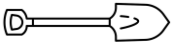




DWELL Listen and follow along as we read the passage together. Briefly share initial observations and/or questions with your group, especially how it sounds/feels following last week's study of Chapter 18.



DIG 1. Skim the chapter and note the different beings worshipping in this scene.

2. *Hallelujah* means 'praise the Lord' in Hebrew. What do these *hallelujahs* in the passage celebrate?

| HALLELUJAH! | Compare | THOUGHTS / OBSERVATIONS |
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| 19:1-2 | Revelation 6:10 | |
| 19:3 & 4 | Isaiah 34:10 | |
| 19:6 | Hosea 2:19-20 | |

3. Read v.1b-2. What does God's power accomplish versus what Babylon's power accomplishes?
4. Re-read Revelation 18:21-24 along with 19:1-3. What thoughts do you have about the four *hallelujahs* right after the vision of this destruction?
5. How does the focus change between the three proclamations after the first hallelujah in 19:1, and the proclamation after the fourth hallelujah in 19:6.
6. Discuss Revelation 19:6-9 in light of Hosea 2:14-23, the passage from Matthew 22:, and Isaiah 61:10. Who is invited to the marriage feast? What makes them 'ready' or prepared?
7. What is something new you are learning/appreciating about God (Father, Son, Spirit)?



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8. In what ways are you tempted to provide your own 'wedding clothes' for the marriage feast of the Lamb? Why is it easier in your head/heart to provide your own 'clothing' instead of the perfection that Jesus already paid such a price for, and so freely gives?

9. How often do you take time to sing/pray/proclaim/write *Hallelujahs* for Jesus' eternal commitment to you? What might it look and feel like to dedicate regular time to focus on expressing this kind of personal worship? How might it change you?

Isaiah 34:10 NASB20. It will not be extinguished night or day; Its smoke will go up forever. From generation to generation it will be desolate; None will pass through it forever and ever.

Revelation 19:10 NLT. Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus."

Hosea 2:19-20 CEV. I will accept you as my wife forever, and instead of a bride price I will give you justice, fairness, love, kindness, 20 and faithfulness. Then you will truly know who I am.

Hosea 2:14-23 CSB.

Therefore, I am going to persuade her, lead her to the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her vineyards back to her and make the Valley of Achor into a gateway of hope. There she will respond as she did in the days of her youth, as in the day she came out of the land of Egypt. In that day – this is the LORD's declaration – you will call me "my husband" and no longer call me "my Baal [my master]." For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth; they will no longer be remembered by their names. On that day I will make a covenant for them with the wild animals, the birds of the sky, and the creatures that crawl on the ground. I will shatter bow, sword, and weapons of war in the land and will enable the people to rest securely. I will take you to be my wife forever. I will take you to be my wife in righteousness, justice, love, and compassion. I will take you to be my wife in faithfulness, and you will know the LORD. / On that day I will respond – this is the LORD's declaration. I will respond to the sky, and it will respond to the earth. The earth will respond to the grain, the new wine, and the fresh oil, and they will respond to Jezreel. I will sow her in the land for myself, and I will have compassion on Lo-ruhamah ['no compassion']; I will say to Lo-ammi ['you are not my people']: You are my people, and he will say, "You are my God."

Matthew 22:1-6,11-14 CEV. Once again Jesus used stories to teach the people: 2 The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a king gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 The king sent some servants to tell the invited guests to come to the banquet, but the guests refused. 4 He sent other servants to say to the guests, "The banquet is ready! My cattle and prize calves have all been prepared. Everything is ready. Come to the banquet!" 5 But the guests did not pay any attention. Some of them left for their farms, and some went to their places of business. 6 Others grabbed the servants, then beat them up and killed them...11 When the king went in to meet the guests, he found that one of them wasn't wearing the right kind of clothes for the wedding. 12 The king asked, "Friend, why didn't you wear proper clothes for the wedding?" But the guest had no excuse. 13 So the king gave orders for this person to be tied hand and foot and to be thrown outside into the dark. That's where people will cry and grit their teeth in pain. 14 Many are invited, but only a few are chosen.

Isaiah 61:10 NASB20. I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a groom puts on a turban, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.