

## BOOK OF REVELATION

### Part 27 – The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ - Chapter 19

#### I. INTRODUCTION

**REVIEW:** We just completed the fourth and final parenthetical passage in the book of Revelation. We saw the judgment of God, through the Ten Kingdoms of the Antichrist, carried out upon the Great Whore and her economic division known as Babylon. The Great Whore, an amalgamation of all the religions of the world (even some who are nominally Christian) left behind after the Rapture deceived the whole world, led them to follow the Antichrist, and became very wealthy. The Great Whore came into existence at the beginning of the Tribulation and is destroyed right after the middle of the Tribulation.

#### II. EXEGESIS - The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

##### A. PRAISE TO GOD FOR HIS JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE – VERSES 1-5

*VERSE 1: “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:”*

Now we see the response of the multitude in Heaven to the judgment that God has just brought upon the Great Whore. Who is this multitude: The Old Testament Saint, the Church Age Saints, and the Tribulation Saints. They are doing the only thing that is appropriate: Giving glory to God. The word “Alleluia” is of Hebrew origin and carries the meaning “praise the Lord”. All praise goes to the Godhead and the reason for this praise is stated in the next verse.

*VERSE 2: “For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.”*

God never executes judgment out of malice or evil, but is always for justice and right. His judgment is never on the spur of the moment, but is well planned and thought out. He has judged the Great Whore and there are two reasons for her judgment by God:

- Corruption of the earth's inhabitants with her illicit relationship with the nations.
- Persecution of the Tribulation Saints to the point of killing many of them.

*VERSE 3: “And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.”*

The multitude here in Heaven once again says, “Praise the Lord”. The second sentence here in this verse is referring to the future where the Great Whore is in the Lake of Fire which is forever. This one world religion, specifically those in that system, who never repented and accepted Christ as Saviour, will burn for all eternity without reprieve. How awful to contemplate!!

*VERSE 4: "And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia."*

Now we see the Saints of all the ages joined by the twenty four elders. Remember the twenty four elders were first described in Revelation 4 and are representatives of the saints of the Old and New Testaments. Most likely twelve were of the sons of Jacob and twelve were the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*VERSE 5: "And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great."*

Another voice out of heaven, who is not identified, commands the saints of God no matter if they are small or great. The perspective of the term "small and great" applied to the occupation or status in life of those saints when they were on earth. The saints have all the same status in the Lord Jesus Christ, regardless of our status of our life on earth.

## **B. THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB – VERSES 6 - 10**

### **CONCURRENT EVENT – THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**

Now let us pause at this point and handle in our study another concurrent event: The Judgment Seat of Christ. We have not had a chance in our study to deal with this as we have been dealing with so many other important events in prophecy. Since this chapter deals with events in heaven, we will pause now in our exposition of Revelation and study this very important event.

There are three passages in the New Testament that specifically refer to The Judgment Seat of Christ and two of them by name. Let us read and study briefly these passages:

#### **1. Romans 14:10-12 – Introduction of the Judgment Seat of Christ**

*Romans 14:10-12 "(10) But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. (11) For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. (12) So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."*

This is the first passage in scripture to refer to "The Judgment Seat of Christ". The word "judgment seat" in the original language (bema) is a reference to a seat from where a judge sits and renders judgment. The believer of that time would have perfectly understood what that meant. This is not to be confused with the "Great White Throne of Judgment" in Revelation 20, which we will study in detail when we reach that passage. This judgment is for the believer only and will be a judgment of the "works" done by the believer after his salvation.

How do we know that this "judgment" is for the believer only. (1) Notice to whom the passage is addressed: other believers. The book of Romans was written initially to the believers in Rome. (2) Verse number 10 tells us that this judgment is talking about fellow believers and therefore it is obvious the judgment is for believers. (3) There is no mention of hell for the recipients of this judgment.

In Verse 11, the apostle Paul is referring to Isaiah 45:23. The context of this passage makes it clear that this passage is referring to the Jew of the Old Testament who has not bowed down and worshipped idols.

***Isaiah 45:23 "I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."***

The original language in Verse 11 of the word "confessing" carries the meaning of "acknowledging or agreeing fully" referring to the bowing and confessing of the believer as willing and glad. This is in contrast to Phillipians 2:9-10 that makes the statement concerning the world as a whole that they "should bow" in gratitude because of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross.

Because the believer will bow the knee and confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is Lord gladly and willingly, we know that this judgment is only for the believer. Verse 12 clearly states that all believers, since that is the context of verse being phrased in the word "us", will go to this judgment.

## **2. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 – Details of the Judgment Seat of Christ**

***2. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 "(11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (12) Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; (13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. (14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. (15) If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."***

In this passage in 1 Corinthinans 3, we see the details of how this judgment will work. First of all, notice that the founding work upon which we build our lives is the Lord Jesus Christ and none other. The Lord Jesus Christ told the disciples that He was the foundation of the New Testament Church and no other:

***Matthew 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."***

We can build upon that foundation with two types of building materials. We see the consequences of building with each types of material:

<b>Non Flammable:</b>	<b>Flammable:</b>
<b>Gold, Silver, Precious Stones</b>	<b>Wood, Hay, Stubble</b>
<b>Will endure the judgment: What is done for Christ</b>	<b>Will burn up in the judgment: What is not done for Christ</b>

The works done for the Lord Jesus Christ are long lasting and we will receive reward for them. The works not done for the Lord Jesus Christ only last for a short time and will be burned up in this fire. We do not know what kind of fire it will be or anything about its true nature. We just know that this fire will consume those things not done in service to the Lord Jesus Christ but those things which are done for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ will remain.

Those things that remain will be that for which the believer will receive reward. There are five rewards mentioned in the scripture for the believer. The rewards are as follows:

Name of Crown	Type of Award	Reference
<b>Incorruptible Crown</b>	<b>Victor in the Christian life</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 9:25-27</b>
<b>Crown of Rejoicing</b>	<b>Soul Winners Crown</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 2:19-20</b>
<b>Crown of Righteousness</b>	<b>Those who love his appearing</b>	<b>2 Timothy 4:8</b>
<b>Crown of Glory</b>	<b>Pastor's Crown</b>	<b>1 Peter 5:2-4</b>
<b>Crown of Life</b>	<b>Martyr's Crown</b>	<b>Revelation 2:10</b>

a. **Incorruptible Crown** - This crown is for the Christian who is victorious in his Christian life:

***1 Corinthians 9:25 "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.***

b. **Crown of Rejoicing** - This is the crown for those who win souls. The Apostle Paul had led these believers to the Lord and mentioned that he would receive this crown for it:

***1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 "(19) For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? (20) For ye are our glory and joy.***

c. **Crown of Righteousness** – This crown is for the believer who look forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

***2 Timothy 4:8 "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.***

d. Crown of Glory – This crown is for the Pastor of the local church who does well in his work as the Pastor.

***1 Peter 5:2-4 “(2)Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; (3) Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. (4) And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.***

e. Crown of Life – This crown is for the believer who is persecuted or martyred for his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Revelation 2:10 "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.:***

However for the believer that loses all of his earthly works in that fire will not lose his salvation. Verse 15 makes this point abundantly clear. He will still be saved and secure in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross but will not have any rewards. This thought is very sad and very scary for that believer to not give back anything to give back to the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. 2 Corinthians 5:10 – Summary of the Judgment Seat of Christ

***2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”***

This verse in 2 Corinthians is a reminder to the believers in Corinth, whom the epistle of 1 Corinthians is written to as well and is follow up, of the passage in 1 Corinthians 3. In this verse the Apostle Paul clarifies what the meaning of what is gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay and stubble mean. The good things we have done are the gold, silver, and precious stones mentioned in 1 Corinthians 3 and the bad things we have done is the wood, hay, and stubble mentioned. This is speculation on my part but there may be things that we have done that are not bad but are in the necessary good category. You may not suffer loss but you will not necessarily receive reward for them either and they will burn up as well.

**END OF CONCURRENT EVENT STUDY**

*VERSE 6: "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude,  
and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying,  
Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."*

The phrase at the end of the verse, "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." is one of the key phrases used in "The Hallelujah Chours" in George Frederick Handel's "Messiah", a wonderful masterpiece filled throughout with scripture quotations from the Old and New Testament.

*VERSE 7: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him:  
for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."*

Following the Judgment Seat of Christ, we now see the next event in Heaven. The lamb, none other than the Lord Jesus Christ is getting married. The engagement, which has been over the decades, centuries, and even millenia preceding the rapture and even the tribulation until this point, is over and the wedding is about to commence. Can you hear the wedding bealls so to speak? All of heaven is rejoicing and is very happy on this occasion.

*VERSE 8: "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen,  
clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."*

The wife of the Lamb is none other than the saints of all the ages. Being arrayed in fine linen, which is described here as "pure and white" is very important. It means that the Lamb's wife, the Saints of all the ages, is pure in the sight of God. Even in weddings today when a young lady gets married for the first time, she is wearing a white gown, not any other color. The white gown is representative of her purity and cleanliness and she is stating that is ready for committment to her soon to be husband. So therefore it is appropriate that the saints will be clothed in clean and white linen. Through the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christy on the cross our sins have been washed away and we are "pure and clean" once again "as if we have never sinned.

*VERSE 9: "And he saith unto me, Write,  
Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.  
And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."*

Once again the Apostle John is commanded to continue to write what he is seeing. Is it possible that when he is commanded to write that he is so overwhelmed that he simply forgets to write down what he is seeing and is getting a reminder?

Who is called unto the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? All the saints of all the ages are called. They are the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle John is told "These are the true sayings of God." It is the greatest of blessings to be part of the Bride of Christ. All the saints of God have been called to this supper.

*VERSE 10: "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

We see that the one who the Apostle John was probably the angel who showed him the mystery of the Great Whore and what she represented. Notice the angel is very careful to tell John not to worship him but worship God, the only one who deserves the worship of mankind. Notice the angel explains why. Angels, even though they are very powerful and immortal, are our fellowservants. In that respect the saints of all the ages and the angels are the same.

To give testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ is for the saint the spirit of prophecy. It is being compared as an equivalent to the work of the Old Testament prophet. What a high calling to the work of the saints being equivalent to the work of a prophet.

### **C. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN – VERSES 11- 16**

*VERSE 11: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."*

The scene changes once again. The view of the Apostle John now appears to change from being in heaven to now being on the earth once again. We see a rider on a white horse. The white horse has been known throughout human history to often carry a ruling conqueror or hero. What an appropriate way to introduce the soon to be ruler of the world, than riding in on a white horse. Notice His name. He is called "Faithful and True". This is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ returning to the earth to bring final justice. The names "Faithful" and "True" are such appropriate

Chronologically, we have arrived at the end of the Tribulation. This day is a major day in the study of the scripture. This day is the day that the Tribulation Saint has been waiting for and new would come. This day will bring to an end the rule of the Satan animated Antichrist, his False Prophet, and of his kingdom.

There are many portions of scripture that refer to this special day and it is one of the "Day of the Lord" referred to throughout scripture. Here are some of the many references in scripture that refer to this "Day of the Lord"

*VERSE 12: "His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself."*

The description "His eyes were as a flame of fire" confirms that this the Lord Jesus Christ as it matches the description that the Apostle John gave us in Revelation 1 when the Lord Jesus was first unveiled:

*Revelation 1:14 "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;"*

Now we see an addition that was not mentioned in Revelation We see numerous crowns upon His head. Perhaps these crowns are the crowns that the saints received for reward of their good works that they gave back to the Lord Jesus at the Judgment Seat of Christ. The scripture does not tell us for sure. Also the "name written that no name knew but he himself" could be possibly explained in the next verse or it could be another name that will remain unknown. Again the scripture does not tell us for sure.

*VERSE 13: "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:  
and his name is called The Word of God."*

A vesture is another name for a garment or clothing. The context of the verse also clarifies the meaning of this word as well. Notice the clothing or garment is "dipped in blood". This blood most likely signifies the blood sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary for our sins. This is probable being even His glorified body still carried the wounds in His hands and feet and the wound in His side and that His glorified body will have no blood in it. His vesture being "dipped in blood" is another reminder to the believer of His great sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, that the saints of all the ages have freely accepted. Sadly, His vesture is also a reminder to those who have reject His great offer of salvation, of their impeding judgment and subsequent eternity in the lake of fire. By this point in time, everyone has chosen sides: either to serve God or Satan.

*VERSE 14: "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses,  
clothed in fine linen, white and clean."*

The "armies" here are the saints of all the ages that have just been "wed" to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the wife of the Lord Jesus Christ and have just participated in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, in the preceding verses.

The saints coming with the Lord Jesus Christ is also prophesied in several other verses in scripture:

*Colossians 3:4 "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."*

*2 Thessalonians 1:10 "When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."*

*Jude 14 "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,"*

Notice the description of the saints, the wife of the Lamb, given here. They are clothed in fine linen. It is white and clean. In other words it is without spot or imperfection. This is the Lamb and his wife on their way to their 1000 year honeymoon.

*VERSE 15: "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword,  
that with it he should smite the nations:  
and he shall rule them with a rod of iron:  
and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Notice that the only weapon the Lord Jesus Christ is carrying is the sharp sword out of His mouth. We see here the same description of the sword that proceedeth out of His mouth in the unveiling of Christ to the Apostle John in Revelation 1:

*Revelation 1:16 "And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."*

The sword here is a reference to the word's that He speaks. Remember the Lord Jesus Christ, being He was the agent of creation, spoke the world into existence.

*Colossians 1:16-17 "(16) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (17) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

By the word of the Lord Jesus Christ was the world created and is sustained. Therefore if He created and sustains the world, He certainly has the power in His spoken word to destroy the wicked who have rejected Him and served the Satan animated Antichrist. The actions of the Lord Jesus Christ was prophesied in Isaiah 11:4

*Isaiah 11:4 "But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked."*

The expression "rule with a rod of iron" is a reference to a rule that is very strong and cannot be broken.

*Psalm 2:9 "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.:*

*Revelation 2:27 "And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father."*

*Revelation 12:5 "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

We now see the fulfillment of the passage given in Revelation 14:19-20. That passage gave us a preview of this event that will take place in the next few verses. The Lord Jesus Christ is the one pictured here in Revelation 14 and is the one here who fulfills that passage

*Revelation 14:19-20 "(19) And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. (20) And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

**Isaiah 63:2-6** “(2) Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? (3) I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. (4) For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. (5) And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. (6) And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

**VERSE 16:** “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written,  
**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”**

The words, "KINGS OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" are also in Handel's "Messiah" specifically at the end in "The Hallelujah Chorus". These words are a title. Unlike the tile he was given on the cross of Calvary, “The King of the Jews”, during His second coming he will bear this title. He will be King over all the earth.

There is one other place in scripture where His title is shown.

**1Timothy 6:15** “Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;”

The word "Potentate" is a reference to a ruler with great authority. The title Potentate is an appropriate description of the Lord Jesus Christ. The passage here in 1 Timothy 6 gives justification as to why the Lord Jesus Christ is the "Potentate". He is the Potentate, because He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

## **D. INVITATION TO THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD – VERSES 17 - 18**

**VERSE 17:** “ And I saw an angel standing in the sun;  
and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven,  
Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;”

Now the scene changes once again. This time the Apostle John sees an angel standing in sun giving an invitation to all the birds that fly in the atmosphere. The word "heaven" here is a reference to the first heaven, the atmosphere surrounding the earth. The word "fowl" is a reference to all kinds of birds. Only certain kinds of birds are carnivorous in nature while other birds are herbivorous. Only a few birds are scavengers, like the vulture. Some birds only eat certain kinds of meat. The Creator of the birds will put this special instinct into the birds at this point in time, which is at the end of the Tribulation, to come to this special feast. This special instinct will be announced by an angel in plain sight.

*VERSE 18: “ That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains,  
and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses,  
and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men,  
both free and bond, both small and great.”*

The angel, made possible by special power that God has given him, possibly changes the appetite of all the birds where they will be carnivorous and scavenging in nature. Or it is possible that starvation will be so rampant by the end of the Tribulation that even the animals in creation could possibly eat things they would normally would not eat. Notice who is on the menu of the Supper of the Great God: men of all vocations and status in life. The dead bodies of men and horses without distinction to class or vocation in life.

## **E. DESTRUCTION OF THE ANTICHRIST AND FALSE PROPHET, AND THEIR ARMIES – VERSES 19-21**

*VERSE 19: “ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth,  
and their armies, gathered together to make war  
against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.”*

This battle will take place in the Valley of Megiddo approximately 80 miles north of Jerusalem. The Antichrist and his army are so supremely confident

*VERSE 20: “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet  
that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had  
received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.  
These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”*

The Lord Jesus Christ pursues good military tactics. The first thing He does is destroys the command of this army. The body of the Satan animated Antichrist is cast into the Lake of Fire skipping Hell. Then the False Prophet is also cast into the Lake of Fire. Remember this man has deceived millions by leading the world in worship of Antichrist and leading them to receive the Mark of the Beast, which condemned.

*VERSE 21: “And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse,  
which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”*

Now the Lord Jesus Christ finishes off the rest of the army of the Antichrist. The Lord Jesus Christ destroys the army of the Antichrist with the words that He speaks. He does not need any weapons of mass destruction. His words is the sword that comes out of His mouth. Then the Supper of the Great God now commences. Once the army of the Antichrist is slain by the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, the birds comes and eat the flesh and bodies of this fallen army. It sounds gruesome but it is justice from the hand of God. All of these had rejected God's great gift of salvation and had even had a part in the kingdom of the Antichrist. Many, if not all of them, had no doubt even helped in the persecution or killing of the Tribulation saint. So now God is executing judgment and justice upon them.

### **III. APPLICATIONS**

- **Those who are not born again will be deceived by the Antichrist and the One World Religion in the Tribulation.**
- **However this religion will look good and even seem good to a large number of people and will have considerable wealth and power.**
- **Many false religions even today look good, seem good, and are wealthy and powerful but they are deceivers leading the lost into an eternity in hell.**
- **God will use the ten kingdoms, although they think it is their idea, to bring His will and execute His righteous judgment.**
- **God can use the wicked and even government to bring about His will even though they reject him.**