

Chapter 19: Return of the King

5 angelic anthems usher in the imminent return of Jesus, the King of Kings.

First anthem: "Hallelujah!"

"Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, 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."

Second anthem: the duration of her punishment: "forever and ever" (Rev. 19:3).

Third anthem: 24 elders

Fourth anthem: "a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!"

Fifth anthem: Declaration of Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

Old Testament:

Israel = bride;

God (Yahweh) = her husband

(Isaiah 54:6–8; Jeremiah 2:1–3; Ezekiel 16:8–14; Hosea 2:14–23).

Parable of a wedding banquet - Matthew 22

Jewish wedding:

- o initial contract = betrothal or *katuba* = payment of purchase price
- o The bride set apart and sanctified.
- o Bridegroom leaves his bride, and she starts preparing for his eminent return.
- o On return, actual wedding, *Hoopa*, followed by a 7-day feast = marriage supper
- o 1 Corinthians 11:25 & 1 Thessalonians 4 = Jesus' fulfilment

Last Supper (Luke 22, Mark 14, and Matthew 26)

"For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Passover consisted of four cups

cup of blessing = third cup

Fourth cup = unfinished cup

"I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse!" Rev 19:11

Rider of the white horse = Jesus

White symbolizes the spotless, unblemished, absolutely holy character of the Rider.

Four names

- “Faithful and True” (Rev. 1:5, 3:14) No falsehood in him.
- He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.
- “The Word of God”: John 1:1–5
And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, are following Him on white horses. (19:14)

Jesus Christ will be accompanied by four divisions that make up His army:
 - bride of the Lamb (the church),
 - the tribulation believers (7.9)
 - Old Testament saints, who are resurrected at the end of the tribulation (Daniel 12:1–2).
 - the holy angels (Matthew 25:31).
- “King of kings and Lord of lords”

Compare Luke 4 with Isaiah 61

Missing verse: “and the day of vengeance of our God”. Why?

Verse 17-18

Verses 19-21

Lake of fire (See Matthew 25:41, Isaiah 66:24; Matthew 13:42, and Mark 9:48)

“And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” Revelation 14:11