

What's Going on in Our World?

Snapshots from Revelation

The Biggest Celebration

Revelation 19:1-10

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I. Jesus Calls This World A Prostitute!

In fact, as He talks to John on the Isle of Patmos, **11x** He refers to this world as “Babylon” or “that great prostitute.”

Revelation 19:1-2 “After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, ‘Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ² for His judgments are true and just; for He has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of His servants.’”

The prostitute represents human society without God in all of its violence, oppression, and corruption. All the cruelty, sex trafficking, deception, and injustice of our world can be laid at the feet of this great prostitute who deceives us into going after her pleasures, even though it leads to nothing but destruction.

When you see this prostitute, you see the sad history of the human race and our fatal attraction to all of her pleasures. In other words, because of our sin, we are fatally attracted to this woman and all of her charms.

II. You're Engaged To The Lamb

He wants you to get a hold of who you are and how much He loves you because it'll help you see through some of the fatal attractions that this world holds out to us.

He loves us as His disciples and as His friends, but Revelation shows us that He loves us more deeply, tenderly, and affectionately than any of that because He loves us as His Bride!

When you know who you are and how much He loves you, it takes you to another level in the way it fuels your desire to stay faithful to Him and to say “No” to sin because you understand those sins are being held out to you by a prostitute who wants you to be unfaithful to your Bridegroom.

John 14:1-3 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.”

We're the Bride and He's the Bridegroom who's preparing a place for us. He's coming back to get us and take us home to be with Him forever!

III. You've Been Bought With A Price

Engagement was far more serious than how we go about it today. It was called betrothal and it could only be dissolved by divorce. If someone was betrothed and their beloved died, they were considered a widow.

The fact that we're betrothed to Jesus is a big deal and He's not going to break it off because He paid a big price to purchase our betrothal.

In that day the groom would finalize arrangements with the bride's father settling on a purchase “price.” At that point the marriage technically went into effect so that they were legally husband and wife even though

they would not live together or be sexually active for some time. The groom would begin to prepare a place for them to live together.

That's what's going on with us! You are legally married or betrothed to Jesus, waiting for the full consummation of intimacy in His presence.

Romans 7:4 "Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, **that you may be married** to another— **to Him** who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰ for God bought you with a high price..."

IV. Your Sin Is Worse Than You Thought

Once you get a hold of the fact that you are married to Christ right now, it changes the nature of how you see your sin because Jesus doesn't just want to be your king or shepherd, He wants to be your husband and your lover.

Our sin doesn't just break His law, it breaks His heart because we're sinning against a perfect, glorious lover.

Revelation 2:2-5 "I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; ³ and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent..."

V. Your Focus Should Be On Him

The pattern of discipleship that you see in the Bible that culminates in the book of Revelation, is to do whatever it takes to stay in love with Jesus and to be intimate with Him.

2 Corinthians 11:2-3 "For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. ³ But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ."

We're guilty of living lives that are so cluttered, busy, and distracted that we need passages like this to bring us back to main thing, which is not a thing, it's a person, Jesus.

Luke 10:38-42 "As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, 'Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' ⁴¹ 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'"

You have a loving, tender, glorious, perfect Bridegroom who can't stop thinking about you as He makes preparations for you and gets ready to celebrate with you the beginning of an eternal, intimate, infinite feast of pleasures in His presence that this prostitute world can't even come close to matching.

But He wants that intimacy to start now. Love Him now. Spend time with Him now. Choose Him now because the time you spend with Him will allow you to see through the prostitute pleasures of this world and avoid life-altering, fatal attractions.