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The multitude is praising God for His true and righteous judgments brought on the wicked. God is avenging the blood of the martyrs that was shed.

### **Revelation 6:9-10**

**When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. <sup>10</sup> They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”**

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**All of heaven is praising God and recognizing His power and sovereignty.**

**Psalm 135: 1, 20**

**<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD, <sup>20</sup> praise the LORD; you who fear him, praise the LORD.**

**Hallelujah means “praise the Lord”**

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***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.”***

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**The Jews spoke of a ‘Messianic banquet’ to be held when the Messiah would come to His people.**

**Isaiah 25:6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines.**

**Matthew 8:11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.**

## Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. <sup>4</sup> “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup> “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup> “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. <sup>13</sup> “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup> “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”



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**The bride of the lamb is the church, the Christians**

**2 Corinthians 11:2**

**I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.**

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**John was told not to worship the angel, but to get up because the angel is just a servant of God too. Worship only God !**

**Colossians 2:18**

**Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind.**

***11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.***



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**The rider on the white horse is Christ (He is called the Word of God)**

**John 1:1-2**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.**

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**Isaiah 63:1-4 Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save." 2 Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress? 3 "I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing. 4 It was for me the day of vengeance; the year for me to redeem had come.**

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**He is called Faithful and true, The Word of God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords**

**John 1:14**

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**In Genesis 24, Abraham had his servant swear to him by putting his hand under his thigh - the writing on the thigh is symbolic of the unchanging promises of God.**

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**Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword (symbolic of the words that He speaks)**

**John 12:48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.**

**Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**Revelation 1:16, 2:16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his **mouth** was a sharp, double-edged **sword**.**

**...Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the **sword** of my **mouth**.**

***17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small."***



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**To eat the flesh of those great and small who will be destroyed by the Lord’s wrath and vengeance.  
Compare to Ezekiel’s prophecy:**

**Ezekiel 39:17-19**

**“Son of man, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: ‘Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat flesh and drink blood. <sup>18</sup> You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth as if they were rams and lambs, goats and bulls—all of them fattened animals from Bashan. <sup>19</sup> At the sacrifice I am preparing for you, you will eat fat till you are glutted and drink blood till you are drunk.**

***19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. 20 But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. 21 The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.***

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**Verse 19 is a repeat of the symbolism seen earlier in Rev 16:14**

***12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. 13 Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.***

**But now we are told the outcome of this (non) 'war'**

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**The beast (emperor) and the false prophet (high priest of emperor worship) fail in their attempt to defeat Christ and those with Him. They are defeated and condemned (thrown into the lake of fire).**

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**The followers – those who engaged in the false worship of men and the rejection of God were killed by the word of Christ (symbolically - the truth prevails) and God's word is proven right and just.**

**Birds gorging on flesh is symbolic of mass slaughter of people.**

**Historians calculate that as many as 500,000 people died in the fall of the Roman empire from battles and diseases.**

**Note that in this chapter, nothing is said about the fate of Satan.**

**While some call this 'battle' Armageddon, it is NOT called that in the scriptures.**

**Revelation assures the Christians who were undergoing persecution that they will be triumphant over those who are persecuting them - Christ will come to their defense and destroy the persecutors.**

**The next chapter describes what will happen to Satan**