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The Great Supper Of

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God

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The Great Supper of God.

• Revelation 19:17: I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, ¹⁸to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." (Revelation 19:17-18).

The picture here is of multitudes of wounded and dead soldiers falling on the field of battle, and hungry birds of prey gathering to feed on the flesh of their unburied bodies, which is a very apt description to depict the utter distain God has toward those who the birds are feeding off, and a very fitting description to depict their final overthrow.

In the book of Ezekiel, we read:

• As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GoD: Speak to the birds of every sort and to all beasts of the field, 'Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood. ¹⁸You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth—of rams, of lambs, and of he-goats, of bulls, all of them fat beasts of Bashan. ¹⁹And you shall eat fat till you are filled, and drink blood till you are drunk, at the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you. ²⁰And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all kinds of warriors,' declares the Lord GoD. (Ezekiel 39:17-20).

As Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him (Matt. 24:1-4) and asked, "What will be the sign of his coming and of the close of the age." After giving them various answers, he said:

- False christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. (Matthew 24:24-28)
- Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:30-31)

The banquet or supper here is in contrast with the marriage supper of the Lamb spoken of in the following verse:

• The angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." (Rev. 19:9).

And in contrast to the great supper banquet Jesus spoke of in the following parable:

• A man once gave a great banquet (great supper in KJV) and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet (great supper in KJV) he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰And another said, 'I have married a wife, and

therefore I cannot come.' ²¹So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²²And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet (great supper in KJV)." (Luke 14:16-24).

The statement, "birds of prey devour the flesh of the corpse," symbolise the following two things:

- 1. Literal corpses being eaten on the battlefield.
- 2. The pride, strength and power of the antichristian world and its ungodly systems of global government, finance, commerce, and trade, all being brought to utter ruin.

As Asaph in his song wrote:

• The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep; all the men of war were unable to use their hands. ⁶At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned. ⁷But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? ⁸From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, ⁹when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. *Selah* (Psalm 76:5-9).

From heavens view all flesh is seen as grass, and all mankind's self-righteousness and pride as a flower that fades, withers, and dies, while the word of God stands for ever. The sharp two-edged sword is not a sword of steel, but of God's word going throughout every nation of the world saving sinners, but the time will come in the latter days when the same sword (i.e., word of God) that saves will become a destroying sword that smites down and slays its enemies.

The enemies of God's word embrace:

- All antichristian world-powers.
- All who array themselves in hostility against the true King, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- All who practice unrighteousness, deception, and falsehood.

This vision presents a figurative depiction of the anti-Christian world powers utter defeat.

PARALLEL BIBLE VERSES OF THE GREAT SUPPER

American Standard Version.

 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come and be gathered together unto the great supper of God.

Douay-Rheims Bible.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the
birds that did fly through the midst of heaven: Come, gather yourselves together to the
great supper of God.

Darby Bible Translation.

 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, Come, gather yourselves to the great supper of God.

English Revised Version.

• And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come and be gathered together unto the great supper of God.

Webster's Bible Translation.

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 assemble yourselves to the supper of the
great God.

Weymouth New Testament.

• And I saw a single angel standing in the full light of the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds that flew across the sky, "Come and be present at God's great supper.

World English Bible.

I saw an angel standing in the sun. He cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that
fly in the sky, "Come! Be gathered together to the great supper of God.

Young's Literal Translation.

And I saw one messenger standing in the sun, and he cried, a great voice, saying to all the
birds that are flying in mid-heaven, 'Come and be gathered together to the supper of the
great God.

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