

— Revelation 11.15; 19.6, 16 —  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 2021

### **The Power and Appeal of “Messiah”**

Rev 11<sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” ... 19<sup>6</sup> And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! ...<sup>16</sup> And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

\* **Why** put Messiah to music?

\* **What role** do we see songs playing in the Bible?

\* **What did** Martin Luther say about hymns?

\* **What are** some of the unique qualities of music?

\* **What kind** of language does music speak?

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head,  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.*

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

– What wins, the music or the words?

\* **What do** Hollywood movies teach us about music?

\* **What is** music's relationship to words?

\* **What is** the timing of our texts in Rev 11 & 19?

Rev 1<sup>4</sup> John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

Rev 12<sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne ...<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,<sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.” ... <sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 19<sup>11</sup> Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war ... <sup>13</sup>He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup>And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: "King of kings and Lord of lords"

\* **What was** the "gospel" in the Roman empire?

Josh 5 <sup>13</sup>Joshua ... lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" <sup>14</sup>So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

\* **What is** the gospel in the Bible?

Rom 14<sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

\* **Where does** Hallelujah Chorus appear in Messiah?

Acts 17 <sup>6</sup>"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. <sup>7</sup>[T]hese are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus."

\* **How does** the music of Hallelujah Chorus glorify the words?

Acts 17 <sup>30</sup>"God ... now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Mat 9 <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages ... preaching the gospel of the kingdom

\* **What changed** in the church's worship music from the mid-1800s onward?