

“The Blood-Soaked Bridegroom”
The Revelation of Jesus Christ—Part 27
Revelation 19

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1) The Disciples fully expected a Blood-Soaked Bridegroom! They literally thought that Jesus would lead them into Jerusalem in power to “restore the Kingdom to Israel!” - Acts 1.

- a. Physical destruction of their enemies (**Rome**)!
- b. Restoration of “true” **Temple** worship (the destruction hadn’t happened yet!) The Lord to rule from Jerusalem and dwell in their midst over a glorious Messianic Age!

2) The Day of The Lord was NOT Allegory to the disciples. Nor should it be for us! Revelation 19:11-21 is an echo of what was already spelled out by many of the prophets.

Zechariah 14 and Joel 3 - these are the prophetic realities that the disciples would have known - and they were widely expected to be **Literal!**

3) The end of Revelation 19 is as far as previous prophecy had seen - though some elements of Revelation 20-22 are present in previous prophecies (God reigning in person, wiping every **Tear** - Isaiah 25: trees of life; Ezekiel 47)

So the addition of what we call the Millennial Reign, The Final War, The Great Judgment, and the New Jerusalem are all “**New**” prophetic realities.

Even so, these new prophetic words line up very clearly with previous prophetic visions. Isaiah especially sees much of the **Millennial** **Reign**.

Current Jewish Thinking about the Coming of Messiah and the Messianic age:

Secular, Reform, and Conservative Judaism - 99% don’t even think about the Messianic Age. If they do think about the “**Afterlife**,” they are hoping to be “good enough” for God to have mercy on them. Reform and Conservative communities might even think of it in terms of “mitzvot” (good deeds)

Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox - The teachings on Messiah - and the coming reign of Messiah are ... **odd**. (The soul of Messiah will be brought from Gan Eden and placed on (in?) a "Tzadik." A tzadik is a righteous man - typically thought to be a very learned Torah scholar. The teachings about resurrection and The Messianic Age are actually fairly similar to Christian teachings (since they are based on the same prophecies) - but obviously the Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox believe that resurrection is for Jews and a "handful of faithful Gentiles who follow the **Noahchide** Laws."

Even these "agreed upon" teachings aren't dwelt on very much by the Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox. The focus is on living out **Torah** obedience (Torah in the Orthodox context means both the God-inspired scriptures and the teachings of the Rabbis.).