

Reading: Revelation 4; 12; 19:11-21; 21:1-5

The Big Idea: Picture language shows us that Christ's Kingdom is victorious, now & forever. One day Jesus Christ will return & usher in an eternity of blessing for his people.

1. The King is in control now

- Rev 1-3 – Letters to struggling churches urging them to stay faithful
- Rev 4 – A vision of the throne room of the world, with Christ on it. Christ is in control of events, for the good of his people

2. The King guards his people

- Christ is with his people – Rev 1-3
- No matter the enemy the Christian is safe - Rev 12:6, 14:1-2
- Rev 7 – 144,000 the roll call is complete. Not one missing.
- 7:4 – God's people are sealed: a sign of ownership and security.

3. The King is triumphant

Our King, Christ, is the great champion of Revelation

- He holds the keys to death and Hades/Hell (1:18).
- He is the only one able to open the scroll in ch 5.
- He is the one who defeats Satan in ch 12
- He defeats the woman on the beast and all the armies in ch 16
- He rules all nations, all rebels - Rev 19

What's true of Christ is true of his people "they overcome (Satan)" 12:11

4. The King is coming

"him who is, and was, and is **to come**" 1:5, cf v8; cf 22:7, 12, 20

- Ch 4-7 – 7 angels with trumpets to herald the coming of the king.
- Ch 8-11 – After 7 trumpets of judgment Christ comes for his kingdom.
- Ch 12-14 – the church under threat until Christ harvests 14:14
- Ch 19 - Christ the mighty warrior comes

5. The King comes to Separate and Judge

- All resistance is futile – 6:16-17
- All will be judged - 11:18
- Judged according to faith and deeds - 20:11-15
- Faith brings life, lack of faith brings death. Deeds determine reward.

6. The King pours out blessing on his people

- Ch 21-22 – The new kingdom - Eden is restored – only better
- Unbroken joy. Unpolluted. Unending.
- God's people in God's place, under God's rule, enjoying God's blessing – forever