THE DAY OF THE LORD – REVELATION 19:1-21

When God sent the apostle John from the Isle of Patmos in 90 AD through time to the *Day of the Lord* he commanded him to _____ what we now have in completion—*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. His authoring instructions in Revelation 1:19 were to follow a three-fold pattern:

> ***Write** the things which thou **hast seen**, and the things **which are**, and the things **which shall be hereafter***

This gives us the basic outline for the entire book:

1) The things which thou *hast seen*: Chapters 1-3 – Church History from 90 AD to our present time
2) The things *which are*: Chapters 4-19 – The rapture of church age saints and the scene in heaven; four separate accounts of the events taking place during the 7 year tribulation period on earth culminating with the second advent of Christ

   The _____ tribulation journeys describe diverse parallel events and perspectives: seals opened—chapters 6-7, trumpet judgments—chapters 8-11, the work of the antichrist—chapters 12-14, the Vials judgments and the destruction of mystery Babylon—chapters 15-18, the second coming of Jesus Christ and the battle of Armageddon—chapter 19
3) The things *which shall be hereafter*: Chapters 20-22 – The millennial reign of Christ, the final great white throne judgment, the new heaven and new earth

As we conclude the fourth and final tribulation record our attention is shifted from Babylon's destruction on earth to the events in heaven and our coming King. What we are about to see is the most important event in human history. It details the _____ _____ on God's calendar. It is the theme of the entire Bible (Acts 3:19-21); it is the event that all of God's people are praying will come (Mt. 6:10). As we will see, it is the event all of heaven will be praising (Rev. 19:1-6) and the event which God's church has been preparing for (Rev. 19:7).

This is referred to in scripture as, "The Day of the Lord." It is the day when Jesus Christ takes over this world by force and receives the glory due his name. The events recorded in this chapter describe the title of the book itself—The _____ of Jesus Christ.

1. The chorus of heaven – Revelation 19:1-10

   a. Rejoicing over judgment and justice – verses 1-3

      - The _____ and damnation of the religious and political systems of the antichrist
      - Christ's avenging wrath upon the persecutors of the saints is thorough

   b. Rejoicing of the elders and beasts – verses 4-6

      - The Lord God omnipotent reigns

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Omnipotent – Possessing complete unlimited _____ and authority; invincible, unstoppable, supreme over all creation and creatures

c. Rejoicing at the marriage supper of the Lamb – verses 7-10

- The bride – All the raptured saints of God who have been _____ at the judgment seat of Christ

2. The conquest of the Earth – Revelation 19:11-21

a. Our blessed redeemer – verses 11-18

- Heaven _____ – verse 11a
- The King _____ – verses 11b-16

A contrast between the two comings:

Jesus' first coming	Jesus' second coming
He was born in secret in a lowly stable, with few witnesses.	He will come with glory, shinning in the clouds, with the armies of heaven and every eye shall see him
He came riding upon a donkey	He will come riding a _____ horse
He was called a liar and a devil He was given a human name – Jesus He was the Word of God judged by men His title was mockingly—King of the Jews	He will be called _____ and True He will have a name that _____ man knew He is the Word of God come to judge men His title will be King of kings and Lord of lords
He came as a suffering servant to take our unrighteousness and receive our judgment so we could forever have peace with God	He will come as a warrior King, and in righteousness he will judge and make war to forever separate evil men from God
He came with eyes of tenderness, compassion, forgiveness, and brokenness...	His eyes will be as a flame of fire, with vengeance, wrath, and _____
He received a crown of thorns...	He will wear on his head, _____ crowns...
His robe was stained with his own blood...	His robe will be stained with the blood of his enemies
He said his servants would not fight because his kingdom was not of this world	He will descend from heaven with armies consisting of OT saints, the church, tribulation saints, and holy angels
At his trial he opened not his mouth...	At the trial of the world he will open his mouth to reveal a sharp two-edged sword with which he will smite the nations
He was mockingly given a reed signifying he rules no one...	He will have a rod of iron with which he will rule the _____ world
He walked among us full of grace and truth...	He will tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God

- This *Day* is the theme of the Bible and Bible preaching – Acts 3:19-21; Jude 14-15

- It is referred to as:

  The Day of the Lord – 26x's
  The Lord's Day – Rev. 1:10
  That Day – 219x's
  The Day – 9x's in the NT referring to this same event

b. The battle of Armageddon – verses 17-21; Rev. 16:16; Joel 2:1-11

- The final showdown in human history *as we know it*:

  The antichrist and his armies are defeated

3. Conclusion – Revelation 19:9, 17-18, 20-21

- The two suppers:

	The marriage supper of the Lamb	The supper of the great God
The calling -	Blessed are those called – vs. 9	Cursed are those called – vs. 17-18
Those attending -	Those called will be at the supper – vs. 9	Those called will be the supper – vs. 18
The meals -	The symbols of Christ's life and death... bread and the fruit of the vine – Jo. 6:53; Mt. 26:29	The flesh and blood of Christ's enemies eaten by the fowls of the air – vs. 18, 21
The outcome -	The saints and martyrs are avenged and rewarded, riding white horses while taking part in Armageddon's victory	The beast and the false prophet are cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone; those left are killed by the sword of the Lord – vs. 20-21

NEXT WEEK: Judgment Day – Chapter 20

Outline of Revelation