



# *The Bride of Christ*

Revelation 19:1-10

## **Big Idea**

There is an astonishing eternal distinction between the fate of the world and the fate of Christ's Bride.

### **1.) Mountaintop vs. Desert (v. 17:1-3, 21:9-11)**

-- Whereas Babylon dwells in an eternal wasteland, the forever glory of Christ's *Bride* is so immense that it can only be viewed from the peak of a great mountain.

### **2.) Celebration vs. Silence (v. 18:22; 19:1-6)**

-- Whereas Babylon will grieve in the dreary silence of judgment, the Bride of Christ will *Rejoice* in thunderous praise at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

### **3.) Worship vs. Woe (v. 18:15-19; 19:1-2, 6-7)**

-- Whereas Babylon will repeat forever the woes of total loss and regret, the Bride of Christ will spend eternity *Enjoying* the infinite greatness and glory of God.

#### 4.) Beauty vs. Ashes (v. 19:2-3, 7-8; 21:9-11)

-- In Christ, we who once dishonored Christ by chasing after Babylon can be *Transformed* into the ravishing and eternally cherished Bride of Christ.

#### 5.) Holiness vs. Hoax (v. 17:4; 18:16-17; 19:7-8)

-- It is the pattern of people to look good on the outside while hiding wickedness on the inside.  
-- God works in us so that we will work hard for Him (v. 19:7-8, Philippians 2:12-13).  
-- We get ourselves ready for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb through rugged *Fidelity* to Christ.

### Application

#### 1.) Save the *Date* (Matthew 22:1-14).

-- May we look forward to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb with the eagerness and delight of a bride!

#### 2.) Prepare *Today* for that Day.

-- It must be the great preoccupation of the church to make ourselves ready to be presented to Christ.  
-- *Are you growing in the true beauty of godliness?*  
-- There is an unmistakable, inevitable, and eternal contrast between those who trust and treasure Christ and those who trust and treasure this world.  
-- Let us make every effort to be today the beautiful bride we will be on that Day.