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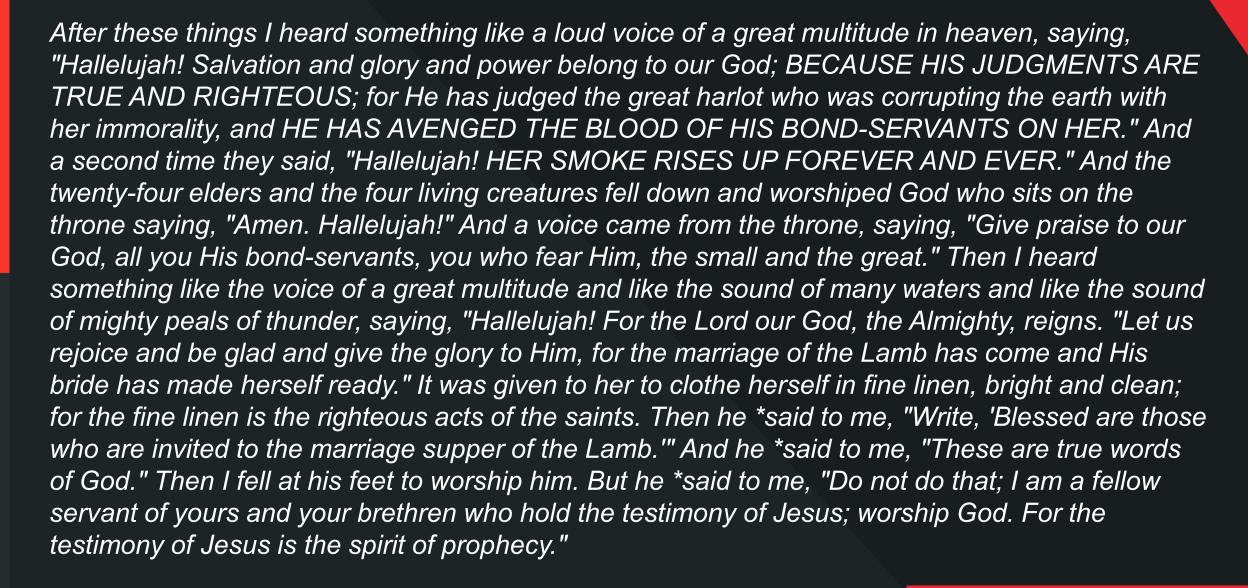
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#### **TODAY'S PASSAGE Revelation 19:1-10**



#### THE MYSTERY OF THE HARLOT

FAKE MARRIAGES OF BABYLON

Have you ever wondered why the enemy (Satan), his government (Babylon), and his religious leader (False Prophet) are almost always referenced as a harlot and immoral? Not only have I been curious about this, but I have also done years of study regarding this mystery. My conclusion is rather simple. Since the whole point of creation and all that occurs up to this chapter is mostly about God securing a Bride for His Son. Satan's goal has been and will continue to develop immorality in the world - defiling the marriage bed. He thinks by doing this to the human force; he is defiling the marriage bed of Christ.



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### ETEERNAL SMOKE OFFERING

As for Babylon's burning and its smoke that darkens the Heavens, if you do a proper study on this, you will discover that the burning of Babylon is like an eternal smoke offering rising into eternity to remind all who are in Heaven of the great and might judgment of God. This is why He says, Hallelujah! Her smoke rises up forever and ever. Why are these 24 elders and four living creatures bowing down and worshipping God over Babylon's burning? It is-God just destroyed the force, structure, and religious whoredom that has afflicted His Son's Bride. At this point in our journey, she is free from all temptations, defilements, and tortures that Satan has afflicted the woman (Bride of Christ) of the greatest King of all – the **Lord Jesus Christ** 



## THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

Marriage is to be held in high honor by all, but its object in this passage states that "honor" is to be shown to marriage as an institution. It is not to be undervalued as though celibacy were purer. Any violation of the marriage contract should not dishonor it. This means the "contract" established between a man and woman is a "covenant" sealed in heaven. What God joins in a union, no man or his laws can separate. Matthew 19:6 says: "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate." When mankind devalues the marriage institution, they are subtly attacking the "marriage of the Lamb." For God, the Father gave us the institution of marriage to demonstrate, by law and relationship, what is to come with His Son.





### HISTORY OF MARRIAGE

Marriage was instituted in the Garden of Eden when man was in his innocence (Gen. 2:18-24). Here we have its original contract, confirmed by our Lord, as the basis on which all laws and marital guidelines are to be framed (Matt. 19:4-5). Monogamy (one spouse until death) was the original design of marriage (Matt. 19:5; 1 Cor. 6:16). This design was violated very early on when man's problems with lust began to overflow into God's ordinances of marriage (Gen. 4:19; 6:2). We meet the occurrence of polygamy (two or more wives) and concubinage (a wife of secondary rank) in the patriarchal age (Gen. 16:1-4; 22:21-24). Polygamy was recognized in the Mosaic Law, made its way into legislation, and continued to be practiced through Jewish history until their captivity to Egypt, after which there is no instance of it on record.

# HISTORY OF DIVORCE

If we don't understand the history of divorce, we will not be able to embrace the words of Jesus when the "religious leaders" were testing Him with the laws of Moses. Matthew 19:3 shows us: "Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" Jesus' response was consistent with history. "And He answered and said, 'Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,' and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH? So, they are no longer two, but one flesh.



### SATAN'S PURPOSE OF DIVORCE



Now the big question: Why would the enemy push so hard for legislating divorce? Another simple answer: Because if the enemy can break up the original design of "one woman + one man + one Father = one flesh," he would then be able to ingrain into the hearts of man that just maybe, "One Father + One Son + One Spirit = One God" is a lie. Secondly, he would be able to convince the Bride of Christ that there is a possibility Christ would forsake (divorce) them.

#### GOD'S VIEW OF MARRIAGE

The charter of marriage is in Gen. 2:24, reproduced by our Lord with greater distinctness in Matt. 19:4-5. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are all separate individual beings but are One as a whole. God the Father established the institution of marriage in the Garden to prepare the way for the original eternal design and union of Christ and the Church (Eph. 5:31; Mark 10:5-9; 1Cor. 6:16; 7:2). The point is this: A husband and wife, united in marriage, combine to form one perfect human being; the one is the complement and completer of the other.



## IN GONGLUSION

Neither the Bible (in general) nor Jesus (in particular), treats the family from the point of view of a historian or sociologist, but solely from that of a teacher of the Father's principles and morals. In short, their point of view is "Godological" (theological), rather than sociological. Moses and the prophets, no less than Jesus and His apostles, accepted marriage as a holy institution that gave rise to certain practical, ethical questions, and they dealt with it accordingly.

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