

"Heaven's Joy"

**Intro:** We have an outline of Revelation in Rev. 1:17-19;

- 1. Write the things you have seen, Ch 1,
- 2. Those that are, Ch 2 & 3,
- 3. Things that take place after, (Meta Tauta) Ch 4-22.

Following the final bowl judgment God says, "It is finished."

The meaning of "finished" here is not that something has ended, but that a goal has been reached.

#### I. Full Salvation has Come

Hallelujah is a Hebrew word meaning "Praise the Lord.

There are three aspects to our salvation. Here on Earth we experience two of them:

- 1. We are saved from the penalty of sin; The Cross
- 2. We are saved from the power of sin (sanctification)

In heaven we will be delivered from the presence of sin.

Our salvation alone should be enough, (dayenu).

### II. God's Justice is Complete

God will avenge the blood of His servants,

The Bible tells us His judgments are true and righteous.

With the destruction of Babylon He has avenged His servants.

There is no Greek or Hebrew word for fair in the Bible regarding one's judgments or actions.

#### III. The Rebellion is Ended

With the destruction of Babylon Man's rule on earth is ended as is Satan's rebellion.

The rebellion that begun in the garden is ended at Christ's return.

God takes the mistreatment of His servants personally, Acts 9.

We need to leave room for God's wrath, Rom.12:19.

#### IV. God Is In Control

The Greek for "Almighty" is, pantokratōr. It means He who has sway over all things.

While God is unlimited in all things, we often carry our limitations over to God with our requests.

The Bible record of Genesis and Luke specifically says that nothing is too difficult for God.

If we believe Gen 1:1 then God will be the Almighty in our life.

### V. The Marriage of the Lamb is Completed

The Bridegroom is Jesus Christ, Jn. 3:29, The Bride is the church, 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:22-24. The invited guests are:

- 1. The OT saints and prophets, Matt. 8; Lk. 13.
- 2. The heroes of the faith, Hebrews 11, Matt. 11,
- **3.** The tribulation saints who are alive at the second coming of Christ.

Gen. 3 is analogous to God's love for us.