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### DAY 69: THE FEAST OF GOD

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, 'Come, gather together for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.'

19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army." (Revelation 19:17-19)

#### I. THE TWO FEASTS OF GOD

- A. A call goes out to birds of the air to come and feast on mighty men, kings and their followers
  - 1. The Beast, the kings of the Earth, and all their armies (v. 18-19)
- B. In the end, the marriage is consummated with Israel AND with "all peoples" (Isaiah 25) at the Marriage Supper (Revelation 19:7-9)
- C. The Feast described in Revelation 19:17-19 is a different feast
- D. Everyone is invited: come to the feast and enjoy, or become the feast
  - 1. These are not the only options (Zechariah 14)
  - 2. However, that is the contrast intended to be portrayed
- E. Two Feasts
  - 1. The "Reward Feast" for those who have died to themselves
  - 2. The "Judgement Feast" those who have rejected the leadership of Christ
- F. When God returns, He will reward, save, and deliver the righteous and He will also come with vengeance and punishment for the wicked

### **II. FOUNDATIONAL TEXTS**

- A. The foundation for the concept that God will come back, shining like the sun, to save His people and to slay the wicked comes from the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 33)
- B. First appearance of this twofold theme (v. 26-27)
  - 1. No one else can declare that their God will come on the clouds!
  - 2. The Lord Himself will drive out the enemy
- C. The Messiah as the "Snake Crusher" comes from Genesis 3:15
  - 1. "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you." (Romans 16:20)
  - 2. Jesus will crush His enemies, we will partner with Him
- D. These two themes are repeated throughout the Old Testament



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- E. We see these themes repeated, summarized, in the New Testament (Matthew 16:27)
- F. The Battle of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38-39, Ezekiel 39:17-22)

### **III. REVELATION 19 & EZEKIEL 39**

- A. Ezekiel describes the coming of the Lamb to Israel (Ezekiel 38-39)
- B. Revelation reveals that that the Lamb is Jesus (Revelation 19)
- C. Revelation also reveals that Gog is the Beast (Revelation 19)
  - 1. An evil end-times dictator who is eventually destroyed
- D. The entire Bible is moving towards this final clash between Jesus, the Messiah, and The Beast, Gog
  - 1. The battle of two seed-lines
- E. The first reference to Gog is found in the Prophecy of Balaam (Numbers 24:6-7)
  - 1. Agag is Gog (comes down to translation)
- F. Gog comes from the general area of Turkey (Ezekiel 38-39)

