

Decoding Revelation –Week 11

Four great end time events and what they mean to us today:

I. THE WEDDING SUPPER OF THE LAMB

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

The Bride is prepared.

The Bride is honored

"Fine Linen": Represents the righteous acts of the saints.

II. THE SECOND COMING

"At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory."

Matthew 24:30 (NIV)

A rider on a white horse

Named "Faithful and True"

His eyes were bright like flames of fire

On His head were many crowns

A name is written on Him that only He understood

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood

His title was the Word of God

King of kings and Lord of lords

III. THE MILLENNIUM

Over the years there have arisen three major ways of looking at what this 1,000-year reign of Christ is:

Pre-millennial (Jesus comes again before the millennium).

Strength: Attempts to seek understanding of all Scriptures relating to the 2nd Coming rather than ignoring those that are difficult to understand.

Weakness: It is often marked by great diversity in the teaching about the order of events. The 1000 year millennium is referred to specifically in only Revelation 20.

Post-millennial (Jesus comes again after the millennium).

Strength: Optimistic view of the power of the gospel to change the world; hope for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Weakness: Practically, this view is hard to reconcile with what's happening in the world. Biblically, it is hard to reconcile with the strong teaching of the final tribulation period.

A-millennial (Jesus comes again without an earthly millennium).

Strength: Answers the questions about resurrected saints living in an unregenerate world for 1,000 years until the final judgment.

Weakness: Must see a great deal of the 2nd Coming prophecies as spiritual symbols rather than actual events.

Why is there a 1st and 2nd resurrection?

"Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son. And they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to judgment."

John 5:28-29 (NLT)

Why is there a millennium?

So that God can fulfill His promises to His people on the earth.

So that God can show the real, terrible nature of our sin.

IV. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

"I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done." Rev 20:12 (NLT)

"I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

John 5:24 (NLT)

In the wedding supper: Jesus is the **Groom**

In the second coming: Jesus is the **Lord**

In the millennium: Jesus is the **King**

At the great white throne: Jesus is the **Judge**

Scriptures Referenced – Revelation Chapters 19 & 20; Ephesians 5:25-27; Matthew 24:30;
John 5:28-29; John 5:24;