

Morning Sermon 3/13/2022

“Christ’s Glorious Conquest!” Revelation 19:11-21

*In the first sermon I preached on this Book of Revelation, I mentioned the meaning of the phrase, **The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which opens the Book.** In short, 1. a revealing of Jesus Christ, His Person; and 2. A revealing of things which must shortly take place...*

1. A detailed description of Christ, as Conqueror, as King –

1. Heaven opened, a picture of spiritual realities –

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened... Revelation 19:11 A

2. A white horse –

and behold, a white horse. Revelation 19:11 B

A. A war animal, a weapon.

B. A moving weapon, a vehicle, probably not a literal horse, but a picture of a spiritual reality, Jesus Christ is very able to wage war against His enemies ...

C. White – symbolic of purity, truth

3. Names of Christ – “Faithful” and “True” –

And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True... Revelation 19:11 C, see also Revelation 3:14

4. Actions of Christ –

and in righteousness He judges and makes war. Revelation 19:11 D

Note, what Christ does “judges and makes war” is the inevitable and expected, consistent consequence of Who He Is - Faithful and True!

5. Perfect perception and judgment – ¹²His eyes were like a flame of fire... Revelation 19:12 A

6. A head full of and overflowing crowns – and on His head were many crowns. Revelation 19:12 B

A. He once wore the crown sin deserved –

²⁹ When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. Matthew 27:29–31 (NKJV)

B. Yet, in Heaven He is honored, crowned, and recognized rightly - many crowns / "πολλά," διαδήματα see also Revelation 4:10-11

C. Many crowns also mean He rules “everywhere” – Jesus is King of North Port, FL

The “many diadems” on his head communicate his absolute authority. There is no dominion, no region, no locality over which he does not reign. He is Lord of all, and he wears the crown of every place. J. M. Hamilton

7. A name nobody, but He Himself knows –

He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. Revelation 19:12 C

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, Philippians 2:9 (NKJV)

8. *A robe dipped in blood* – ¹³ **He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood... Revelation 19:13 A**

A. *His own blood shed for His people* –

⁵ **and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, Revelation 1:5 (NKJV)**

B. *The blood of those He judges and condemns* –

63 Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— “I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”

² **Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³ “I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. ⁴ For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come. Isaiah 63:1–4 (NKJV)**

This fits with what we read in context -

... He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. Revelation 19:15 (NKJV)

9. *His Name is the Word of God* –

... and His name is called The Word of God. Revelation 19:13 B

A. *John called Jesus, the Word, in His Gospel* –

• *This was / is a reference to Christ's Deity, He is God -*

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 (NKJV)

• *Yet, it is also a reference to His humanity, He became a Man, He was made “flesh” –*

¹⁴ **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NKJV)**

B. *As the Word made flesh Jesus is God's ultimate COMUNICATION to human beings -*

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. Hebrews 1:1–4 (NKJV)

10. *From His mouth goes a sharp sword -*

¹⁵ **Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations... Revelation 19:15 A**

A. *In this passage the words strike the nations tell us this sword is an instrument of judgment ...*

B. *Yet, other passages also indicate God's Word, the Sword from Christ's mouth (His Words) are also an instrument of grace –*

¹² **For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

¹³ **And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12–13 (NKJV)**

C. *God's Word is an instrument of grace when its cutting makes us feel pain for and repent of our sins –*

³⁶ **“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:36–39 (NKJV)**

D. *Yet, here in this passage it seems the time for grace and repentance have passed –*

11. *Christ rules with a rod of iron – And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron... Revelation 19:15 B*

This is not only an expression of power, and painful power being brought against the rebellious, but also a connecting word to David's Prophecy in Psalm 2 – specifically :9 yet there the word is "break" ...

¹ Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ³ "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." ⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. ⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶ "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." ⁷ "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹ **You shall break them with a rod of iron;** You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" ¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. Psalm 2:1–12 (NKJV)

12. *What is not completely communicated with "rule" in verse :15 B, is definitely MADE CLEAR in the last portion of this verse –*

He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. Revelation 19:15 C

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on. Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on." Julia Ward Howe

13. *His Name (or one of His Names) communicates His great and complete Sovereign Power -*

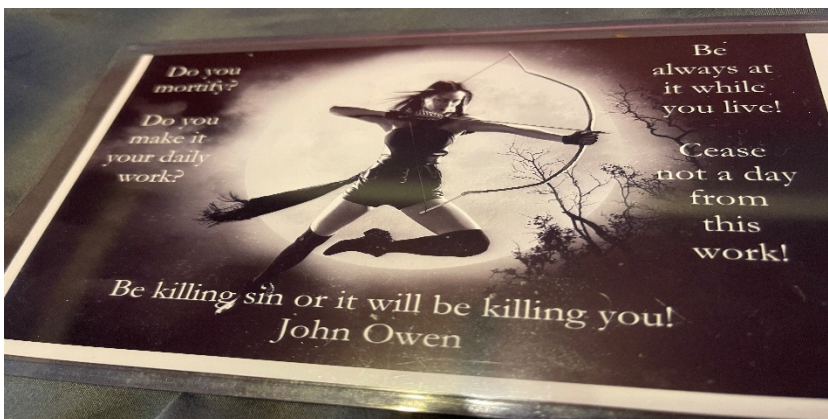
¹⁶ **And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** Revelation 19:16 (NKJV)

II. *His followers will be with Him and Like Him –*

¹⁴ **And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.** Revelation 19:14 (NKJV)

1. *There is a battle for us, against sin and Satan, that we must fight, even NOW –*

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:10–13 (NKJV)



"Do you mortify? (KILL SIN) Do you make it your daily work? Be always at it while you live! Cease not a day from this work!"

Be killing sin or it will be killing you!"

John Owen

2. Here though “the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean” it seems victory over their own sins is already achieved: here on earth, by sanctification we are being delivered from the power of sin. In Heaven, in a state of glorification we are delivered from the very presence of sin!

III. A call to birds to feast, on the dead –

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, ¹⁸ that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.” Revelation 19:17–18 (NKJV)

1. Birds, though glorious creatures, with their ability to fly, in a world full of sin, are called to dirty work, they typically eat rodents, insects, and often dead things... If you have lived in Florida, you have almost certainly seen vultures feasting on road-kill...

2. The idea here is to present a visually graphic picture of judgment, these ungodly are not even buried!

The last verse of Isaiah’s prophecy communicates a similar thing -

²⁴ “And they shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.” Isaiah 66:24 (NKJV)

IV. Christ’s conquest over kings, the Beast and the False Prophet –

¹⁹ And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. ²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. Revelation 19:19–21 (NKJV)

1. The gathering of armies against Christ has already been communicated –

¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Revelation 16:13-14

- A. These are stupid, judged and demonically deceived or they would not even think of challenging Christ ...
- B. Unclean spirits – in contrast to the Holy Spirit

2. The beast and false prophet are captured and thrown alive into Hell, as Enoch and Elijah go to heaven without dying, these so go to Hell!

3. The Word of God that brings life to the Saints, kills unrepentant sinners –

²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. Revelation 19:21

- A. God’s word is called a two-edged sword – Hebrews 4:12 One edge works for mercy, the other judgment!
- B. Dying here and not being cast immediately into the Lake of Fire (Hell) does not mean these were spared that woe –

¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15 (NKJV)