

Revelation 19:11-21

It's impossible to overstate the importance of this moment described in Revelation 19:1-11. From the sixth day of the creation week, God made clear that He designed humans to have dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26-28, 9:1-4). Because of the Fall that dominion has not been realized until this moment. Jesus Himself will exercise that dominion; but before He does, the rebellious kingdoms of this world must be utterly defeated. Thus the figure described here wears many crowns (diadems) and is called KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Psalms 2 gives a prophetic warning to the nations of the world about this moment. It is worthwhile reading Psalm 2 in this context. Notice –

1. Psalm 2:1-3 – There will be a worldwide, organized rebellion against the Lord and His Messiah. (See Rev. 16:12-15)
2. Psalm 2:4-6 – The LORD speaks. His reaction is one of disdain and wrath, not grace. (Rev. 19:11-15)
3. Psalm 2:7-9 – The Messiah/King speaks. (Rev. 19:11-16) “Here’s what the LORD promised me.”
4. Psalm 2:10-12 – The Psalmist speaks. WARNING! ATTENTION! Leaders and judges of the earth – don’t be stupid. Serve the LORD; kiss the Son – or else! (Revelation 19:17-21)

Daniel 2:31-45 makes clear the suddenness and thoroughness of the events that destroy this rebellious world system and replace it with the kingdom that God sets up. Notice-

1. Daniel 2:33-35 – Daniel recites the king’s dream.
2. Daniel 2:36-43 – Daniel interprets the meaning of the image.
3. Daniel 2:44-45 – Daniel interprets the meaning of the stone smashing into the feet of the image.

This and other passages make it clear that it is God who does these things, not man, and these things happen suddenly, not progressively by human effort.

Isaiah 61:1-6 describes both advents of the Messiah in one passage.

Notice –

1. Isaiah 61:1-2a describes the first advent of the Christ. (Luke 4:16-21)
2. Isaiah 61:2b-6 describes the second advent of the Christ. It is a day of God’s vengeance on some, and it is a day of exaltation for Israel. (Rev. 19:11-21)