



Today's Message

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Title: *The Hallelujah Chorus!*

Text: Revelation 19:1–5 (ESV)

¹ After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

² for his judgments are true and just;

for he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,

and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

³ Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!”

⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

small and great.”

Introduction: Chapters 17 and 18 describe the final destruction of “Babylon,” a future city that will be the embodiment of all the wicked impulses of humanity. The opening verses of chapter 19 (1-5) record the response of God’s people to His ultimate victory over evil. Heaven resounds with a “roar” of praise (1), a great “Hallelujah Chorus” (2-3). The elders (the church) and the four

living creatures (angelic beings) respond antiphonally, “Amen, Hallelujah!” (4). Then a voice from the throne of God summons all believers on earth to join the chorus (5).

I. Tribulation martyrs shouting; “Hallelujah,” is their song. 1-3

- A. With glorious power he saves his own.
- B. His judgments are always right.
- C. In awful vengeance he claims their cause.
- D. His victory shall stand forever.

II. Angels and the Church Triumphant join the joyous heavenly throng. 4

- A. They fall before the throne in worship. . .
- B. and affirm the martyrs’ song.

III. Then the Lamb calls all his people, “Offer God your endless praise.” 5

- A. He summons all who serve and fear him.
- B. He summons all, both great and small.
- C. He summons all to join the chorus.

Today’s take-home truth: Can we fail to join the chorus? No! We’ll praise him all our days.