

St. Therese Adult Study Series
The Book of Revelation with Father Andrie

Reflection Questions for Chapter 19

For the next session on April 22nd, please read Chapter 19, pages 305-318 in *The Revelation* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "Lord Jesus, who lived and died for us, when Your presence seems far away, may I reach out for Your healing touch, for the comfort of Your embrace. Lord Jesus, who suffered for my sake, in times of burden or despair, may Your example give me new faith and hope in Your eternal care. Lord Jesus, who came to do the Father's will, with pain too much to bear alone, may Your Spirit give me strength within and guide me on the path You have shown. Amen."

<https://www.heartofthenation.org/daily-prayers> Your reflections will be shared **April 22nd** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

In this chapter we see the celebration for the judgment and destruction of Babylon, the victory song, and Jesus returning—King of Kings.

Celebration for the Judgment and Destruction of Babylon (1-5)

1. (1) The phrase, "After this" signals a transition in Revelation. *What transition do you see? Does this transition give you hope?* (See also Romans 8:18)

2. (1-4) "Alleluia!" We have seen the saints praising God throughout Revelation. We need to praise God not only for who He is, but for what He has done. *What is praise? How do you see them praising God? What can we learn from this passage about praising God?* (See also Isaiah 12:4-5)

The Victory Song (5-10)

3. (5-10) We read here the beautiful announcement of the Lamb and His Bride. *How would you describe the frame of mind in this heavenly scene? Why do you think praise is commanded here?* (Ephesians 5:32, Galatians 3:28, John 14:3)

4. (6-8) *Who do you think is speaking in vs. 6-8?*

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5. (p. 309) "Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb." The author describes this as a shift from the "whole Church as the Bride to individual Christians." *How could you use this to invite someone to be part of the "invited guests" and to the wedding feast? Where do we see this in the Mass? Will you look at this part of the Mass differently?*

Jesus Returns—King of Kings (11-21)

6. (11-16) *What are your observations about what John saw? What stood out for you as you read and why?*

7. At His first coming, Jesus said, "I did not come to condemn the world..." (John 12:47) Jesus' second coming He will be on a white horse and in His righteousness he will judge. *How would you respond to someone who asks, "Why does God allow evil?" or "Why doesn't He just stop sin?"*

8. (15) We read that "out of his mouth came a sharp sword." The sword is the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17) *What weapons do you think Jesus will have or is His Word sufficient?*

9. (15) "He himself will tread out the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God..." This is a graphic image of how angry God is with sin. (Isaiah 63:3, Joel 3:3) *How does this remind you to be thankful for the forgiveness we have in Christ?*

What else stood out for you in these chapters?

For your personal prayer:

If you are married, think back to your wedding. If not, think about another event in your life where you spent time picking out just the right thing to wear, or the right place to visit, or to eat. You wanted to present your best to the one you were with. We are to seek to do the same for Jesus our King. Who do you find that you are seeking to please? Read Ephesians 2:10 as you pray about the marriage supper of the Lamb.