

St. Jerome Adult Bible Study

Lesson 7 – Revelation 19 – 22

Cross-References and Notes

Rev 19:1

¹After this I heard what sounded like the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying: “Alleluia!

Allelui: in the New Testament, it is found only in Revelation. This frequent exclamation of praise in the Hebrew psalms was important in Jewish liturgy. “**HALLELUJAH**” (*Hal lih lew jah*) is an exclamation of praise that recurs frequently in the Book of Psalms meaning, “Praise Yahweh!” In particular, Psalms 146-150 sometimes are designated the Hallelujah Psalms. In the Psalms God is praised for His power, His wisdom, His blessings, and the liberation of His people.

Rev 19:7-9

⁷Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready. ⁸She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment.” (The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.) ⁹Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These words are true; they come from God.”

Matthew 22:11-14¹⁰The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike. ¹¹and the hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. ¹²He said to him, ‘My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?’ But he was reduced to silence. ¹³Then the king said to his attendants, ‘Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’ ¹⁴Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Rev 19:17 – 18

¹⁷Then I saw an angel standing on the sun. He cried out (in) a loud voice to all the birds flying high overhead, “Come here. Gather for God’s great feast, ¹⁸to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military officers, and the flesh of warriors, the flesh of horses and of their riders, and the flesh of all, free and slave, small and great.”

Ezekiel:39:17 – 20 ¹⁷As for you, son of man, says the Lord GOD, say to birds of every kind and to all the wild beasts: Come together, from all sides gather for the slaughter I am about to provide for you, a great slaughter on the mountains of Israel: you shall have flesh to eat and blood to drink. ¹⁸You shall eat the flesh of warriors and drink the blood of the princes of the land (rams, lambs, and goats, bullocks, fatlings of Bashan, all of them). ¹⁹From the slaughter which I will provide for you, you shall eat fat until you are filled and drink blood until you are drunk. ²⁰You shall be filled at my table with horses and riders, with warriors and soldiers of every kind, says the Lord GOD.

Rev 20:4

⁴Then I saw thrones; those who sat on them were entrusted with judgment. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image nor had accepted its mark on their foreheads or hands. They came to life and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Matthew 19:28 – 30 ²⁸Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred

times more, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Rev 20:7 – 8

⁷When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison. ⁸He will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.

Gog and Magog: symbols of all pagan nations; the names are taken from Ezekial 38:1-39:20

¹Thus the word of the Lord came to me: ²Son of man, turn toward Gog (the land of Magog), the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him: ³Thus says the Lord GOD: See! I am coming at you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. ⁴I will lead you forth with all your army, horses and riders all handsomely outfitted, a great horde with bucklers and shields, all of them carrying swords: ⁵Persia, Cush, and Put with them (all with shields and helmets),

Rev 20: 12-13

¹²I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. ¹³The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

Daniel 7:9 – 14 ⁹As I watched, Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was snow bright, and the hair on his head as white as wool; His throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. ¹⁰A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened, and the books were opened. ¹¹I watched, then, from the first of the arrogant words which the horn spoke, until the beast was slain and its body thrown into the fire to be burnt up. ¹²The other beasts, which also lost their dominion, were granted a prolongation of life for a time and a season. ¹³As the visions during the night continued, I saw One like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, ¹⁴He received dominion, glory, and kingship; nations and peoples of every language serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

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“Traditional Judaism firmly believes that death is not the end of human existence. However, because Judaism is primarily focused on life here and now rather than on the afterlife, Judaism does not have much dogma about the afterlife, and leaves a great deal of room for personal opinion. It is possible for an Orthodox Jew to believe that the souls of the righteous dead go to a place similar to the Christian heaven, or that they are reincarnated through many lifetimes, or that they simply wait until the coming of the messiah, when they will be resurrected. Likewise, Orthodox Jews can believe that the souls of the wicked are tormented by demons of their own creation, or that wicked souls are simply destroyed at death, ceasing to exist.”

Rev 20:14 – 15

¹⁴Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) ¹⁵Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire.

1 Corinthians 15:22 – 27 ²²For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, ²³but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; ²⁴then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death, ²⁷for “he subjected everything under his feet.”

Rev 21:1 – 2

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

(The ancient Jews believed that God would renew the heavens and the earth at the end of seven thousand years. The general supposition they founded on Isaiah 65:17.)

Isaiah 65:17 – 19 ¹⁷Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create; For I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight; ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people.

Rev 21:22 – 23

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. ²³The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

John 2:19 – 20 ¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body.