

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

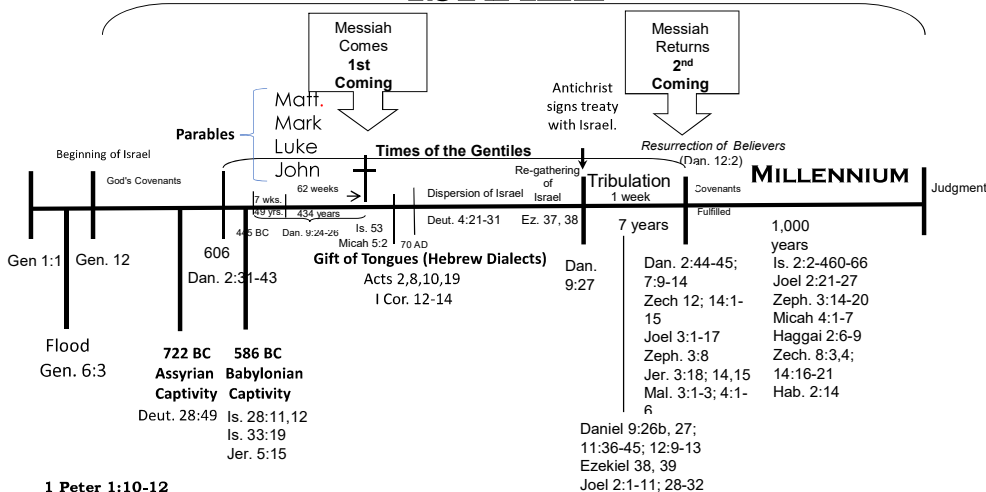


Looking Ahead –

Feb. 3 – No Class – Eden Prairie Community Center is closed for the Super Bowl.

Old Testament View of Future Prophetic Events

ISRAEL



1 Peter 1:10-12

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven -- things into which angels long to look.

Quiz

Rev. 13: Comparison between the 2 Beasts

1st Beast (Antichrist)

“out of the sea”

- mysterious
- dark
- black
- frightening
- foreboding

Political and military leader.

Ten horns, Seven heads, Ten crowns, blasphemous names.

Like a leopard and a bear and a lion - attacking with speed, tearing, ripping, and shredding.

2nd Beast (False Prophet)

“out of the earth”

- known
- light
- bright
- safe
- unthreatening

Religious leader.

Two small horns

Like a gentle lamb – persuasive, convincing.



10 Horns – 10 future nations that will form the Roman Confederacy controlled by the Antichrist.

7 Heads – 7 nations. 6 are in the past. 1 is yet future.

10 Crowns – 10 kings ruling the 10 future nations.

“Let the Celebration Begin”

Rev. 19:1-6

Jan. 20, 2019

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- “After these things” 13 chapters are given to us concerning the 7 year Tribulation. Why? So that we would think long and hard about the wrath and judgments of God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. So that we would see them in action and in detail.
- This is occurring after the destruction of Babylon (“these things” 4:1, 18:1).
- It is in this interval between the destruction of Babylon and the final coming of Jesus Christ that we’re taken to heaven.

Matt 24:29-31

29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

Celebrating the things of God.

HEAVEN

EARTH

Mourning the loss of the things of the world.

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- “He’s so heavenly minded that he is no earthly good”. Not true. The only way to be of earthly good is to be heavenly minded. We desperately need heaven’s perspective.
- Notice the singular (voice) and the plural (great multitude) who are “saying” . . .
- All in unison. This is not just noise. This has content. All perfectly saying the same thing, How can this happen? Only in a glorified state.
- The voices are of all those in heaven including:
 - (1) the voices of the Church, having been raptured before the Tribulation.
 - (2) the voices of the Tribulation saints, many of whom were martyred (Rev. 6:9; 7:14; 12:11; 13:7, 15; 15:2; 16:6; 20:4).
 - (3) the voices of various ranks of the angels.

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- There are 4 times "Hallelujah" is used in these 6 verses.

#1 "Hallelujah"

"Hallelujah!"



Yahweh (The continuous, eternal, personal existence of God. "I AM, THAT I AM" (Ex. 3:14) Praise (to shine, to praise, boast, be boastful)

αλληλuia

Greek

allelouia (al-lay-loo'-ee-ah) – transliteration of the Hebrew.

"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;"

- In the O.T. the first time "Hallelujah" appears is in the Psalms. And it only appears in the Psalms (24 times).
- That category of Psalms is called the "Hallel" or "Praise" Psalms.
- Psalm 104 to 109, and Psalm 113 to 118.

Ps 104:35

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth

And let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

- In the N.T the first time "Hallelujah" appears is in Rev 19:1 and only appears a total of 4 times in the N.T. and all are here in these 6 verses.
- So the first time it's ever used in the Old Testament it's a hallelujah for judgment. And the first time it's ever used in the New Testament it's a hallelujah for judgment.

"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;"

What is God to be praised for?

1. **"Salvation"** or deliverance. On the one hand God judges and on the other hand He saves. (Flood, Red Sea, Esther, Revelation). He saves people from their sin and He delivers them to their heavenly home.
2. **"Glory"**. The "weight" of who He is. He is weighty. "Heavy" in His attributes.
 - His judgment which comes from His holiness, righteousness, justice, wrath.
 - His salvation and deliverance which comes from His grace, mercy, love, omnipotence, patience.
3. **"Power"**. Demonstrated in the fierceness of His judgments, His protection of the 144,000, and the Jews who flee to the wilderness, and His destruction of Babylon.

6 passages in Rev. where heaven pauses to praise God's attributes:

Rev 4:8

8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Rev 5:8-10

8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Rev 11:15-18

15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying,

"We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

18 "And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

Rev 7:9-12

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;

10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

12 saying,

"Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Rev 15:3-4

3 And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"Great and marvelous are Your works,

O Lord God, the Almighty;

Righteous and true are Your ways,

King of the nations!

4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy;

For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU,

FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

Rev 16:5-7

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things;

6 for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it."

7 And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

"By now all men have made their choice between God and Satan. Universal worship of the beast and universal rejoicing over the deaths of the two witnesses mark the world not only as guilty but also as irreclaimable. The earth-dwellers have hardened their hearts forever to a point that precludes any possibility of repentance ... God's judgment of those with this disposition is the special occasion of praise to God."

- Thomas Constable

" BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS;"

Ps 119:137

137 Righteous are You, O Lord,
And upright are Your judgments.

- When we consider God's judgment during the Tribulation, we are often quick to question God's righteous punishment of sin.
- The severity of the judgments described in the book of Revelation are not evidence of God's not being righteous. Rather, their severity is a *testimony to His righteousness*—for only He knows the full breadth and depth of the sin which He now judges.
- If He withheld judgment, He would be neither *holy* nor *true*.
- The word "true" indicates that God is consistent in His character. Every decision of God is consistent with everything that He does. If God judges one person and then judges another, it is always perfectly consistent with His character. His "righteousness" is His character. God is absolutely **just**. God is always consistent with Himself.
- Therefore God's judgments are always based on His character. The more we understand God's character, the more we understand His judgments.
- Many people reject the idea of hell because their God has only one attribute – the attribute of love.

Ps 19:9

9 The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

Rev 19:1-6

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- God was portrayed to Eve by Satan as an unfair God. God, Satan said, was withholding from her something good – the knowledge of good and evil. That just isn't right!
- God is always accused of being unjust by both unbelievers and believers:

"What about the people that haven't heard the gospel before they die? How can God send them to Hell?"

"What about little babies that die? How will God treat them and their eternal destiny?"

"How can it be fair for God to choose some for salvation and not others?"

In most things God's Word gives us the answers to these questions, but where it does not, God will be absolutely just.

“for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality,”

She was judged because:

- (1) she corrupted the earth with her fornication,
- (2) she was the cause of the shedding of the blood of the saints.

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God will answer this prayer –

Rev 6:9-11

9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Deut 32:41-43

1 If I sharpen My flashing sword,

And My hand takes hold on justice,

I will render vengeance on My adversaries,

And I will repay those who hate Me.

42 'I will make My arrows drunk with blood,

And My sword will devour flesh,

With the blood of the slain and the captives,

From the long-haired leaders of the enemy.'

43 "Rejoice, O nations, with His people;

For He will avenge the blood of His servants,

And will render vengeance on His adversaries,

And will atone for His land and His people."

"Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER."

#2 "Hallelujah"

- God is to be praised because Babylon has been destroyed.
- The judgment is permanent - Babylon will never be found again.
- The smoke will stop rising when the fire dies out, but the destruction that it symbolizes will be permanent.
- Those destroyed in her will suffer eternally in the Lake of Fire.

2 references in the O.T to the "smoke" of destruction -

Gen 19:24-28

- 24 Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven,
25 and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.
26 But his wife, from behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.
27 Now Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the Lord;
28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a furnace.

Isa 34:8-10

- 8 For the Lord has a day of vengeance,
A year of recompense for the cause of Zion.
9 Its streams will be turned into pitch,
And its loose earth into brimstone,
And its land will become burning pitch.
10 It will not be quenched 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.

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“Hallelujah” # 3

- This is the 6th time we have seen the 24 elders (who represent the Church) (4:10; 5:8; 5:14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4). Each time they are doing the same thing: falling on their faces and worshiping the Lord!
- The four living creatures appear 13 times in Revelation (4:6,8,9; 5:6,8,11,14; 6:1,6; 7:11, 14:3; 15:7; 19:4). These are the Cherubim who guard the throne and are given special assignments.
- In Heaven, we, like them, will be free from the limitations of the flesh and we will see God as He really is and worship and praise Him accordingly.
- Here they are praising God for His sovereignty. He is in control.

“Amen” means “so be it”, or “let it be established”.

“Amen” is said to be the most widely known word in the world!

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“And a voice came from the throne, saying,”

- This is probably one of the living creatures.

“Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.”

Here the emphasis is on those who do the praising:

3 descriptions:

1. **“bond-servants”** – δουλος – a slave. Those who were committed to Christ to the point of persecution and death.
2. **“those who fear Him”** – Those who understood who God is and who they were, and they trembled.

Phil 2:12

12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

Ps 22:23

23 You who fear the Lord, praise Him;

All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,

And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

“Praise is the honey of life which a devout heart extracts from every bloom of providence and grace.”

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

“the small and the great.”

- Everyone.

Ps 150

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

2 Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

3 Praise Him with trumpet sound;

Praise Him with harp and lyre.

4 Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.

5 Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

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“Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,”

- “great multitude” – billions upon billions. US Bank stadium times 10,000 X 10,0000.
- This is a crescendo. Thunderous praise.

2. God is to be praised because He has and always will reign supreme. His rule over all creation has never been, nor ever will be in question.

Ps 93:2

2 Your throne is established from of old;

Ps 99:1-2

1 The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble;

He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake!

2 The Lord is great in Zion,

And He is exalted above all the peoples.

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.”

#4 Hallelujah

1. God is to be praised for His overwhelming MIGHT. Nothing frustrates Him and no one and nothing can stop Him.

Job 42:2

2 "I know that You can do all things,

And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

Jer 32:17-18

17 'Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,

Matt 19:26

26 And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

1 Chron 29:10-13

10 So David blessed the Lord in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

11 "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

12 "Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

13 "Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

Next week we will see another great event –
the marriage of the Lamb.



**Philip P. Bliss
(1838–1876)**

In 1838, Philip Bliss entered the world in a Pennsylvania log cabin. At age eleven, he left home to work on farms and in lumber camps. Soon thereafter, he attended a revival meeting where he gave his life to God. Philip had a particular interest in music, and though he continued to farm, he sought out training in music. About a year after marrying Lucy Young (in 1859), he began working as a professional music teacher. He taught singing schools, worked with a music publisher, and held music conventions. In time, Philip became widely known as a leader in the field of music.



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Due to the encouragement of evangelist D.L. Moody and other friends, Philip eventually left his career, and in 1874, he began serving as the music director for evangelist Major D.W. Whittle. In December of 1876, after completing 25 revival meetings, Philip returned to his home in Rome, Pennsylvania to spend Christmas with his family. A few days later, Philip and his wife Lucy left their young children home while they traveled by train to an engagement at Moody's church in Chicago. Tragically, as their train crossed a bridge, it collapsed and sent seven cars plunging into the icy river bed below. Bliss survived the fall and escaped through a window, but after he returned to rescue his wife, the wreckage burst into flames and both of them perished. Philip was only 38 years old.



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Ira Sankey, the music director for evangelist D.L. Moody, gives an account of this hymn:
“Written... shortly before his death, this was the last hymn I heard Mr. Bliss sing. It was at a meeting in Farwell Hall in Chicago, conducted by Henry Moorehouse. A few weeks before his death Mr. Bliss visited the State prison at Jackson, Michigan, where, after a very touching address on ‘The Man of Sorrows,’ he sang this hymn with great effect. Many of the prisoners dated their conversion from that day. “When Mr. Moody and I were in Paris, holding meetings in the old church which Napoleon had granted to the Evangelicals, I frequently sang this hymn as a solo, asking the congregation to join in,’ which they did with splendid effect. It is said that the word ‘Hallelujah’* is the same in all languages. It seems as though God had prepared it for the great jubilee of heaven, when all his children shall have been gathered home to sing Hallelujah to the Lamb!”
The name of this hymn is . . .

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

**1. Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**3. Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**4. Lifted up was He to die;
It is finished! was His cry;
Now in Heav'n exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**5. When He comes, our glorious king,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

When George Frederick Handel wrote his famous choral work the "Hallelujah Chorus", he used three texts from Revelation. (11:15, 19:6, 19:16).