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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“A Wedding and a War”*

Scripture: Revelation 19:1-21

Message: **1. The Wedding** (vs’ 1-10)

1 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting (the angels, the twenty-four elders, the four living creatures): “Hallelujah! (a hallelujah chorus of praise…from this point on, the book of the Revelation changes to rejoicing) Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, 2 for true and just are his judgments. (they conclude that God has done what is right and just during the Tribulation) He has condemned the great prostitute (false church) who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” 3And again they shouted: “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”(the celebration that the government and economy of the Antichrist was destroyed) 4The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: “Amen, Hallelujah!” 5Then a voice came from the throne (not the voice of God, but an angel), saying: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!” 6Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! (a burst of praise for the event which they have been waiting for “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb”) For our Lord God Almighty reigns. 7Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come (3 phases to a Jewish marriage ceremony – 1. initial agreement where parents arrange the marriage of the one they chose…1. when God chose us to be created with the hopes that we would love Him back…the New Testament church is referred to as the bride of Christ / 2. Actual marriage ceremony itself, at this time the groom would lead a processional of friends, with musicians to the home of the bride (at night they carried torches), the ceremony was a time of music and dancing…2. The “Rapture”/our death when Christ shows up to take us to our home in Heaven / 3. The marriage supper lasted for several days and was a party like none other…3. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb will be a party like none other celebrating all believers coming home together in Heaven), and his bride has made herself ready (in preparation for the groom’s coming, the bride would spend hours making herself ready…the church at this present time is preparing itself for the coming of Jesus; the groom). 8Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) (this is an expression signifying righteousness and purity…we are weaving in this life what we will wear in our next…our wedding garment will be composed of our godly deeds) 9Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” (not the church because the bride wouldn’t be a guest…the invited guest will be the Old Testament saints) And he added, “These are the true words of God.” 10At 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.” (John is overwhelmed by what he has seen and heard from this angel and attempts to worship him…the angel forbids John from worshipping him…no matter how great the messenger is, he is never to be the object of our worship)

**2. The War** (vs’ 11-21)

11I saw heaven standing open (Jesus returns to earth to begin establishing His kingdom) and there before me was a white horse (the animal of war…the white horse was reserved for the King…Revelation 6 the Antichrist appears on a white horse because Satan is the great copycat of God), whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. (the first time Jesus came to earth was as a baby to die for this world, the second time Jesus comes to earth will be to destroy this world in the “Battle of Armageddon”…the Antichrist will assemble the greatest army ever under his coalition of 10 nations…these armies will be on their way to destroy Israel when Jesus will descend with His armies from Heaven…Jesus will totally destroy the armies of the Antichrist…the destruction will be so great that human blood will cover 200 miles 4 feet deep…it will take seven years to gather and burn the weapons of war used by the Antichrists armies (Ezekiel 39:9)…God will call on vultures to pick the carcasses clean after the battle…it will take seven months to bury the bones of all those slain in this battle (Ezekiel 39:12) 12His eyes are like blazing fire (fire reveals…Jesus will come seeing the true heart of every person being destroyed), and on his head are many crowns (Jesus will be wearing crowns representing our crowns we received at the Judgment Seat). He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself (the character and nature of Jesus is beyond comprehension). 13He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood (not His blood, but the blood of His enemies), and his name is the Word of God (Jesus is often times referred to as the “word”…Jesus is the final and perfect revelation of God to men). 14The armies of heaven were following him (the saints of God, the hosts of Heaven are a part of God’s army), riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean (we come with Jesus riding on white horses as well, clothed in our wedding garments as we have just left the marriage supper of the Lamb). 15Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. (not a metal sword, but the word of God…God spoke the world into existence, God will speak the world into destruction) “He will rule them with an iron scepter.”He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords. (this title is reserved for Jesus alone) 17And 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, 18so 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.” (the angel calls out to the vultures…the saints of God have just finished the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and now God is about to prepare a supper for the vultures of the air) 19Then I saw the beast (Antichrist) and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. (Satan’s last effort to defeat God) 20But 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. (they will be thrown alive into the Lake of Fire, their final place of punishment) 21The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth (Word of God) of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. (The carnage was so great that the vultures will literally be filled to overflowing on the flesh of those God destroys)

Application:

* A Wedding and a War
* The Wedding = what are you wearing to the wedding…your life today determines your wedding attire then
* The War = who do you know that if they don’t accept Christ, love Him back will be at war against God on this day we see…imagine you coming on that white horse in your wedding attire, but if you could think then as you do now your celebration would turn to anguish as you see those you love being destroyed because you didn’t care enough, you didn’t share enough

1. [Matthew 7:15](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7:15#en-NIV-23332) : [Eze 22:27; Ac 20:29](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezek%2022:27,%20Acts%2020:29&version=NIV)