Revelation 19:11-21 “The King’s Second Advent”

**BIG IDEA: The glorious King is coming back!**

**1) INTRO**

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**2) CONTRAST 1ST AND 2ND ADVENT (vv11-16)**

• Come to this passage in Revelation to look at the contrast between JC’s 1st advent and 2nd advent

• Of course, there’s much we could go into in the study of a Revelation passage

• But, the purpose for us today is to see the arrival of JC in his 2nd advent/his 2nd coming

• Look at John’s vision of JC coming back in glory/might

**READ & PRAY**

• Big contrast between JC’s 1st advent & his 2nd advent

• 1st advent he came as a humble baby born in a dirty, stinky barn with the animals

• Came quietly, unobtrusively

• Came in the form of a weak, helpless baby

• 2nd advent is very different

• Demeanor diff lifting baby out of crib vs defending from dogs

• JC is shown as a victorious, conquering king

• Shown as the glorious King who’s coming back

• A humble baby in 1st advent – supreme, mighty king in 2nd advent

• See this in a series of “I saw” statements in these vv

• v11 – “white horse”

• Any horse lovers here?

• White horses were considered the best…appropriate mounts for rulers, officials, & conquerors entering Rome in triumph

• Picture is of Rome fearing a Parthian invasion

• 7 Descriptive statements of JC, the rider on the white horse

• 1) v11 - “Faithful & True” – no flaws in him, unlike the OT types of Moses, David, Solomon, etc…JC will NEVER let us down

• 2) v11 – JC “judges & makes war in righteousness” – no one will questions his decisions; no unrighteousness in him

• 3) v12 – “eyes like flame of fire” – according to ancient sources, JC’s fiery eyes point to his divinity and fury…that all things are open & laid before his eyes & we give account to him (Heb 4:13)…Sauron in LOTR

• 4) v12 – “many diadems on his head” – indicates he’s ruler over all the kings of the earth…there’s no dominion or region he’s doesn’t reign over

• PM Trudeau, President Trump can’t solve problems, Putin, Merkel

• 5) v12 – “name no one knows” – points to the divinity of JC…like the name YHWH that the Jew is not to utter

• 6) v13 – “robe dipped in blood” – terrifying image to ancient readers

• the language comparison is from Isa 63 which speaks of the Lord’s day of vengeance…defeating his enemies

• that God will go out and trample his enemies & the blood of the wicked is like wine in a wine press that splatters his garments…blood-splattered robe

• 7) v13 – “Word of God” – JC is the living revelation of God …he’s the authoritative, decisive final judge & ruler

• Not quite the same picture as a baby in a manger, is it?

• v14 - He’ll come w/ the armies of heaven

• may include angels, but must include believers – those who follow the lamb in present suffering (Rev 14:4) AND future victory (Rev 17:14)

• v15 – this v links Ps 2:9 w/ Isa 11:4 where the ultimate David ruler strikes his enemies w/ a weapon from his mouth

• Again, this is God’s proclamation of judgment on his enemies …along w/ the winepress imagery we saw earlier

• The King will come again in all his glory

• v16 – his name will be written clearly on both his robe & thigh

• Easy for all to see that he’s the ultimate ruler and supreme king over all other kings or lords…over everything & everyone

• This picture of JC as mighty, supreme Ruler/King/Lord over all is very different from his 1st advent as a baby

**3) JC IS COMING BACK TO BRING JUDGMENT (vv17-18)**

• JC 1st came to bring forgiveness of sin/bring us back to God/restore our relationship with God/bringing peace with God

• But, the emphasis of his 2nd coming is that he comes to judge the unfaithful

• John’s vision is a bit of a gruesome picture

• The picture given is of an angel calling to all the birds to come and feast on the flesh of the enemies of God

• Ancients were familiar w/ the image of birds feasting on the flesh of corpses killed in battle (in Homer’s works & the OT)

• Images are supposed to invoke terror/horror

• For ancients, the only worse than death was dying, not being buried, and then having your remains eaten by animals

• In judgment of his enemies, God invites the birds to devour the flesh of the army that opposes him in the end

• What’s cool is that we see the call for the birds comes before the battle takes place

• This announces the certainty of the victory

**4) JC IS** *OUR* **VICTORIOUS KING (vv19-21)**

• We see the battle take place in these vv

• Here Satan’s fake christ has gathered the armies of the world for the great confrontation with the true Christ and his army

• The outcome is clear

• The battle’s over in an instant…as soon as it starts

• The beast and the false prophet are defeated and thrown into the eternal lake of fire

• Rev 20:10 shows that Satan will also join them there

• And the armies of the beast will also be defeated

• JC totally destroys the armies gathered against him

**5) CONCL – LONGING FOR JC’S RETURN**

• Just celebrated/reflected on JC’s coming to earth the past month

• That’s a good thing – praise him that he came

• Do we reflect/celebrate the truth that he’s coming again?

• Do we think about this much?

• That JC is coming again…he’s coming back?

• BIG IDEA

• Do we anticipate his coming back?

• Are we excited he’s coming back?

• Ultimately, that depends on where we’re at w/ JC

• His blood spilled for us or his spilling the blood of his enemies

• The faithful ones in the OT anticipated/eagerly awaited the advent of the Messiah/JC

• Do we eagerly await the 2nd advent of JC?

• For us - in JC, we’re given hope & promise of eternity/future w/ JC

• Do we trust that JC is our Savior and Lord [the Gospel]?

• Do we walk in obedience to God…knowing that the way we live matters [HS helps us in this]?

• Do we let this truth of this passage affect us?

• Hamilton – “Live to mount a white horse and ride to victory”

• For others – do we have heart for others that they’d know this too?

• Rather than the coming judgment of those without JC

• Look to share gospel JC - classmates, coworkers, etc

• If you’re here and don’t know JC, please submit & surrender to him

• May we all know the Gospel and the truth of its message

• We know JC died & rose again…it’s fact

• And, we know that JC will return to defeat/trample wicked

• We can’t read this passage and come away with the conclusion that JC was just a good man or just another one of the prophets

• His appearance here melts the flesh off his enemies’ bones

• May that not be true of us or those we share JC with

• In 1972, Billy Graham appeared on Johnny Carson’s The Tonight Show. Carson said, “You know what, Billy, I bet if Jesus ever came back to earth, I bet we’d do him in again!” Billy Graham leaned forward in his seat and said, “In the Bible we read that he will come again. But the first time he came in love, the next time he’ll come in power – no one will DO him in!”