

Revelation 19:8

THE LAMB'S WIFE ARRAYED

1. The setting.

1. Chapters 17 & 18 describe the final and complete destruction of Antichrist.

1. This is the cause for great joy in heaven (19:1) as they celebrate God's victory over the spiritual harlot.

2. God's judgment of the great whore implies:

1. The entire church (the 24 elders) and creation (4 beasts) also sin.

2. Altogether they sing, Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigns.

- The marriage of the Lamb.

1. The actual marriage is the culmination of a long engagement.

1. The New Dispensation is the interval when the Lamb/Groom makes everything ready.

2. Then He comes in procession for His bride, accompanied by angels.

- Note that the Bridegroom is called "the Lamb."

1. This is Jesus in His work of atonement, paying for the sins of His people.

2. The bride is the entire church, each and every elect all together.

- The marriage of the Lamb occasions the marriage supper.

1. In Scripture a meal together is a picture of good fellowship.

2. As life was communicated to Adam via the Tree of Life, so life and blessing will as a wedding supper.

- For the marriage and supper the bride dresses herself "in fine linen, ... the righteousness of the saints."

1. That she makes herself ready is not her earning the right to the supper and the marriage.

2. She arrays herself in fin linen, glistening and pure, i.e., the righteousness of the saints.
3. This is the way we must come to the Lord's Table, which prepares us for our marriage to the Lamb.