

The Lamb and His Bride

Revelation 19:6-8

The Great Announcement

- John hears a great announcement.

Rev 19:6-9

- The Lamb is Jesus the Christ.
 - The Lamb that had been slain. ***Rev 5:4-12***
- The wife of the Lamb.
 - The wife prepared herself, being arrayed in fine linen, *“the righteous acts of the saints.”*

The Great Announcement

- John sees the holy city, the New Jerusalem, prepared as a bride for her husband.

Rev 22:2-3

- The bride of the Lamb appears as the “*New Jerusalem,*” the holy city, the tabernacle of God.

The Great Announcement

- John is shown the Lamb's wife. **Rev 21:9-23**
 - John saw New Jerusalem descending out of heaven in the glory of God. **vs 10**
 - John sees the full culmination of God's plan for the redemption of the faithful. **vs 10-21**
 - The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the city's temple. **vs 22; cf. 21:2-3**
 - The glory of God illuminates the city. The Lamb is its light. **vs 23**

Who is the Bride of the Lamb?

- The bride of the Lamb is the New Jerusalem which descended out of heaven.
 - Paul refers to the Jerusalem that is above.
Gal 4:24-29
 - The book of Hebrews teaches that we have come to “*the heavenly Jerusalem.*”
Heb 12:22-24
 - Jesus said that he who overcomes would have the name of the New Jerusalem.
Rev 3:12

Who is the Bride of the Lamb?

- The bride of the Lamb is the church.
 - “New Jerusalem” is a reference to the church, the body of Christ.
 - The apostle Paul helps us to see that in his letter to the church in Corinth. ***1 Cor 3:16-17***
 - In his letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul speaks “concerning Christ and the church” as a husband who loves His wife. ***Eph 5:22-24, 25-33***

The Invitation

- When we see the Lamb and His bride, we are looking at an image of Jesus and the church.
 - Jesus died upon the cross, paying the price for our redemption.
 - When we become a child of God, God adds us to the body of Christ, to the church, to the bride of Christ.

The Invitation

- John was told to write, “*Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!*” Rev 19:9
 - Will you accept the invitation to the marriage supper?
 - Will you answer the gospel’s call to salvation today?