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# Revelation – Chapter Nineteen

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Revelation 19

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

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(Revelation 19:1-5 NKJV)

- After these things (ch. 18)
- A great multitude in heaven (5:11)
- Alleluia!

# Hallelujah! Alleluia!

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- ἀλληλουΐα
  - allēlouia
  - **Thayer Definition:**
  - 1) praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah
  - **Part of Speech:** interjective imperative
  - **A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number:** of Hebrew origin from [H1984](#) and [H3050](#)
- After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "*Alleluia!* Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God! ([Revelation 19:1 NKJV](#))
  - Again they said, "*Alleluia!* Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" ([Revelation 19:3 NKJV](#))
  - And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! *Alleluia!*" ([Revelation 19:4 NKJV](#))
  - And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "*Alleluia!* For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" ([Revelation 19:6 NKJV](#))

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- After these things (ch. 18)
- A great multitude in heaven (5:11)
- Alleluia!
- True and righteous are His judgments (16:7)
- Because He has judged the great harlot (cf. ch. 18)
- **He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her**
- Again they said, Alleluia!

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' " Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

(Psalm 2:1-12 NKJV)

# Rejoicing Over God's Reign (19:6-8)

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

(Revelation 19:6-8 NKJV)

- The NKJV separates this paragraph, but it is a continuation of the praise from verses 1-4.
- In praising God Almighty who reigns, it introduces the **Marriage Supper of the Lamb**.
- *I will have more the say on this subject in a future lesson.*
- To *her* it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen
  - *The fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints (cf. 2 Cor. 11:1-4)*

# “I Betrothed You to One Husband”

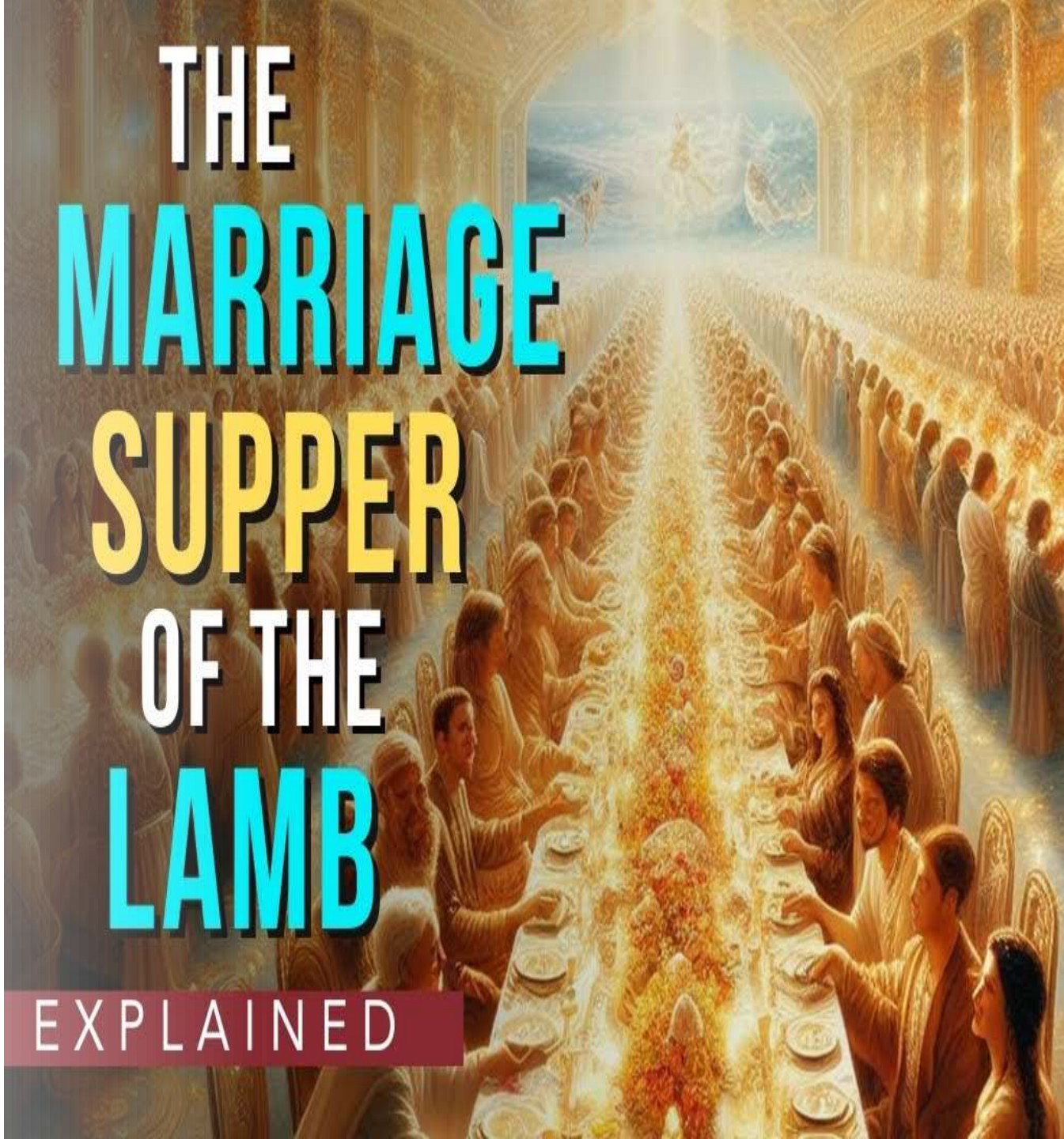
- “Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!
- The context of this passage is Paul’s defense of his apostleship.
  - False apostles were confusing the Corinthians church renouncing Paul and introducing false doctrine
  - Paul defends his ministry as from Christ.
  - Paul warns these false prophets he would come and affirm his true apostleship.
- Regarding the false prophets, Paul is concerned the Corinthian brethren would be led into error (and likely idolatry).
- Paul reminded them they were *betrothed to one husband... Jesus Christ!*
- **Revelation nineteen declares this wedding feast has come.**
- John’s reaction to this declaration is telling, if over-exuberant.

• (2 Corinthians 11:1-4 NKJV)

# Invitation to the Marriage Supper (19:9-10)

- Then he said to me, "Write: '**Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!**' " And he said to me, "**These are the true sayings of God.**" And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "*See that you do not do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

- (Revelation 19:9-10 NKJV)



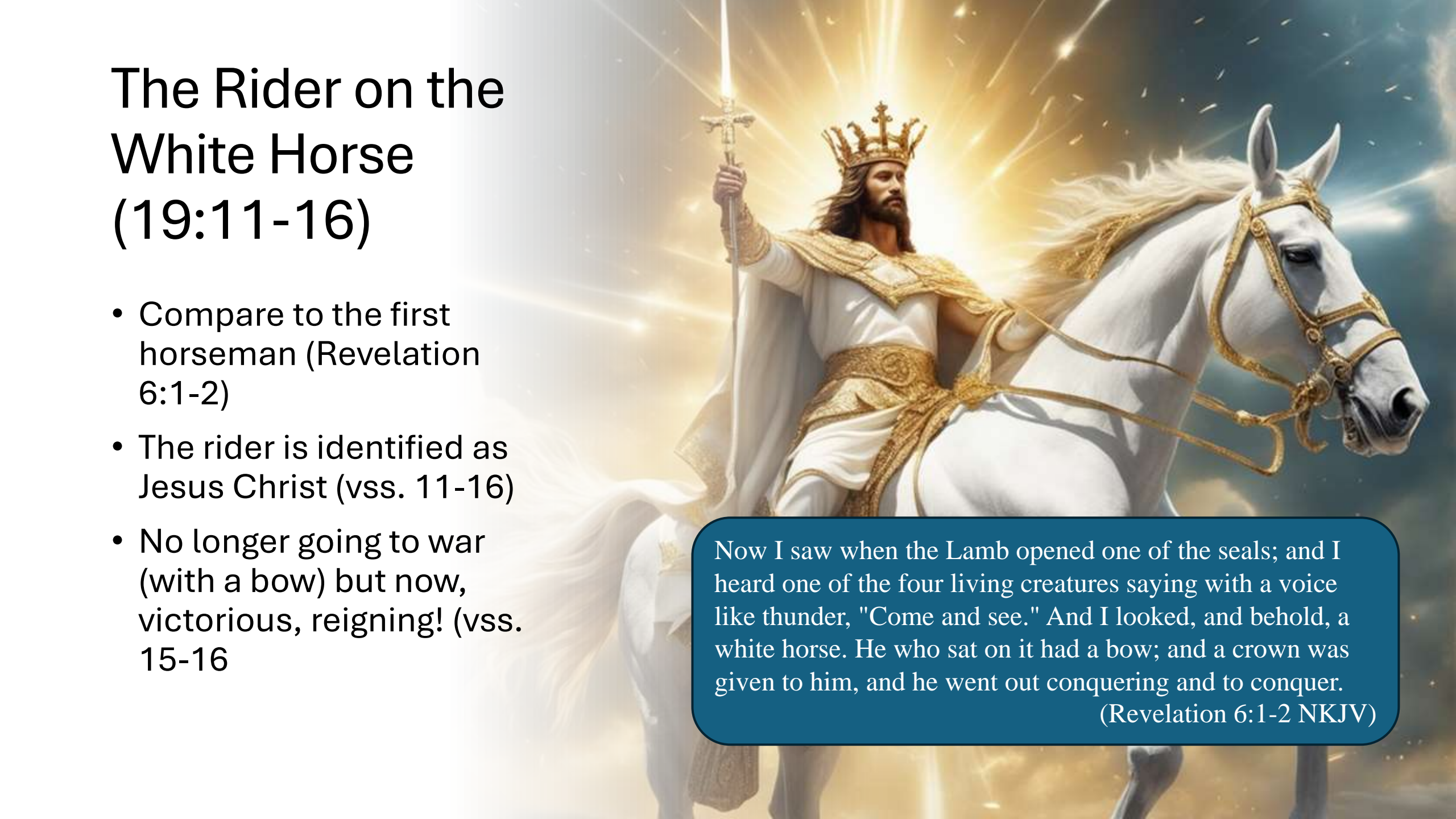
# THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

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# The Rider on the White Horse (19:11-16)

- Compare to the first horseman (Revelation 6:1-2)
- The rider is identified as Jesus Christ (vss. 11-16)
- No longer going to war (with a bow) but now, victorious, reigning! (vss. 15-16)



Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.  
(Revelation 6:1-2 NKJV)

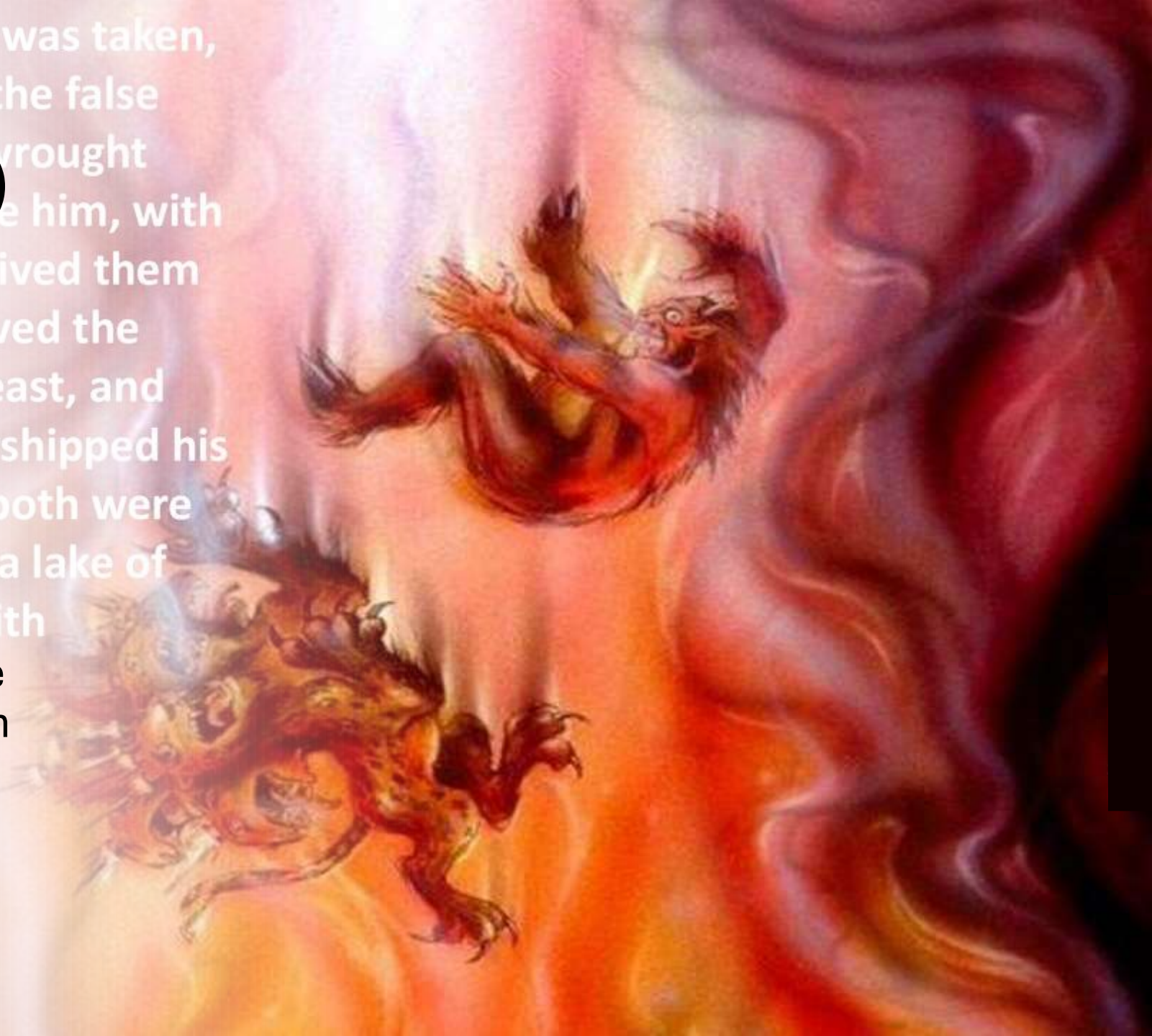
# The Feast of the Scavengers (19:17-18)

- This imagery is graphic.
  - It is meant to envision the humiliating and utter defeat of the enemies of Christ (Vss. 17-18; Ezekiel 39:17-19)
  - Jeroboam - 1 Kings 14:11; Baasha – 1 Kings 15:4; Ahab - 1 Kings 21:24
- **READ** the Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14)
- **When was this Wedding Feast?**



# The Defeat of the Beasts (19:19-21)

- The Sea Beast (Persecuting Rome) – Revelation 13:1-10)
- The Beast from the Earth (State Religion) - Revelation 13:11-18
- THESE TWO were cast alive
- The REST were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth (Revelation 1:16; 2:16; 19:15; 19:21; Ephesians 6:17)



# The Thousand Year Reign

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Get ready! The next lesson in this series will address Revelation 20, which is arguably, the most controversial passage in the entire Bible.





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