REVELATION 19

THE OVERTHROW OF SATAN'S EMPIRE

19:1. [And] after these things.—After the saints are glorified and present ecclesiastical systems are destroyed.

I heard AS IT WERE a great voice of much people.—The

Great Company.—Rev. 7:10.

in heaven.—The only heavenly-minded ones remaining on earth.

Saying, Alleluia; Salvation.—Deliverance from the Papacy

and other sects has come at last.

[And glory, and honor,] and power [unto the Lord] OF our God.—It has been accomplished not by human power, but by the Wisdom and Power of God.—Rev. 7:12.

19:2. For true and righteous are Thy Judgments.—"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."—1 John 1:5; Rev. 15:3; 16:7.

For He hath judged the great whore.—Has executed the

judgments long foretold.

Which did corrupt the earth with her fornication,-Her

illicit union with worldly governments.

And hath avenged the blood of [His] HER servants at her hand.—The millions who have perished in the Great War have been the servants of Babylon. The direct cause of their slaughter is the doctrine of the Divine right of the clergy. These have maintained the kings of Europe on their thrones, falsely telling them they are ruling as part of Christ's Kingdom. This position has led to the death of all these millions, and their blood will be required at Babylon's hand.

19:3. And again they said, Alleluia.—The more they

think it over, the happier they will become.

And her smoke.—The evidences of her destruction; the remembrance.—Isa, 34:10; Rev. 14:11; 18:9, 18.

Rose up for ever and ever.—Will be recorded in secular history, even as it is recorded in "the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."—1 Pet. 1:23.

19:4. And the [four and] twenty FOUR elders.—The

prophecies.—Rev. 4:4, 10.

And the four beasts.—Infinite Power, Justice, Wisdom and Love.—Rev. 4:7.

Fell down and worshipped God that sat on the Throne, saying Amen; Aileluia.—The God, the mighty One, here referred to is the Lord Jesus.-Rev. 5:8.

19:5. And [a voice] VOICES.—The Little Flock, beyond the veil.

Came out of the Throne.-They will be in the Throne at that time.—Rev. 3:21.

Saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants .-- Of the

Great Company class.—Rev. 7:15; Psa. 134:1-3.
[And] ye that fear Him, [both] small and great.—Your deliverance was wholly due to the Lord. We did what we could to help you, but it was as nothing. To the Lord belongs all the glory for your deliverance and ours.-Rev. 11:18.

19:6. And I heard as It were the voice of a great multitude.—"In the Age to come, when God shall 'pour out His Spirit upon all flesh,' as during the present Age He pours it upon His 'servants and handmaids,' then indeed all will understand and appreciate the promises now being grasped by the 'little flock'; and they will rejoice in the obedience and exaltation of the Church, saying, 'Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to God, for the Marriage of the Lamb is come, and His Wife hath made herself ready. They will rejoice in the glorification of the Church, through which blessings will then be flowing to them; and while they will realize that the 'exceeding great and precious promises' inherited by the Anointed (Head and Body) are not for them, but have been fulfilled upon us. they will be blessed by the lesson illustrated in the Church; and while they run for the blessings then held out to them, they will profit by the example of the Church and glorify God on her behalf. But this knowledge will not bring covetousness; for under the new order of things their calling to perfect human nature will fully satisfy them, and will seem more desirable to them than a change of nature."-A86.

And as the voice of many waters,—All mankind,—Rev. 17:15.

And as the voice of mighty thunderings.—An overwhelming and complete reaction in favor of the Truth. The "seven thunders" will then be thundering as never before. -Rev. 10:4; 8:5.

Saying, Alleluia: for [the Lord] God OUR LORD THE Omnipotent reigneth.—"Shows Himself to be king by subduing His enemies." (Cook.) Thoroughly convinced of the greatness of the Lord's power, as all men will be by the end of the Time of Trouble, they will be glad to entrust all their interests to His care.