

Listening Well

August 29, 2010 -- Revelation – The End of the Story

The heavens and the earth (the cosmos) are replaced by a physical environment that is **NO LONGER MARRED BY SIN**. Satan, and all who have chosen to partner with him are sealed up in a place where they get what they want, an existence **WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF GOD**

For those who have chosen to both acknowledge God and to submit to God, they enter into an existence where not only the physical environment has changed, but into an existence where the **CULTURAL AND SOCIETAL REALITIES ARE CHANGED**, and where **SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL AWARENESS** have come together

We end our quick journey through the NT by looking at a **TRANSITION MOMENT** scheduled for the future that ends an era here in this reality and begins a **NEW ERA IN THE NEW REALITY**.

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:1-10 (page 859)

^{NIV} 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 small and great!"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.⁷ 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 the saints.)⁹ Then the angel said to me, "Write: '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, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Exodus 12:1 -14 (page 47)

^{NIV} Exodus 12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year."³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire-- head, legs and inner parts.¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn-- both men and animals-- and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD."¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will

pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD-- a lasting ordinance.

The final dramatic event in the process of getting the people of Israel out of Egypt is completed with the tenth plague preceded by the first *PASSOVER MEAL*

The Lord's Supper is instituted the night before *HUMANITY* is delivered from the tyranny of slavery to sin.

Luke 22:14-20 (page 732)

^{NIV} Luke 22:14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Our lives are protected by the *BLOOD OF JESUS* from the death associated with sin

When Jesus comes again, *PASSOVER* that became the *LORD'S SUPPER* will become the *MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB*

"Next year in Heaven"