

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Revelation 19: 1 - 21

Title : A Wedding Invitation And A Battle

Introduction

Wedding and war: different images for the coming of God's kingdom.

1. A Time to Celebrate, A Time to Praise (vv. 1-5)
 - Praise for God's justice
 - Praise for God as Sovereign

2. The Marriage of the Lamb (vv. 6-10)
 - Here comes the bride!
 - The bride's clothing
 - The contrast with Ms. Babylon
 - True worship of God and the 'testimony of Jesus'

3. The Rider on the White Horse and the Last Battle (vv. 11-21)
 - Compare 16:12-16
 - God as Judge (Ps. 96:13)
 - A ruler from David's line (Ps. 2:9; Isa. 11:4)
 - Destruction of God's enemies (Ezek. 39:17-20; Dan. 7:11)
 - 'King of kings and Lord of lords' (cf. Deut. 10:17)
 - A vision of God's coming kingdom, not a prediction of a huge final battle
 - The victory is won the sword from the Rider's mouth (vv. 11, 15)...
 - ...and by the 'blood of the Lamb' (v. 13; cf. 5:9; 6:10; 7:14; 16:6; 19:2)

Conclusion:

- What, in practical terms, is the upshot of Revelation 19?
- The hope set before us