

# “THE GREAT SUPPER OF GOD”

REVELATION 19:17-21

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## INTRODUCTION

Do you have some troubles in your life and seemingly there is no end in sight?

You need to take a look at the long term perspective; one day, it will be “supper time” for all true believers—we will partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb and feast in His kingdom.

*But, there also is another supper—the “Great Supper of God” for “all the birds of heaven.”*

These birds will feast upon all those who have gathered together against almighty God at the time of the Second Coming of Christ.

- Read Ezek. 39:17-20 [same future event—Gog & Magog is Armageddon]
- Cf. Mt. 24:28: “Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

**Read Psalm 2:1-12.** [Here we see the ultimate fulfillment of the passage.]

### I. THE FEASTING OF THE BIRDS (17-18)

#### A. The Exalted Messenger (17)

1. His stand—“in the sun” [visible to all; glorious, bearer of light]
2. His majestic voice—as a bearer of the divine message

#### B. The Invited “Guests”—“all the birds which fly in midheaven”

#### C. The Divine Host—“The great Supper of God”

#### D. The unusual “menu”

1. Kings
2. Commanders—lit. *chiliarchs*, in charge of 1,000 troops
3. Mighty men—soldiers strong in battle—the infantry
4. Horses and the cavalry
5. All men connected with the invasion on Israel and attack on Christ
  - Status will not be an advantage to anyone—“free and slaves”
  - Power and authority will not save anyone—“small and great”

### II. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENEMIES OF GOD (19-21)

#### A. The Assault (19)

1. ‘The Beast’ and all the other ‘kings of the earth’ with their armies
2. The One who ‘sat upon the horse’ along with ‘His army’—v. 11
3. The battle engaged—“they make war”; **how foolish!**

#### B. The Seizure (20)

1. The Beast—political leader, Antichrist
2. The False Prophet—the religious leader
  - He performed deceitful and false ‘signs’—miracles—in the presence of the Beast to support the agenda of the Beast and promote his authority.
  - He deceived those who had taken ‘the mark of the Beast’ and had worshiped his image.
3. “Thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.”

- They were not first killed.
  - This is the first mention of “the Lake of Fire”—which is the final place of punishment of the wicked who are judged and condemned.
  - Even “hell” is later cast into this place.
  - 14:10 had mentioned the torment “with fire and brimstone” in the presence of both the angels and the Lamb
  - Dan. 7:11 had described the destruction of “the beast” and of his being “given to the burning fire” coming forth from God’s throne of holiness.
- C. The Slaughter of the armies (21)
1. The weapon of slaughter—a **single sword** coming from the mouth of the Rider on the white horse: **THE WORD OF GOD.**
  2. The birds filled with their flesh

## CONCLUSION

The Earth’s troubles come to an end.

The Lord’s enemies are defeated.

So do your troubles come to an end.

You will get to observe this great supper of God, but will not eat of it.

You will feast at His Great Marriage Supper!