferred upon *Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery* by **John the Baptist**, who acted under the direction of **Peter, James, and John**. And later they were ordained into the Melchisedec priesthood, as stated in:

[D&C 26:3a] And also with **Peter**, and **James**, and **John**, whom I have sent unto you, by whom I have ordained you and confirmed you to be apostles and especial witnesses of my name, and bear the keys of your ministry. * the authenticity of this verse is questionable, but the same inference is found in [CH Vol 1, Ch 7, Pg 116] *legend; CH = Church History

The ultimate example of someone coming to earth from the spiritual world; living his life here; and then returning to the spiritual world as himself, is Jesus. He was “made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God.” [Hebrews 2:17]

Jesus was the Only Begotten Son of God before he came to earth; he was the Only Begotten while he was on earth; and he is still the Only Begotten Son of God.

Every person who will ever exist on earth was created before the world was made:

[D&C 90:4a-b] And now, verily I say unto you, I was in the beginning with the Father, and am the Firstborn; and all those who are begotten through me, are partakers of the glory of the same, and are the church of the Firstborn. [b] **You were also in the beginning with the Father**.

[D&C 90:5a] **Man was also in the beginning with God**.

[**D&C 49:3a-c**] . . . marriage is ordained of God unto man; [**b**] wherefore it is lawful that he should have one wife, and they two shall be one flesh, and all this that the earth might answer the end of its creation; [**c**] and that it might be filled with the measure of man, **according to his creation before the world was made.**

[**Genesis 6:52**] And he called upon our father Adam, by his own voice, saying, I am God; **I made the world, and men before they were in the flesh.** [**Genesis 2:1, 4-9**]

Thus, man shall remain the same person before, during, and after his visit to earth.

The angels who have been considered up to now have all been righteous angels who came from the spiritual realm to live on earth for a while, and then returned to that spiritual realm. What about evil angels? Are there any such angels, and are they also born on earth as humans? Lets see.

** review the study of [**Revelation 12:4**] **

In explaining the parable of the wheat and tares, Jesus told his disciples this:

[**Matthew 13:35-41**] ... **He that sows the good seed is the Son of Man.** [37] The field is the world; **the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked.** [38] **The enemy that sowed them is the devil.** [39] The harvest is the end of the world, or the destruction of the wicked. [40] The reapers are the angels, or the **messengers sent of heaven.** [41] As, therefore, the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world, or the destruction of the wicked. * this scripture is expanded slightly in [**D&C 84:1a-2d**]

Jesus said this in [**Matthew 15:12**] ... **Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up.** * Naturally, “Every plant” means “Every person.”

While talking to some of the Jews who believed on him, Jesus made some very bold statements; he said to them; “**You do the deeds of your father;**” to which the Jews replied “we have one Father, even God.” But Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me; for I proceeded forth and came from God; “**You are of your father the devil, ... He that is of God receives God's words; you therefore receive them not, because you are not of God.**” [**John 8:31-44**]

And now for irrefutable evidence that the devil and his angels are born on earth.

[**2 Nephi 6:36-40**] And it shall come to pass, that when **all men** shall have passed from this first death unto life, **insomuch as they have become immortal, they must appear before the judgment seat of the Holy One of Israel;** [37] And then comes the judgment; and then must they be judged according to the holy judgment of God. [38] And assuredly, as the Lord lives, for the Lord God has spoken it, and it is his eternal word, which can not pass away, that they who are righteous shall be righteous still, and **they who are filthy shall be filthy still;** [39] Wherefore, **they who are filthy are the devil and his angels;** [40] **And they shall go away into everlasting fire,** prepared for them; and **their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone,** whose flames ascend up for ever and ever; and has no end. Who were they before they came to earth? They were a part of the “all men!”

For after “**all men** become immortal, **they who remain filthy are the devil and his angels!**”
If you were righteous, you will be righteous still; if you were filthy, you will be filthy still.

Several angels, or servants of God, have been identified who have appeared after they had lived their lives on earth; and we have seen that the devil and his angels are also born on earth, but do we know of any in particular? We shall see, but first, let's see why they are born on earth.

Jesus said, as recorded in [Matthew 18:6] Woe unto the world because of offenses! For it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! And about Judas, he said, “ woe unto that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born. [Matthew 26:20] [Mark 14:19]

[D&C 76:4a-b] Thus saith the Lord, concerning all those who know my power, and have been made partakers thereof, and suffered themselves, through the power of the Devil, to be overcome, and to deny the truth, and defy my power; [b] they are they who are the **sons of perdition**, of whom I say it had been better for them **never to have been born.**

[2 Corinthians 11:13-15] For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. [14] And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. [15] Therefore it is no great thing **if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;** whose end shall be according to their works.

[Matthew 7:24-27] And, again, beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing; but inwardly they are ravening wolves. [25] You shall know them by their fruits; for do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? [26] Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. [27] **A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.**

Jesus said these things about Judas:

[John 6:64-71] There are some of you that believe not. For **Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.** And in [Verse 70 & 71] he says **Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?** He spoke of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon; for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

And in Jesus' prayer to his Father, we read:

[John 17:11-12] ... Holy Father, keep through your own name those whom you have given me, that they may be one, as we are. [12] While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name; those that you gave me I have kept, and **none of them is lost, but the son of perdition;**

What did Jesus mean when he called Judas the son of perdition?

[D&C 76:3i-j] And this we saw also, and bear record, that an angel of God, who was in authority in the presence of God, who rebelled against the only begotten Son; whom the Father loved, and who was in the bosom of the Father; [3j] and was thrust down from the presence of God and the Son, and **was called Perdition**; for the heavens wept over him; **he was Lucifer**, a son of the morning. And we beheld, and lo, he is fallen! is fallen! even a son of the morning.

Cain was also called perdition in [Genesis 5:10].

Perdition: 1. final spiritual ruin; **eternal damnation**. 2. utter loss or destruction; complete ruin.

The Lord told Isaiah that after Lucifer had fallen from heaven and was brought “down to hell, to the sides of the pit,” that those who look upon him shall say, “**Is this the man** that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms? [Isaiah 14:12-16] [2 Nephi 10:34-38]

[Mark 14:30-31] And he said unto Judas Iscariot, What you do, do quickly; but beware of innocent blood. [31] Nevertheless, Judas Iscariot, even one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests to betray Jesus unto them; for he turned away from him, and **was offended because of his words**. And in [John 12:3-6], John calls Judas a thief.

The previous three pages evidence that man is a continuation of his spiritual creation.

[11] And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war;

[12] His eyes as a flame of fire; and he had on his head many crowns; and a name written, that no man knew, but himself.

[13] He is clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God.

No one should have to guess who the rider of the white horse is.

[John 1:1, 16] The Son was with God, and the Son was of God. [16] For **in the beginning was the Word, even the Son**, who is made flesh, and sent unto us by the will of the Father.

Also, remember the white horse and its rider of [Revelation 6:2]? “And I saw, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him; and he went forth conquering; and to conquer.”

[17] And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

[18] That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all who fight against the Lamb, both bond and free, both small and great.

The “supper of the great God” is celebrating victory while the “marriage supper” of the Lamb of [Verse 9]; is celebrating the marriage of the Lamb; therefore, they are not likely the same supper.

These creatures, or entities, of heaven are not literally going to eat the flesh of all these other entities any more than it can be supposed that one actually eats the flesh and drinks the blood of Jesus during communion. For the one destroys while the other, the communion, replenishes.

The supper of the great God will be to celebrate the destroying from the presence of God, those who had fought against the Lamb; and it might be reckoned, all those who fought against Zion.

[2 **Thessalonians 1:7-10**] ... when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, [8] In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; [9] Who shall be punished with destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his everlasting power; [10] When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe in that day.

In [Verse 18] the words “eat,” and “flesh,” are used figuratively; So, lets see if the dictionary gives a clue as to what it means to “eat the flesh” of those who fight against the Lamb.

Eat – (**Figurative**;) to destroy as if by eating; wear away; corrode. [World Book Dictionary]

Example: Extravagant spending ate up his savings. (destroyed, demolished)

[**Psalms 27:1-2**] The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? [2] When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. [**Symbolic**] to destroy me, bring down.

So, for these heavenly creatures to “eat the flesh of kings, of captains, of mighty men and flesh of horses, and the flesh of all who fight against the Lamb,” is equivalent to saying that they will be involved in destroying from the presence of God all those who fought against him and his Son.

Now, notice this:

[**Ezekiel 39:17-22**] And, you son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. [18] You shall eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. [19] And you shall eat fat till you are full, and drink blood till you are drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. [20] Thus you shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, (*surely they won't eat the chariots!*) with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God. [21] And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. [22] So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward.

[19] **And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

[20] **And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before**

him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

[**Revelation 17:12-14**] And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. [13] These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. [14] These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

[**Revelation 16:13**] And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. [14] For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

[21] **And the remnant were slain with the word of him that sat upon the horse, which word proceeded out of his mouth; and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.**

Remnant, [noun] 1. a small part left. (Synonym) rest, remaining.

* **Flashback:** The woman of [**Chapter 12**] was carried into the wilderness, so the dragon was wroth with the her, and went to make war with the remnant *i.e. those who were left, of her seed*, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus. [**Revelation 12:17**]

The remnant who will be slain at this time will likely be those who will have denied God at the end of and during the little season, for those who had formerly “received the mark of the beast, and worshiped his image;” were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.” [**Verse 20**]

[**D&C 28:6a**] ... when the thousand years are ended, and men again begin to deny their God, then will I spare the earth but for a little season.

Now for the remainder of [**Verse 21**]. ... **and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.**

Fill: [Figurative] to be satisfied. [World Book Dictionary] *i.e., satisfied with their destruction.*

How fitting! the “fowls, i.e., heavenly creatures, will be involved in destroying from God’s presence those who, in pleasure, had preyed upon them without mercy during their transgressions!

“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that ... all flesh shall come to worship before me, saith the Lord. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me; for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.” [**Isaiah 66:22-24**] * [**Ezek 39:17-22**]

[**Alma 9:30-32**] Then is the time when their torments shall be as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames ascends up for ever and ever; [31] And then is the time that they shall be chained down to an everlasting destruction, according to the power and captivity of Satan: he having

subjected them according to his will. [32] Then I say unto you, They shall be as though there had been no redemption made; for they can not be redeemed according to God's justice; and they can not die, seeing there is no more corruption.

[**Revelation 20:6**] Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ.**

The mighty, the princes and kings who fight against the lamb will be destroyed from his presence, but the righteous “*Jesus will make unto their God kings and priests; and they shall reign on the earth.*” [**Revelation 1:6 & 5:10**]