

# Revelation 19:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The symbolism must be interpreted within its first-century context while recognizing timeless spiritual realities. The imagery would resonate powerfully with persecuted believers facing Roman imperial cult worship, providing hope that despite present suffering, Christ reigns sovereign and will consummate His kingdom. The apocalyptic genre uses symbolic numbers (seven, twelve, 144,000), colors, beasts, and cosmic imagery to convey theological truth rather than photographic descriptions.

Christologically, Revelation consistently exalts Jesus as the victorious Lamb, the faithful witness, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Every vision ultimately points to Christ's supremacy, His finished redemptive work, and His certain return to judge the living and dead and establish the new creation.

## Historical Context

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John received this revelation circa AD 95 during Domitian's persecution, exiled on Patmos for his testimony. The seven churches of Asia Minor faced increasing pressure to participate in emperor worship and pagan religious practices. Refusal meant economic hardship, social ostracism, and potential martyrdom. Understanding this context illuminates Revelation's encouragement to faithful endurance.

The apocalyptic genre was familiar to first-century Jewish and Christian readers. Rather than newspaper-style predictions, apocalyptic literature uses symbolic imagery to reveal spiritual realities behind earthly events, encourage the faithful, warn the unfaithful, and assert God's ultimate sovereignty over history. Parallels with Daniel, Ezekiel, and intertestamental apocalyptic writings would help original readers decode the symbols.

Rome's imperial cult demanded worship of Caesar as divine, placing Christians in impossible situations—compromise their faith or face persecution. Revelation identifies Rome as "Babylon" and assures believers that despite appearances, the Lamb conquered through His death and resurrection, and all earthly kingdoms will submit to His reign.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does Revelation 19:10 reveal God's character, particularly His sovereignty, holiness, and justice?

2. What specific encouragement or warning does this verse offer for maintaining faithful Christian witness amid cultural pressure?
3. How does this passage point to Christ's victory and the hope of new creation, and how should that shape your present priorities?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἔπεσον ἐμπροσθεν τῶν ποδῶν αὐτῷ προσκύνησον

And I fell at G3588 feet him to worship

αὐτῷ καὶ λέγει μοι Ὁρα μή σύνδουλός σου  
him And he said unto me See thou do it not fellowservant of thy

εἰμι καὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν σου τῶν ἔχόντων τὴν μαρτυρία  
I am And G3588 brethren of thy G3588 that have G3588 the testimony

τοῦ Ἰησοῦ τῷ θεῷ προσκύνησον ἡ γὰρ μαρτυρία τοῦ  
of Jesus G3588 God to worship G3588 for the testimony G3588

Ἰησοῦ ἔστιν τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς προφητείας  
of Jesus is G3588 the spirit G3588 of prophecy

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 5:39** (Witness): Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

**Revelation 4:10** (Worship): The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**Hebrews 1:14** (Spirit): Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

**Revelation 12:11** (Witness): And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

**Revelation 12:17** (Witness): And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

**Hebrews 12:25** (Parallel theme): See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

**1 John 5:10** (Witness): He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

**Exodus 34:14** (Worship): For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

**Matthew 4:10** (Worship): Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

**Revelation 14:7** (Worship): Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.