

The Anti-Christ: His Empire Crumbles  
and Heaven Rejoices. Alleluia!  
Revelation 19:1-6

INTRO: As the Empire of the Anti-Christ crumbles, crashes, and burns, Alleluias ring throughout the universe! These are Alleluias of the Born Again, of the Redeemed, of those who are overcomers by the blood of Christ. These rejoice in Heaven. Among them are those beheaded for the Gospel's sake (20:4).

In verses 1-6, we have four Alleluias. Alleluias that are penetrating, heartfelt, and signaling the soon defeat of the Anti-Christ. Alleluia—the system of religion and politics that have plagued the world since the Tower of Babel goes down in flames, and soon the Anti-Christ will be in hell (vs 20). The Battle of Armageddon is just around the corner when we get to the Alleluias of Revelation 19.

The Four Alleluias:

1. In chapter 17, religious Babylon is destroyed to rise no more. At her demise, all of heaven says: "Alleluia." This is the same as "Hallelujah," Both of which mean, "Praise the Lord!" (Rev 19:1).
2. In chapter 18, commercial Babylon falls. Once again, there is a resounding, "Alleluia," "Praise the Lord" (19:3).
3. In Revelation 19:4, another "Alleluia" rings out. This time in worship to Almighty God who is about to redeem the earth. The "amen" of Rev 19:4 speaks of the highest praise that human speech can utter. It is a word of avowal, of commitment to the truth. In Psalm 72, such praise and commitment is given to our Savior (Psa 72:8-9, 17, 19).
4. The fourth "Alleluia" is in verse 6 and comes in response to a call from the throne itself. God is sovereign; He rules; He is all powerful!

Revelation 19:1-6 has been called the New Testament Hallelujah Chorus.

I. VSS 1-3, THE ALLELUIAS OF THE REDEEMED IN HEAVEN

- A. Vs 1, What we read here is in response to the invitation given in Rev 18:20. With the destruction of the two Babylons, there is a change of tone to the Revelation. The Second Coming of Christ is just around the corner. And, "the somber gives way to song. The transfer is from darkness to light, from black to white, from dreary days of judgment to bright days of blessing" (McGee Vol

2 66).

1. The much people in heaven are those who were raptured before the tribulation began, and in particular those saints martyred in the tribulation now in heaven. These have praised God for His creation (4:11) and for Redemption through the blood of His Son (5:12-13). Now God is praised for complete deliverance and salvation.
  2. These express their praise to God in four marvelous words:
    - a. "Salvation" this refers to the Gospel. All who go to heaven must believe it. Salvation is deliverance; it is passing from death unto life, from dark to light. And it is all of grace. "Salvation is of the Lord." John 5:24. Not only do they praise God for redemption of the souls of the saved, but now they are able to praise God because they now know beyond any shadow of a doubt that Babylon has fallen and the whole of the Satanic system and empire is collapsing before them. This had already been heard by John as he had been given the vision of the tribulation end in Revelation 7:9-12. The end of gloom and doom are about to end!
    - b. "Glory" – this speaks of God's moral glory in judgment. God gets the praise (Rom3:23) and salvation (Eph 1:4-9, 12).
    - c. "Honour" – God deserves the honor for our salvation. No man can save himself. God does all the work (Rom 4:4-5).
    - d. "Power" – it is through God's power that the work of salvation is accomplished (John 1:12-13).
- B. Vs 2, "True and righteous are his judgments." God never fails; He never makes mistakes. All of His actions are built on truth. God cannot be unfair.
1. The great whore is judged. The universal false church is destroyed. The hand of mercy reached out and was slapped by the godless system of spiritual Babylon. God had been longsuffering, yet they blasphemed His name. He sent judgment, and they repented not (16:9,11,21). Henry Morris says: "Babylon and all her inhabitants are eminently deserving of every last dreg of the bitter cup of judgment they have been compelled to drink, nor would any further

- mercy or call to repentance have availed one iota”(379).
2. God avenges the blood of the millions of martyrs. The plea of the elect is heard (Lk 18:7-8) with vengeance as God says: “Vengeance is mine; I will repay” (Rm 12:19). The inhabitants of earth and followers of the Anti-Christ experience what is said in Hebrews 10:27.
- C. Vs 3, The praise continues. All the cults and false religions are gone as well as the great whore. Those who hate Israel; those who terrorize and kill the innocent will be judged (Mt 9:44,46,48).
- II. VS 4, THE ALLELUIA OF THE TWENTY FOUR ELDERS AND THE FOUR BEASTS
- A. The Old and New Testament saints represented by the twelve tribes of Israel, and the twelve Apostles, along with the cherubim who are around the throne worship God bowing down to His will.
  - B. God is on the throne, now and forever. He is in control.
    1. “Amen” says, “I believe it,” or “even so.”
    2. “Alleluia,” “Hallelujah, Praise the Lord.”
- III. VSS 5-6, THE ALLELUIA OF THE GREAT MULTITUDE
- A. Vs 5, A voice is heard coming from the throne calls upon God’s servants to praise the Lord. This is the voice of Jesus Christ who in 18:4 calling to “my people.” Jesus is the praise leader here (Psa 22:22-23).
    1. The occasion of praise is the defeat of those wicked ones who persecuted the people of God.
    2. We are to keep on praising God and serve Him (Rev 22:3).
  - B. Vs 6, Here we have a very large group of people shouting and singing praises to the Lord.
    1. These who praise are not longer focusing on their wonderful free gift of salvation, they are raising their voices in praise to the glory of God for who He is and what He does, and what He represents.
    2. The voice of Lord has been like many waters (1:15; 14:2). Now God’s people lift up their voices in chorus like to that of their Saviour. The saints have been like their Savior, and now they echo forth glorious praise (I Jn 3:2-3; Phil 3:20-21).

CONCLUSION: Can you say “Alleluia” for salvation through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Or will you one day cry out for the rocks to fall on you?

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