

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## Praise for God's Eternal Reign Revelation 19:1-8

### Section Review

Theme: Celebrating God

#### Visions of Praise

- 11/7 – Revelation 7:9-17, John gives us a vision of what true, united praise and worship looks like in Heaven and the promise of relief to those who were persecuted for their faith
- 11/14 – Revelation 11:15-19, John gives us a vision how Heaven will rejoice in seeing the perfect justice and righteousness of God judge the world

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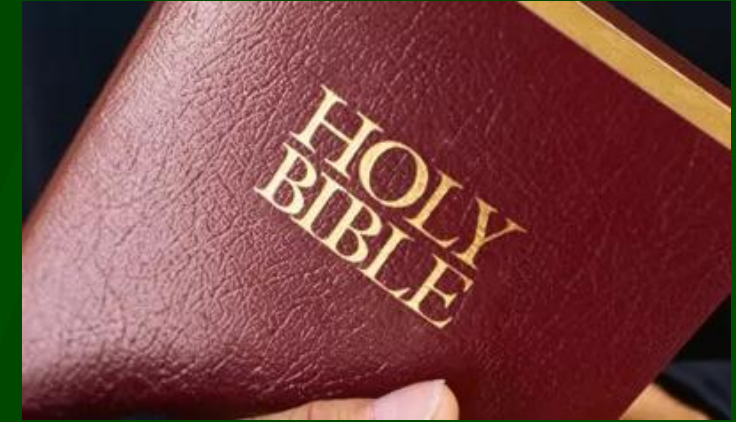
# Background

- From the beginning of the Scriptures, the concept of weddings and marriage to symbolize the RELATIONSHIP God desires to have with His people
- In the Old Testament, the people of Israel were often described as an unfaithful bride for her numerous adulteries ([Jeremiah 3](#); [Ezekiel 16](#); [Hosea 3](#)), but nevertheless, God would not break his covenants with them ([Jeremiah 33:10–11](#); [Isaiah 61:10](#); [62:5](#))
- In the New Testament, the Church is also called the Bride of Christ ([John 3:29](#)) and we are being prepared for a great wedding day when God and Man are reunited in true fellowship ([Ephesians 5:27-29](#), [Revelation 29:2, 9](#))
- Babylon refers literally to the Babylonian Empire that conquered the Southern Kingdom of Israel and held them in exile for 70 years, and figuratively to evil empires that go against God

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# Lesson Text

Heaven Exults over Babylon



## REVELATION 19:1–4 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> After these things I <sup>[a]</sup>heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to <sup>[b]</sup>the Lord our God! <sup>2</sup> For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.” <sup>3</sup> Again they said, “Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!” <sup>4</sup> And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, “Amen! Alleluia!”

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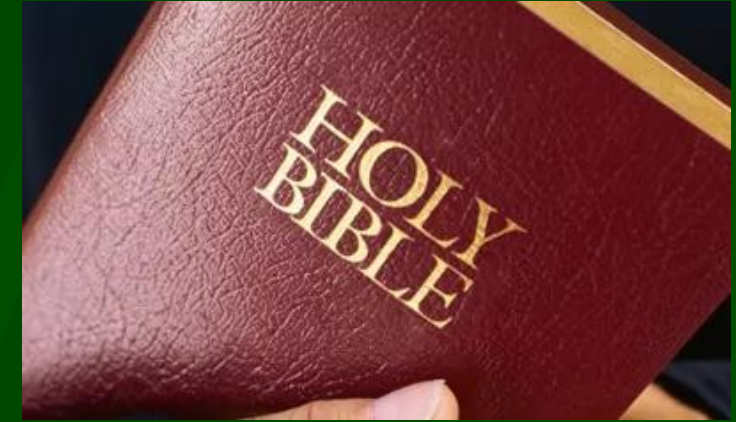
# Commentary: God's Justice is Praised

- With each of the judgements, it is accompanied by the 24 Elders praise and worship of God for His justice and righteousness.
- God is also praised for his mercy and forgiveness
- In these times, we often see judgements and penalties that hurt our core as human beings. It makes us doubtful about the future
- Our trust in God is an anchor that motivates us to pursue justice on Earth. We must continue to store up good works until Christ returns

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## REVELATION 19:5 – 8 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both<sup>[c]</sup> small and great!” <sup>6</sup> And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the<sup>[d]</sup> Lord God Omnipotent reigns! <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” <sup>8</sup> And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

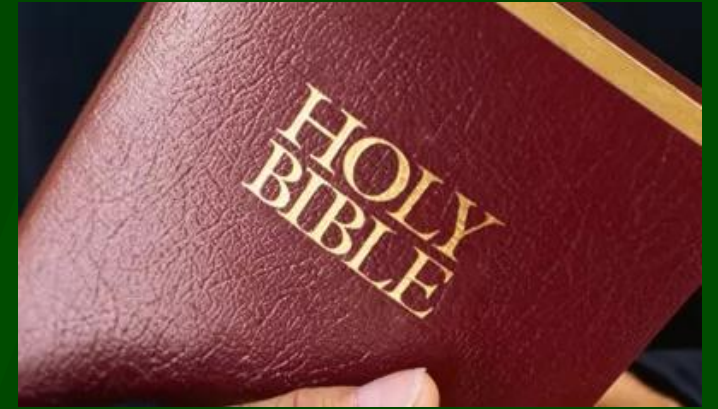
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# Commentary: A Snapshot of Marriage

- The allegories to marriage throughout the Bible give us some insights into what makes for successful marriages
- One must desire it and must pursue it passionately
- One must prepare themselves for it
- One must be committed to it and to be faithful
- One looks to bring out the best in the other
  - Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself – **Ephesians 5:25-28**

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# Scripture References



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# Church School Creed & Benediction

## CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow  
And we must help to make it so  
Every member a **Christian**  
Every Christian a **worker**  
Every worker **trained**  
A worker that **will not be ashamed**  
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

## BENEDICTION

We have come  
We have studied  
We have learned  
So until our next coming together  
To study God's word  
May His rich blessings reside with you  
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN