

Scene Seven: Seven Visions of Victory

Hallelujah!

Praise Jah!

Here is the only place in the Bible we find this word. It means Praise ye the LORD. The Greek compound is based on the Hebrew phrase, *halal Jah*, found in the Psalms.

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!
Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!
Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you stars of light!
Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! For the saints have been vindicated and their evil oppressors are cast down. Praise the LORD! For the Lord God Omnipotent **reigns!** The marriage of the Lamb has come. His wife is His church. Since the beginning - the coming together of a man and his wife has served as a figure of Christ's church.

Ephesians 5:25-27 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

The Rider on the White Horse

Again we see the Christ riding in on a white horse. We've seen him before. It has everything to do with His Gospel, the Message. His very name is the Word, and out of His mouth a sword: **the Sword** - of the Spirit.

The Enemies Fall

The beasts are captured and thrown into the lake of fire – destroyed. They barely had opportunity to gather their full strength – only to be cast down in an instant. These are those that oppose God. The power behind the beasts – the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan are shut up for a time – a thousand years – a full and complete period. Yet they must be released eventually. We'll see why soon enough.

The Key Holder

Luke 10:18-20 - And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

Revelation 1:18 - I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Jesus has already seen this happen. He has acquired the key and gives it to an angel to take care of His business with Satan. These are not the only keys He acquired. And He gave those keys of the kingdom to His disciples (**Matthew 16:19**). They used them first on the day of Pentecost, when Peter and the others preached the Gospel and over three thousand souls were added to the Kingdom. Throughout the book of Acts we see the Kingdom of God opened up not only to those of Judea, but all of Israel and eventually even the Gentiles. Blessed be the keys of God.

The Reign of the Saints

Meanwhile, the saints are freed from bondage on the world, and given thrones with Christ, as He promised. The text says they lived with Christ for a thousand years. Lived here is properly rendered quite plainly *came to life* or restored to life. This speaks of a resurrection to our life abundant – the life only God offers. We have an appearance of life in ‘reality’ - yet God (who is spirit) knows the true life that awaits His faithful people.

There are some who will say and teach that this speaks of a period of time on earth. This is all based on the false doctrine that Christ is not ruling and has yet to establish His Kingdom. It declares the coming of Christ dying for our sins an alteration in God’s ultimate plan. He came to set up His Kingdom, but since the Jews did not receive Him, He changed His mind. This simply isn’t so. Since before the beginning it has been God’s purpose to send His Son as a sacrifice. The Law and the Prophets continually testify of this fact. Christ did set up His Kingdom – and He did it by triumphing over death. He didn’t need the acquisition of the Jews to do so. I’ll say it again, this time-period really speaks not of time at all but a state of affairs – when everything is complete and set in order.

God is in control. Jesus lives & reigns with His saints – this day.

The Rebellion Crushed

Satan was bound so that all could see clearly through his deceit. As soon as he’s released he goes at it again, and pulls together a great army, more numerous than the sand of the sea. They just as soon approached the holy city of God that they were devoured by fire from Heaven. Satan forever takes his rightful place beside the beasts in the lake fire. Who can stand against the power of God? Who can deny His awesome majesty?

The Great White Throne

Everyone is gathered up, everyone who ever walked the earth, to stand before the throne.

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Multiple books are opened. At least two, plus the Book of Life. Those whose names are in this are not judged according to what's written about their deeds, for it has been blotted out. We know of another Book:

John 12:48 - He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

The Word of God is **the** standard. Our standard – for life and godliness. It contains everything we need to live faithfully & righteously before God.

1 John 2:3, 5:2 - Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments... By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

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