**The Answer Man is Coming**

**How The Story Ends: Heaven Conquers Babylon** - **Part 4**

July 11, 2021

Rev. Dr. Tony Soldano

**Sermon Description**

The answer man is coming but how does the story actually end?

The Book of Revelation states that Babylon will be destroyed in an hour and those that were made rich by her lucrativeness will weep and mourn for her.

Not only will God destroy her but literally she will be made desolate; the once glorious city will lay in ruins because of her filthiness and godlessness.

The antichrist, the false prophet, and all their armies will be captured and thrown alive into the lake of fire to be tormented forever and ever.

Then there will come a voice from Heaven, a loud voice, shouts of, “Hallelujah and salvation and glory and power and honour belonging to the Lord our God for He has been victorious”.

There will be shouts of joy and rejoicing and this will be the commencement of the Marriage of the Lamb, because the bride has made herself ready. What a feast it will be!

Jesus Christ will descend from Heaven on a white horse. He is called Faithful and True, He is righteous, He judges the nations, and He makes war, He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, He will rule the nations with a rod of iron and there will be peace and justice and mercy for 1000 years.

The answer man is coming but he has already been judged!

**Main Passages**

**Zephaniah 1:5-6**

5 For they go up to their roofs and bow down to the sun, moon, and stars. They claim to follow the LORD, but then they worship Molech, too. 6 And I will destroy those who used to worship me but now no longer do. They no longer ask for the Lord’s guidance or seek my blessings.” (NLT)

**1Thessalonians 3:12-13**

12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, 13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. (NKJV)

**Central Truth**

* The answer man is coming but he has already been judged!
* Christ wins
* Heaven conquers Babylon
* Christ above all and over all
* God knows how the story ends, after all He wrote it
* The end is written out already – all things are working according to God’s plan.

**Main Points**

1. **Heaven is Exalted Above Babylon**

**Rejoicing in Heaven**

**Revelation 19:1-5**

1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, **"Alleluia!** Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! 2 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." 3 Again they said, **"Alleluia!** Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! **Alleluia!"** 5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, **both small and great!"**

* Consider the end of Babylon:
  + The great city, the false religious system has been destroyed
    - The harlot is destroyed
    - Her false and seductive ways have been charged and she has been exposed
    - Her nakedness is shown to the entire world, shame is her new clothing
* The people worship God
  + Alleluia and salvation belong to God – praises erupt towards God for His incredible victory over falsehood and evil
  + God has taken His vengeance; He has acted in righteousness.

1. **The Wedding Feast of Christ and The Church**

**The Marriage Supper of the Lamb**

**Revelation 19:6-10**

6 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 Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 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." 8 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. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

* God reigns supreme over all things
  + God is omnipotent; meaning He is all powerful, almighty, all strong, all knowing, all able
* The church is the opposite to the harlot
* The church prepares herself for the groom which is Jesus Christ
  + Like a bride waiting for the great day – the church makes herself ready for the Marriage Feast of the Lamb
  + It is a blessing and a privilege to be invited to the wedding, the guests are happy and rejoice
* Tribulation is over and the feasting has begun.

1. **The Rider on the White Horse**

**Revelation 19:11-21**

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people,* free and slave, both small and great."

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

* Christ has an army – the Host of Heaven
  + He wages war and He judges the nations
  + He rules with the rod of iron
    - God’s enemies and the rebellious shall taste the fierceness of the wrath of God
* Christ is described in incredible detail in His return, this is very different from His first visit to the earth
  + His names identify Him, His purpose, His call, and His assignment
* Deception is revealed and all that operate by it are destroyed including the beast, the false prophet, and the harlot.

1. **All Things Made New**

**The One Thousand Years – The Millennium**

**Revelation 20:1-4**

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

* After the capture and the destruction of the antichrist, Satan will be bound for 1000 years
* The Kingdom of God will be established on the earth and the Lord will rule from Jerusalem
  + Righteousness and justice will rule
  + Corruption will be destroyed, greed and lust will be judged
  + All things will be transparent
  + Politics will cease and truth will come forth
* The city of Jerusalem is the opposite of what Babylon desired to create
* God’s desire for the world and the nations will come to pass
* Those that suffered persecution for righteousness’ sake will rule and reign with Christ, He is their salvation, He is their hope, He is their future.