Revelation Chapter 19:

As the chapter begins, their is record of rejoicing in heaven over God's judgements. The rejoicing is not that someone is suffering, but that God is being glorified for His power and holiness. This rejoicing is joined in by the 24 elders and the four living creatures. All are then told to praise Him.

The wedding of the Lamb is in reference to the uniting of Christ and His Church (Matthew 9:15; John 3:29; II Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:22-33; Revelation 3:20; 19:7-9; 21:2,9; 22:17). The bride (the Church) has made herself ready for the wedding by putting on righteousness, done by holy living. Those who will be present and are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb are Christians and the angels of God.

Jesus is pictured now as a rider on a white horse. He is faithful and true and is just. We see that He goes out to make war against the forces of wickedness and overcomes them completely. Even the 2 beasts are overcome and thrown alive into the lake of burning sulfur.

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Revelation Chapter 20:

As this chapter begins, we see Satan being rendered powerless for a long period of time (1,000 years). There he is prevented from actively deceiving the nations.

Those who have passed from this life and have remained faithful to God, go to be with Christ, and to reign with Him for the remainder of the period of time (I Thessaloninas 4:13-18; I Peter 2:9).

After this period of time is over, Satan will be released and He will deceive the nations and they will strive to destroy God's people. Instead, they will be destroyed and Satan will be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur for ever and ever.

All mankind then appears before God, where there are two books. One is the book of Life and the other recounts all the deeds of each individual. Those who are not found in the book of life are cat into the lake of fire to join the beasts, Satan, death and Hades.

STUDY GUIDE

Revelation Chapter 19:

- 1. What does John hear as the chapter begins?
- 2. Who did God condemn in verse 2, and why?
- 3. In verses 7 and 8; what had come and what was given for her to wear?
- 4. What is the one on the white horse, called?
- 5. According to verse 11, 15 and 16; what will the rider do?
- 6. What is the name on the robe and thigh of the rider?
- 7. Who gathered to fight against the rider and His army?
- 8. What happened to the foes of the rider?

BONUS:

- 1. What do verses 1-8, teach you about praising God?
- 2. Explain who you think the Bride is and who the guests at the wedding are?
- 3. Who do you think the rider is? Explain.
- 4. What do you think the message of this chapter is? How does this help you today?

STUDY GUIDE

Revelation Chapter 20:

- 1. Who is bound with a chain for a period of time?
- 2. Why was Satan locked in the Abyss?
- 3. Who reigned with Christ for a period of time?
- 4. What will those who have part in the first resurrection be and what will they do for a period of time with Christ?
- 5. When Satan is released, what does he do?
- 6. What happens when God's people are surrounded?
- 7. What happens to the divil, beast and flase prophet?
- 8. Who will stand before the throne?
- 9. What are the dead, judged by?
- 10. What will happen if a persons name is not found in the book of life?

BONUS:

- 1. What does the thought of Satan being bound and later released mean to you?
- 2. What do you think it means that Christ will reign for a thousand years, and then His reign will be challenged?
- 3. Do you feel these events; have taken place, are taking place, or will take place in the future? Explain.
- 4. What do verses 11-15 mean to you?
- 5. How does this chater affect your Christian life?