

Revelation 19.1-8: the shift from judgment to joy/celebration

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "**HALLELUJAH!** Salvation and glory and power to our God, for his judgments are **true and just**; **he has judged** the **great whore** who **corrupted the earth** with her **fornication**, and **he has avenged on her the blood of his servants**." Once more they said, "**HALLELUJAH!** The **smoke** goes up from her forever and ever."

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. **HALLELUJAH!**" And from the throne came a voice saying, "**Praise our God**, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great." Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "**HALLELUJAH!** For the **Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult** and **give him the glory**, for the **marriage of the Lamb has come**, and his **bride has made herself ready**; to her it has been granted to be **clothed with fine linen, bright and pure**"-- for the **fine linen** is the **righteous deeds of the saints**."