



Sermon Discussion Guide¹

Rev 11:15-19 | Kevin DeYoung

“And He Shall Reign Forever and Ever”

Sunday Morning, December 10th, 2023

1. What has been your experience of Handel’s *Messiah*? Have you performed the *Hallelujah* chorus with a choir? What emotions, thoughts, anticipation do you feel when you hear the *Hallelujah* chorus?
2. **Strange:** In what ways are we seeing the reality that “righteousness is strange, and sin is normal” in the world?
3. **Dichotomy:** Discuss the dichotomy of “this is my Father’s world” and “the world is not my home.” How does understanding the tension of those two truths help you to navigate the realities of life?
4. **Kingdom Perspectives:** Can you recall the three kingdom perspectives that Kevin laid out? Thinking about the ethical and experiential perspectives of the Kingdom of God, what aspects of each are important to embrace and in what ways do we need to be cautious?
5. **Anticipation:** Take just a few minutes to consider our *anticipation* of the crashing in of the Kingdom of God. Are we really thinking about the ultimate dominion of Christ in a way that could be described as *longing*? ...*enthusiastic expectation*? How might we grow in our hopefulness?
6. **5 Benefits of Christ’s Kingdom:** Discuss each of the five aspects of the transfer of the kingdom of this world to the kingdom of God.
 - a. “The Lord will take His great power” (v. 17) – How are power and authority currently exercised/experienced in the world? What are the benefits of *good authority*? What do we have to look forward to?
 - b. “The nations no longer rage” (v. 18) – Take a few minutes to read Psalm 2. How do you see the nations rage against God? What hope does judgment promise? What do we have to look forward to?
 - c. “The saints rewarded” (v. 18) – Can you offer an experience of “reward” that captures the *satisfaction* of effort that is recognized, commended, and appreciated? How does that increase your hope for the Kingdom of God?
 - d. “Destroyers will be destroyed” (v. 18) – How does the story of Jericho inform your imagination about this aspect of the crashing in of the Kingdom of God? As you think about the world today, how does the scope of this promise strengthen your faith?
 - e. “God Himself will be with us” (v. 19) – This is the pinnacle of our hope. What words might – in their fullness! - describe life lived *in the actual presence of God*? What do we know will not be part of this Kingdom?

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General Outline

- I. Introduction
 - a. “Revelation is a noisy book.” – Joel Beeke
 - b. Handel’s *Messiah*
 - c. 3 ways people think about the kingdom of God:
 - i. Ethical View
 - ii. Experiential View
 - iii. Eschatological View
- II. What will be so good about that day?
 - a. *First, the Lord will take his power.* (v. 17)
 - i. The answer to bad authority is not no authority.
 - b. *Second, the nations will no longer rage.* (v. 18)
 - i. Psalm 2
 - c. *Third, the saints will be rewarded.* (v. 18)
 - i. Anticipation of a child
 - d. *Fourth, the destroyers of the earth will be destroyed.* (v. 18)
 - i. Jericho
 - e. *Fifth, God himself will be with us.* (v. 19)

potential questions for kids

- From which book of the Bible is Pastor Kevin preaching?
- What do you remember from the sermon?
- What is your favorite song that we sing in church?
- What is the best thing about heaven? (II.e)