

Revelation Vision 5

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Revelation 14:1-5 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as first-fruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

- In this vision there is an awesomeness, a solemnity in heaven. God wants the world to see judgement is coming. Man has pushed past his goodness, thrown out his mercy and cast off his grace. He is now left only with righteous judgement.
- The vision starts with another look at the church - the complete church - as we've seen before - sealed on their foreheads. "Right there in my head where all my thoughts and my philosophies, my attitudes to life, my understanding of life, one might call it my world view - the way I understand where I came from, who I am, what the Universe is, where it came from, and where we are all going to. *Right there in my head it said that the Name of the Lamb's Father was implanted.*" (quote Revelation II Malcolm Smith p4)

Romans 8: 6 - 16 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.... You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you...The Spirit you received...brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

- The Name of the Lamb was also in their head." Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 2:11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. It speaks of Christ as being the elder brother of the family. If I know that I am a Son of God, then I realise that, by God's grace, I am related to THE Son of God, the unbeginning Son of God, who has deigned to call himself my brother. I am one of God's family.

- Before judgement, let's look at the church again. They are singing "like the sound of many waters" and "loud thunder" but it was beautiful, like harpists - in unison, as one.
- A new song - only for those united with Christ - a song of experience. The whole of life has become a song to God.
- It rose as incense - in the tabernacle (on earth) in front of the veil was the altar of incense and from that altar would rise clouds of praise which the people understood to be their praise and worship to God. These people before the throne were that golden incense, the real incense - the other was a shadow.
- This was a reminder again that He who sits on the throne has everything under control.
- All of the people before the throne were purchased by Christ's sacrificial blood. Paul said "you are not your own; you were bought with a price."
- They are not defiled with women/chaste/virgins. This does not make you more spiritual! Echoes - many times in OT Israel went after other gods and walked away from God, playing the harlot. This picture is symbolic, saying we are His bride.
- They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They are his bond-slaves.
- First fruits - The Feast of First-fruits was celebrated the day after Passover. The priests would select a shock of barley and no-one could touch the harvest in Israel until the sickle had cut the first-fruits. This was God's and it was taken to the temple and

used in worship. Jesus was crucified at Passover. On Sunday the priests would have cut the first-fruits. Jesus rose that day - he was the first of the first-fruits, fulfilling that feast. Believers are also part of the first-fruits, set aside to worship God.

- No lie was found in their mouth - they didn't believe the lie "I will be as God." They have met with the Truth.
- Holy and blameless

Ephesians 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

- At the end of the chapter we read that the harvest of the earth is ripe. All the harvest belongs to God. He put in his sickle to the harvest and reaped judgement - those who belong to him glorify his love, grace and mercy. Those unrepentant men will exhibit and glorify his wrath, justice and righteousness.

Revelation 14:6-13 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgement has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." A second angel followed and said, "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,' which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries." A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name." This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them."

- After that, God gives a final warning of judgement. He sends his first angel with the gospel as a seeming last ditch effort to change men's hearts and turn to Him. His second angel declares "Babylon is fallen" - look at that later. His third angel with a warning to those who worship the beast.

Revelation 14:14-20 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great wine-press of God's wrath. They were trampled in the wine-press outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

- Verses 14 & 15 refers to the Son of Man with a sickle to harvest the earth for the harvest is ripe. Barley and grapes. OT speaks of the wine-press of the wrath of God and it is here again. But the juice from the grapes is blood up to the horses bridles and for 1600 stadia (furlongs) - a symbolic number again. 4 x 4 x 10 x 10. 4 - four corners of the world x 4 - universal - x 10 - completion x 10 - total completion. This is God's complete and utter judgement on unrepentant mankind.

Revelation 15:1-5 I saw in heaven another great and marvellous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues - last, because with them God's wrath is completed. And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb:

"Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple - that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law - and it was opened. Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

- Another sign in heaven - seven angels with the seven last plagues. But still God's judgement doesn't come.
- Scene goes back to the sea of glass mixed with fire and a great company singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. Echo - Exodus 15 - The plagues are over, God warned and warned and his judgement finally fell with the death of the first-born. His final judgement came at the Red Sea. The Israelites saw this and sang - verse 18 says "The Lord reigns forever and ever". This is the song of Moses. Egypt was the first nation to be judged. This was the first time that man could look at the absolute evidence of God's righteous judgements.
- Song of the Lamb - in the death of Jesus you have the finale. In the resurrection of Jesus the salvation of every believer is guaranteed, and the damnation of every unbeliever.

Revelation 16:1-7 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshipped its image. The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died. The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgements, O Holy One, you who are and who were; for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgements."

- Seven angels - the outpouring of the wrath of God over time, not just at the end.
- Sickness
- Sea (nations) - ships that sail on them - all commerce and all their dealings
- Rivers (philosophies)
- Turned to blood - life turned to death, just as in Exodus

Revelation 16:8-20 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him. The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of

God Almighty. "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed." Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

- No notes at this point about these last 4 angels

Revelation 17:1-6 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries." Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. The name written on her forehead was a mystery: *BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH*. I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

- Woman sitting on the beast - scarlet beast this time - but still representing the devil.
- Throughout the bible there are counterfeits. God the Father V's dragon, father of lies. Lamb and his bride V's the beast and his harlot. Marriage of the Lamb and his Bride V's the beast and his harlot/prostitution and Babylon. Holy Spirit V's False prophet glorifying the beast. Two cities - new Jerusalem V's Babylon.
- John was taken in the spirit to the wilderness to see the woman on the beast - a dead place. (The other place John was taken was to a high mountain where he saw the new Jerusalem - a place of freshness and glory)
- Babylon - the great, the mother of harlots, the mother of abominations on the earth. Who is she? * Go back to Gen 10 and 11. Nimrod was the beginning of Babylon, an empire, a government. He was the first of the "heads", the first world government coming down in dictatorship and the power of an authoritarian government. His wife was Semiramis. When Nimrod was killed she said he wasn't really dead, but that he gave his life for the human race. She called him Zoroastra (meaning the seed of the woman!) He was a man become God. She claimed Nimrod came back to earth via her womb and she claimed to be a virgin. She had statues of herself erected throughout Babylon with a little child at her breast. She was the mother and the child was her husband-son. This symbol went throughout the world. eg Venus, the queen of heaven, many goddesses. A form of idolatry. *(I haven't been able to verify this - Ruth)
- Nations were corrupted, body, soul and spirit. Her appeal was to the appetites - the lusts of the flesh - "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die". It demanded sex/perversions and great feasts. It demanded the lust of the eyes/greed/affluence. It demanded the pride of life/ arrogance/I am above judgement/I can do as I please.
- It was a mystery - you didn't really know what was going on. eg in the days of John to belong to a trade union you had to worship Venus.
- All the woman wanted was to be worshipped and she was followed by a trail of blood - she was drunk with the blood of the saints.

Revelation 17:7-18 When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. Then the angel said to me: "Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss

and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come. This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction. The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.” Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God’s words are fulfilled. The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

- Nothing is said about these verses but there is some explanation within them by the angel.
- Chapter 18 describes the fall of Babylon.

Revelation 18:1-3 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendour. With a mighty voice he shouted: “‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!’ She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal. For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”

- There is a warning next so we can escape her judgement

Revelation 18:4-8 Then I heard another voice from heaven say: “‘Come out of her, my people,’ so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Pour her a double portion from her own cup. Give her as much torment and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself. In her heart she boasts, ‘I sit enthroned as queen. I am not a widow; I will never mourn.’ Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

- Judgement has fallen.

Revelation 18:9-24 “When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: “‘Woe! Woe to you, great city, you mighty city of Babylon! In one hour your doom has come!’ “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore - cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves. “They will say, ‘The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendour have vanished, never to be recovered.’ The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn and cry out: “‘Woe! Woe to you, great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!’ “Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’ They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: “‘Woe! Woe to you, great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour she has been brought to ruin!’ “Rejoice over her, you

heavens! Rejoice, you people of God!

Rejoice, apostles and prophets! For God has judged her with the judgement she imposed on you.”

Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: “With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again. The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No worker of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again. The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world’s important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray. In her was found the blood of prophets and of God’s holy people, of all who have been slaughtered on the earth.”

- The leaders and merchants weep - everything is out of business.
- Every sea-master - trade, communications and all of commerce was by sea.
- Another group of people art, sculpture, all the beautiful things gone.
- The woman appeals not only to the individual with the celebration of the base appetites of the flesh, but also is the key to affluence, luxury, riches, trade, commerce, travelling.
- We are to be a part of the world but not of it. We can have the things of the world but they are to be held lightly - can we do without them? This is solemn.
- *Ch 17 ;16 The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.*
- The end is in Ch 17:16. God put this in their hearts.
- The devil's kingdom does not work and the beast will turn on his mistress. The alliance of the beast, the false prophet and the woman is held together by “ I want what you’ve got” - selfishness. All the pleasures of the world are for a season and then they turn to ashes. Men weep and lament/restlessness and the burnings of hell.
- When does this happen - it happens every so often in history - in some leaders and the rich when things blow up in their faces... Babylon is fallen, but she is not gone. The final judgement is to come.
- We are halfway through this vision. - first part/the great prostitute seems to rule the world, sitting on the back of world power, drunk with the blood of the saints is judged. The second part of the vision shows the opposite side/Christ has his Bride. The counterfeit V's the real.

Revelation 19:1-6 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgements. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants. And again they shouted: “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.” The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried “Amen, Hallelujah!” Then a voice came from the throne, saying: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!” Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.”

- Many Christians find it hard to understand the judgements of God, especially when those around the throne are rejoicing. But God is not God unless he is the God of justice, judgement and righteousness. The bible teaches that God's justice, his readiness to punish sin, his wrath and his anger are part of his goodness.
- God is sovereign. Sin has mocked his sovereignty and said “I too am sovereign”
- God is omnipresent. Sin says “I will act as if God is not here”.
- God must be aggressively against evil and aggressively for good.
- Remember the 5th seal in Ch 6? How long? How long O Lord? Now he has done it and the cry goes up “Hallelujah! The Lord God Almighty reigns!”

Revelation 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

- The oldest echo in the bible.

Ephesians 5:31-32 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church.

- This is referred to in *Genesis 2:24*. Paul is teaching us something about Christ and the church under the symbolism of Adam and Eve, the groom and the bride. Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh - me in another form. Adam (Ish) slept so the Eve (Isha) could be taken from his side so that she might live, Jesus died so that we might live - blood and water flowed from his side. Blood to redeem us from our sins, Water is synonymous with life. The church is Jesus in another form. His life in us.
- Tremendous parallel with Abraham and Isaac in *Genesis 22*. For three days Isaac was dead in Abraham's heart. But the knife did not go in. Isaac in Abraham's heart rose from the dead - on Mt Moriah (actually Calvary). In the last verses of that chapter it mentions that Abraham heard from his brother that he had had some children which seems odd until you read that one of them was Rebekah, who was to become Isaac's bride. That was when his bride was born.
- In the death and resurrection of Jesus, that's when his bride was born.
- Those who have the seal of the Lamb have made themselves ready.
- Story of Ruth. An outcast, a Moabite, married into the family of Israel. Boaz meets her in her place of poverty and, under Hebrew law, has to redeem her. When Ruth's husband died, Boaz married her and brought her under the umbrella of his riches and dignity of his name. He was her relative/redeemer/Kinsman - her goel. Christ is our goel - we were outcasts and unwanted with no right to the promises of God. The bride-in-waiting has now become a reality. A bride-in-waiting was engaged in Eastern culture and that engagement was as binding as a marriage, (Joseph needed a bill of divorce if he had wanted to put Mary aside once he discovered she was pregnant)
- Marriages were arranged, often by a matchmaker. Eleazer was sent to fetch Rebekah, even though she had never set eyes on Isaac. For us the Holy Spirit is the matchmaker. We have never seen Jesus, but "whom having not seen, we love" We are rejoicing. The engagement has taken place.

2 Corinthians 11:2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

- After the engagement, they didn't see each other for a period of time, This is the time period that is discussed throughout Revelation. The white horse goes out, puts an arrow in our hearts and we are claimed forever for Jesus. We are part of the bride engaged to Him. Song of Songs echoes this idea as well - "you should see my Beloved"
- This is the period of time where there are the seals, the trumpets and the bowls - when the Beast walks the earth and the prostitute seem to have it all.

Revelation 19:11-16 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

- Christ on the white horse we've met before. He is coming to collect his bride, but also in righteousness he judges and wages war. Eyes are like flames of fire and on his head are many crowns. The kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of the Lord and his Christ. He has taken the devil's crowns. There are many more descriptions we have already looked at in Revelation Ch 1.
- What we have been meeting throughout this book is the term Armageddon. "And so let it be said that, at this point, I want you to get the whole picture here. Here is the Church surrounded by the Beast, surrounded by the False Prophet (all these symbolic terms which describe the peoples and the ideas and the philosophies of this world), and over all the Great Whore. Already we have seen that He has defeated the Great Whore. Now we see that He comes into the midst of all this, and there is described THE JUDGEMENT. Verse 20: "*The Beast was seized and the False Prophet.*" It says they were seized and they were judged. And so here is Christ coming into the midst of all those opposing forces that have come against the Church and . . . It is not a battle! This idea of a battle—*it is not a battle!* I challenge you to find such a battle. He came and that was it." (Malcolm Smith Revelation II p 55)
- Finally the marriage of the Lamb has come - the groom came to where the bride was.
Colossians 3:3-4 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
- At his coming, every knees shall bow - some with joy, some with anger - and every tongue confess that he is Lord.