This is the seventh in the book of the revelation by Dr. Charles lee Feinberg, dean of Talbot theological seminary in La Mirada, California. Were now in the revelation, the 18th chapter verse 20. And we find here after gods doom on Babylon commercial phases of Babylon. There is rejoicing in heaven. Rejoice over here, her thou heaven and ye holy apostles and prophets. For god hath avenged you on her. That’s a remarkable sentence. Earth may mourn, but heaven rejoices. It just shows how out of tune with heaven earth can be. The saints rejoice all who have suffered at her cruel hand rejoice in god’s judgement. We have the completed judgement in verse 21 - 24. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast it into the sea saying thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down and to be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee. And no craftsman of whatever craft he be shall be found any more in thee. And the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee. And the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee. And the voice of the bridegroom and the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee. For thy merchants were the great men of the earth. For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all that were slain upon the earth. Here Babylon’s ruin is complete. It’s your retrievable. Bloody has been her character all through the years and that’s what we’ve noted here at the very end. Notice the emphasis for every single indication of that which is removed from her we have shall be found no more at all in thee. The spirit of god wants to emphasize with the greatest of stress how this great system is going to be demolished and destroyed. What is there that we can do? You and I,
what is there that we can possibly do about mystery mystical Babylon? Well if we are saved, we must separate ourselves from apostasy of every character wherever we find it in whatever place it crops up. Wherever it shows its miserable ugly head. We are to separate ourselves from all that displeases the lord. All that has nothing to do with him. All that runs counter to his blessed will. If you are unsaved friend, the only answer to your need is Christ or you'll suffer the doom of awful Babylon along with all the unbelieving. Now we come to the 19th chapter of the revelation, we call it the supper of the lamb and the supper of God. Here we have recorded the events toward which all of the book of the revelation has steadily been leaning. Until the usurper on earth the harlot is judged the true bride is not made manifest. The harlot and the bride do not fill the scene on hearth at the same time. In the first five verses we have the rejoicing in heaven. And after these things I heard a great voice of many people in heaven saying hallelujah. Salvation and glory and honor and power unto the lord our god. For true and righteous are his judgements. For he judged the great harlot who did corrupt the earth with her fornication and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said hallelujah and her smoke rose up forever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped god that sat on the throne saying amen hallelujah. And a voice came out of the throne saying praise our god all ye his servants and ye that fear him both small and great. Now what’s meant by after these things I heard in verse 1? You mean it’s after the doom of Babylon mentioned in chapter 17 and 18. After these things he heard a great voice of a great multitude in heaven. Who constitute of that great multitude? All the saints then in heaven. Four times we have hallelujah here. But in no other part of the New Testament. Again this is an incidental sign that we have here the end of the 70th week of Daniel. It is on Israel’s ground. It hallelujah means it praise ye the lord. The meaning of that word is actually 2 words in the Hebrew. Is praise the lord.
As they praise god, they indicate that not unrighteous and untrue are god’s judgements but true and righteous are his judgements. These attributes have been clearly seen in the judgement of the great harlot. There may be some who would come in with some modlen sentimentality that god’s righteousness and gods holiness. Coupled with god’s love must have that rightful sway in the earth. The picture verse 3 is one of the finality and the eternal character of her judgement. But you say do you believe in such a final punishment as eternal? Do you believe in the eternal character of punishment? We certainly believe it because it is in the word of god. Her smoke rose up forever and ever. The character of the judgement is eternal, it’s final. How else are we to understand these clear words? Otherwise language is emptied of meaning. There’s no way to express it. Why is it eternal? Because this wicked system with all of its followers is absolutely unchangeable, incorrigible, not to be changed. Character has a way of becoming congealed and stereotyped. God is the judge of Babylon; Christ is seen to be the judge of the beast and the antichrist. You notice the throne has a voice that comes forth from the throne in verse 5. Well in chapter 16 verse 7 the altar is seen as speaking symbolically. Here’s the throne of god as symbolically speaking. Now we read of the marriage of the lamb in verses 6 through 10. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude unlike the voice of many waters unlike the voice of mighty peels of thunder saying hallelujah. For the lord god omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him, for the marriage of the lamb is come. And his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen. Clean and white. For the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the righteous acts of saints. And he said them to me right blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the lamb. And he said unto me these are the true sayings of god. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me see thou do it not I am thy fellow servant and thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus.
Worship god for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Hast the hour for which the church prays for which all of creation groans not knowing what it wants. The great consummation of all things before Christ can return to earth. Babylon must be judged on earth. The marriage of the lamb must be celebrated in heaven. The first is passed, Babylon has been judged. The second follows here. The marriage of the lamb. Christ reigned by way of anticipation. Chapter 11 verse 15 here it is realized. Its god the father who is praised and the chief joy is that of the lamb in verse 7. Takes place in heaven. No further details are given. The church is the bride of Christ in the New Testament you remember just as you have a figure of Israel the unfaithful wife of the lord in the Old Testament. Now the wife is mentioned. The wife of the lamb. There is no further reference to elders as in verse 4. When the false bride is judged, the true bride comes into view. The fourth woman mentioned in the book of the revelation is the bride of the lamb. The wife of the lamb. In verse 8 there’s a double sense of getting ready what’s done for us in Christ Colossians 1:12 is one aspect. He makes us ready. And then our deeds after they have been reviewed by Christ receive rewards so there is a further aspect another aspect of getting ready of the bride for the marriage. 2 Corinthians the 5th chapter and the 10th verse. Contrast the bride’s attire with the harlots. The harlot’s attire is of many many luxurious things of earth but the bride’s attire is white linen righteousness. The bride’s attire is a matter of grace too, it was given to her. The lord remembers every work of hers. He’s not unmindful of our labor of love. Its fine linen the practical righteousness of the believer has been made manifest and rewarded at the judgement seat of Christ. Believing one. You’ve trusted Christ. Are you doing the things now that are pleasing to Christ in order that you might have that practical righteousness that is rewarded at the judgement seat of Christ? Are you doing the things that will receive the praise of our lord Jesus Christ? We very definitely trust that is so. Now we’ve
concluded the 8th verse the marriage supper of the lamb. We find that the bride is arrayed. Those bidden in verse 9 of the friends of the bridegroom. The bride is the church the friends of the bridegroom are the Old Testament saints. We read of that in John 3:29. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom and those that stand by are the friends of the bridegroom they also rejoice. John 3:29 the true words of god are sure. There certain as from god and we need to have the definite word at this point. Some may be saying it at this time, well it’s too good to be true. God says it is true. In verse 10 were told that the revelation was so marvelous perhaps the appearance of the angel was so remarkable that the apostle John was moved to worship. But men may only receive homage and respect. They may receive our respect but they may not receive worship. The scripture tells us that we should give honor to whom honor is due, tribute to who tribute is due. But no creature may at any time receive worship. Angels are servants, they're servants of god are on the basis of creation. We believers are servants on the basis of redemption. All homage, all worship belong to the lord Jesus Christ as the one to whom all prophesy points. I should like to emphasize the statement that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. What’s the meaning of that? It means the spirit, the motivation, the underlying force in all prophesy. The purpose, the objective, the goal in all prophecy is to testify to the lord Jesus Christ. In other words, the testimony that goes out. The witness that issues to the person and work of the lord Jesus Christ. That witness is the objective, the goal the aim of all prophesy. Now in verse 11 of revelation 19, I saw heaven open and behold a white horse. And he that sat upon them was called faithful and true. And in righteousness he doth judge and make war. We find heaven opened as John had seen it on several occasions before. But never has it been opened on such a sight as this. Here John the apostle is to see the one with dyed garments from bosra of Isaiah’s prophecy, the righteous branch the king of Jeremiah’s prophecy. The returning schicana [sp?]. Glory of Ezekiel’s
prophecy. The stone cut out without hands of Daniels prophecy. The lord coming with his saints of Zachariah’s prophecy. Oh what a scene that johns eye it’s the picture we find in Matthew 24, 29 and 30. The lord comes back in his glory. This same Jesus that went into heaven now is coming back from heaven personally, visibly, gloriously, manifestly. Acts 1:11. The white horse speaks of victory and triumph. He’s faithful and true in his person. And in his every deed he’s the mighty warrior who will thank god right and rectify the ills of the world. He’s the only hope for the words ills. He judges and wars under the same principal namely righteousness. He has eyes which are penetrating in his omniscience. He wears diadems dia d'amato, not crowns like stephanos but diadems. He’s the supreme authority and rightly so. Saints have crowns. The lord Jesus has diadems. The beast had diadems too because he assumed absolute and supreme authority. But this one has tears rows of diadems because they rightly belong to him. There was a name written which is his own essential glory, expressing the fullness of his divine nature. He has a garment sprinkled with blood. Isaiah 63:1 to 4. A sign that the judgement of god will be put forth to the fullest extent. Notice how that reads. His eyes were like a flame of fire, on his head were many crowns and he had a name written that no man knew but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood as in Isaiah 63. And his name is called the word of god and the armies that were in heaven followed him upon white horses clothed in fine linen. White and clean and out of his mouth [inaudible] a sharp sword that with it he shall smite the nations. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron. And he treadeth a wine press of the fierceness and wrath of almighty god. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written king of kings and lord of lords. He is the word of god. What’s meant by calling him the word of god? He is the expression of god. Here’s the word of god coming in judgement and that to fulfill all that god had indicated would come upon the ungodly. We find him followed by the armies of heaven.
First the church then tribulation saints the Old Testament saints. The wonderful prophesy of Jude verses 14 and 15 will be fulfilled here. When the lord comes with all his sayings to judge all the ungodly for all their ungodly words that they have ungodly spoken. And all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly done. He has a sword which is the word of god. He’s going to rule with a rod of iron as we read in psalm 2. Stern and inflexible will that rule be but it will be in absolute conformity with righteousness. Nothing unrighteous about it, nothing arbitrary about it, nothing capricious about it. He has ample power to do it. He will tread out the wine press that’s the figure of the vintage indicated from chapter 63 of Isaiah. Notice that glorious name. irresistible [sp?] name. A name is king of kings and lord of lords. The name in relation to his glorious position relative to the earth. When the lord Jesus Christ came the first time and claimed they couldn’t help but mistake his identity. Think of his being born in a manger. Think of his being born in such loneliness, not having any place to lay his head. Now there be no such excuse concerning his identity comes with glory. He comes with dignity. He comes with righteousness. He comes with power. He comes with manifested excellence. The lamb appears now but he comes as a lion. He comes thank god as king of kings and lord of lords. Now in revelation 19 verses 17 to 21 we have the war of Armageddon. The execution of god’s punishment. I saw an angel standing in the sun and he cried with a loud voice saying to all the saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and enslaved, both small and great And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered
together to make war against him that sat on the throne, on the horse. Here’s one who’s coming to the beast. He’s coming to make war against the one who sits on the horse and against his army. And the beast was taken with him and the false prophet that wrought miracles before him with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire, burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse. Which sword proceeded out of his mouth, and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. Every time a war breaks out friends, in some area of the world’s surface, folk who write editorials begin to talk about the war of the battle of Armageddon? Actually it’s the war of Armageddon because we read in revelation 16, 16th of the revelation verse 14 that there are spirits of demons working signs. Miracle working demons who go forth unto the kings to the whole world to gather them together unto the war not the battle. The war of the great day of god the almighty. Thus it’s rightly called a war because there will be an encounter in [inaudible] in the north. There’s going to be one in the valley of Jehoshaphat around Jerusalem in the south the capital of course. There is going to be the great conflict from which our lord comes from edomen [sp?] south east of Jerusalem. We see therefore a number of battles making up the war of Armageddon. It’s the war of god almighty. Here we have the actual details of that war under the figure of a tremendous supper. We see it in the 19th chapter of the revelation the marriage supper of the lamb. How glorious to be there as the bride or as the friends of the bridegroom. Now we have another supper. It’s a supper of god. It’s the war of Armageddon. They’re coming to make war against him and sat upon the horse and against his army. The beast was taken and with him the false prophet and those who worshipped his image. Those two were cast alive in the lake of fire that burns with brimstone and the rest were killed with the sword and all the bird were filled with their flesh. We have the actual details
of this war then. Under the figure of a supper. Birds that are flying in mid heaven have a great invitation extended to them to gather themselves together and come to the great supper of god. There will be enough carnage for all of them. They’re going to eat the flesh of all kinds of men. Be a vast number will be coming to make war against the one who sits on the white horse who is the word of god. King of kings and lord of lords. No wonder so much of the book of the revelation has to be judgmental in character. Because men will be no more willing, no more ready, no more eager to receive the lord Jesus Christ when he comes a second time then they were when he came the first time. Think of it. These were the beasts of the kings of the earth and their armies are coming to gather themselves together and war against whom? Against the lord Jesus Christ and those who follow him. This beast, the roman beast and the false prophet who’s the antichrist are going to be cast alive into the lake of fire and these others are going to suffer doom. Somebody has well said Armageddon has been a chosen place for encampment in every contest and in every conflict from the days of antiquity to modern times that has taken place on the soil of Palestine. The stone cut out without hands of Daniel 2 will come and crush these powers. The lord will go forth and fight against them as he fought in the day of battle. In Ezekiel 39 we have another phase of the picture where we read of the awful slaughter where it will take literally months to be burying those that are dead. There’s going to be no need for the redeemed to fight. God will see to it that the enemies are brought to naught by the very word. The sword that comes forth out of the mouth of the one who sits upon the white horse. There’s going to be judgement for the ungodly and the redeemed will be following the lord. which is it going to be friend, are you going to come to that marriage supper or are you going to accept the are you going to accept that invitation? It requires a prompt decision. Either you accept that invitation or you’ll be there at the other supper whether you care to be or not? We come now to the 20th
chapter of the book of the revelation. Here we have the millennial reign. The 1000 year reign of Christ and the great white throne judgement. Shall we not just before we enter into this chapter have a little regime of events of the book of revelation up to this point. We’ve had the rapture of the saints. In chapter 4 after the moral history of the church in chapters 2 and 3 and the vision of the exalted risen Christ coming in judgement. Then came the tribulation on earth. Satan has been cast out of heaven. The beast and the antichrist have held sway. God’s witnesses have executed their judgement. There have been the seal judgements. The trumpet judgements, the bold judgements. We’ve had the marriage supper of the lamb after the tremendous vast destruction of the Babylonian system. An ecclesiastical commercial complex united the nations have gathered together for war and then Christ has appeared in his second visible earthly manifest appearing. Then there has been the doom of the leading rebels and their followers. After all those events we see a very interesting very important scene. It’s in the first 3 verses of revelation 20. The binding of Satan. And I saw an angel come down from heaven having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. he laid hold on the dragon that old serpent that ancient serpent who was the devil and Satan and bound him 1000 years and cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and sent a seal upon him that he should deceive the nations no more till the 1000 years should be fulfilled. And after that he must be loosed a little season. Christ lays hold on that dragon, the old serpent the devils say notice how many names are given to him. Then Christ casts him into the abyss. Shuts it, seals it over him. So that he may deceive the nations no more until the 1000 years are finished. After that he must be loosed in the purpose of god. He must be loosed for a little time. Satan has been on earth since chapter 12 verse 9. Unseen by mortal eye as now, but carrying on that [inaudible] cursing work. Now the key is taken. The key of the abyss with a great chain in the hand of the angel. The key is symbolic of his power and authority god has
authority in the last analysis over the key. The key is to lock, the chain is to bind. Satan is called the dragon, a winged serpent because of his cruelty. He’s called the serpent because of his guile. He’s called the devil because he’s the tempter of man. The old devil going back to the picture in the Garden of Eden. He’s the ancient one, the ancient tempter of man. He’s called Satan; he’s an adversary an opposer of Christ and his people. The ceiling is for security, he’s adequately curbed and restrained. What a blessing to the earth. He’s going to deceive the nations no more for a thousand years. Deception characterizes his work from the time he deceived our mother eve until the time he’s cast into the abyss. He has deceived the lost of all past ages. He deceives the lost today. And while he’s bound, the saints enjoy the ministry of Christ on earth for a thousand years. During that time, Christ reigns with his saints. That’s where we get the word millennial meaning 1000 years. Millennium is a thousand year period. It’s found 6 times. Verses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Then Satan must be loosed for a little time. Some folk think that this is the only place, the only passage where we have any reign of Christ mentioned for a thousand years. Well if it were the only passage it is mentioned here 6 times. A manner doesn’t have to be mentioned 6 times but the lord in order for it to be true. And god declares anything by way of affirmation even once. That makes it true. The logical conclusion to that wonderful promise this millennium is. That god began to unfold ever since genesis 3:15 where the serpent is to be bruised by the seed of the woman. Satan’s now bound. And the seed of the woman, the lord Jesus Christ reigns. Thank god. Revelations 20 has a vital real organic connection with genesis 3. After the thousand years we’ve said Satan has to be loose for a little time. In verses 4 to 6 we have the millennial reign of Christ. The thousand year reign of Christ. And I saw thrones and they sat upon them and judgement was given unto them. And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of god. And who had not worshipped the
beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their forehead or in their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of them did no live not again until the 1000 years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath pardon the first resurrection on such the second death hath no power. But they shall be priests of god and of Christ and shall reign with him 1000 years. In verse 4 we have realized finally actualized on earth what was seen in chapter 11 verse 15 by way of anticipation. Those seated are Old Testament saints and New Testament saints. Kingly authority is bestowed upon them. The martyr tribulation saints are going to are going to receive live. They’re going to be raised before the millennium to reign with Christ. He reigns and we reign with him as the bride. There will be other godly ones who will reign in the millennium when Christ takes up his one thousand year reign on earth as the promised ruler on the great Davidic throne. Christ will enter in upon his rightful rule and kingdom. That’s what the earth is waiting for. That’s what the church is waiting for. That’s what the godly have waited for throughout all the centuries. That’s what the book of the revelation has been leading to. Christ in vestature. His inauguration. His ascension to the throne. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the 1000 years should be finished. Some teach a general resurrection there’s no general resurrection. That’s a figment of the imagination. God is not going to judge the righteous along with the ungodly. There’s the first resurrection for the godly. Then there’s the second resurrection which is the resurrection of the ungodly. The reign of Christ comes between these 2 resurrections. Look at Luke 20 verses 34 to 36. That you may be accounted worthy to attain the resurrection of the godly of the righteous. Now if all were going to be in the same one, why any worthiness to come into the resurrection of the righteous. 1 Corinthians 15 tells of the stages of resurrection in Daniel 12:1 to 3. No general resurrection believe it. No general resurrection is taught in the bible. There will be 2
resurrections. The first resurrection is in more than one stage. The first part of that has already gone by. Christ the first fruits. Then there will be the rapture of church saints. Then there will be the resurrection of Old Testament saints and tribulation martyr saints. And then the first resurrection will be complete. Blessed is their condition who are in the first resurrection, and holy is their character. They are preached to reign on the throne just as Christ does. Earth is going to have its glory. Animal creation is going to have its glory as in Isaiah 11. And earthly creation will as indicated in Isaiah 35, the desert shall blossom as the rose. Gentile saved ones shall be in glory as well as the church, the bride will reign with the bridegroom, the lord Jesus Christ. Notice the final doom of Satan in verses 7 to 10. And when the 1000 years are ended Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations which were in the 4 corners of the earth. Gog and Magog. To gather them together to battle the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breath of the earth and compassed the camp of the saints about in the beloved city, and fire came down from god out of heaven and devoured them. He’s loose for a little while, well why? For the last exhibition of his cruel venom and the last test of men. What’s he going to do? He’s going to go out to do what he’s been doing all through the centuries. Deceive the nations. Those that have been born during the time of the millennium will be giving just apparent obedience. Look at psalm 66:3. They have given feigned or pretended obedience to Christ. That is why psalm 2:9 tells us Christ must rule with a rod of iron as long as they give outward obedience only, there’s no judgement brought down upon them. But since their hearts are wicked at the first opportunity at the uprising of Satan after the millennium they follow his wicked devilish ways again. He’s going to be on, it’s going to be on a very very large comprehensive universal scale. Satan is going to find a great number. There will be a burst in the millennium. Physical death will be in the millennium on a restricted scale as we understand it,
but it will be there as well as procreation. Death will be rather exceptional. Is there a bible verse? Isaiah 65:20. Now why are these called Gog and Magog? They’re not the Gog and Magog of the book of Ezekiel. Certainly they’re not the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38 and 39 because those come onto the scene before the millennium. They refer to the northern confederacy in Europe. Here were told that the nations from the length and breadth of the earth. Here friends, it is a reference to all the wicked born during the millennium who come in rebellion against god after the millennium. They were banded together for one purpose. They press onto one goal. What is it? Jerusalem. The last war on earth will be the war of Armageddon, because before god Gog and Magog ever get, before these unsaved ones ever get to their objective, Gog and Magog. Fire comes down out of heaven and consumes them. This judgement from god on them is swift and disastrous. Do you notice what happens to the devil the one who deceives them? The instigator now all is dealt with. He’s now cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. He’s going to be tormented there forever and ever. The instigator is now dealt with for all eternity in unthinkable torment. Eternal in character in the lake of fire. The beast and the false prophet are already there. They’ve been there for 1000 years already. They’re preserved in the judgement. Not annihilated. There is no such doctrine in the bible as annihilation. Mark 9:49 tells us they are preserved there. Where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. The beast and the false prophet I say have been there for 1000 years and they’re still there. That’s an awful sea. I don’t know how anyone can read these words and truly believe them. Then pass by glibly the wonderful opportunity of these days. This is the doom of the devil we’ve seen and of his followers. Of all the ungodly of all these sadly enough. It will be the doom of any of my hearers who are not trusting Christ. Lead of the cross of Christ. Oh how I plead to you, this hour is the hour of grace. Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation. We come to the 11th verse of revelation
20 and 11 through 15 we have the great white throne judgement. We’ve had the binding of Satan. The reign of Christ. The last great rebellion against god. Now verses 11 to 15 we have the white great white throne judgement. The judgement of the wicked dead. and I saw the great white throne and him that sat on it from who’s face the earth and the heaven fled away and it was found no place for them. And I saw the dead small and great stand before god. And the books were open. And another book was open, which was the book of life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and hades delivered up the dead that were in them. And they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.