


Revelation
Chapter 11, Part 2
Verses 15-19

The 7th Trumpet Blows....




"Rise and measure the Temple of God..." "Do not measure the court of Gentiles"

42 Months 1,260 Days

NO RAIN

Water of BLOOD

All Plagues

The Great City Station

Rejoice and make merry!

Revelation 11A:v1-14

2nd Woe: PAST

3rd Woe: Coming Quickly!

1/2 Days

"Come up here!"

Earthquake! 1/10 Kill 200 Million 360,000! Rise glory to God!

Two Witnesses – Human flame throwers



Revelation 11:11-12



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Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ...



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"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

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- Long wait for 7th trumpet... terrible conditions. Now comes dreaded “**3rd woe**” (contains all final judgments/plagues [Bowls]).
- “**Loud voices in heaven...**” After 7th seal opened, silence. Now, after 7th trumpet, loud voices. Great contrast. **As this last trumpet sounds, God’s plan is completely revealed**, seems these “voices” are looking forward to the end!
- The word “kingdoms” here is better translated in the singular. **The kingdom of the world, formerly given to the Enemy, is now the kingdom of God.**

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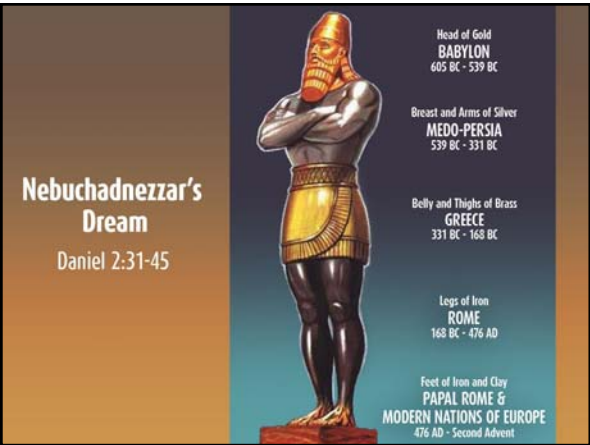
- Announcement about **kingdom of world becoming kingdom of Yeshua** - sounds as if already happened. To God, already has. He is eternal, inhabits eternity, no timeline.
- Reminds of **Daniel’s interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream** – Daniel 2, metallic statue representing Gentile kingdoms, but finally entire statue pulverized by “stone...”

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The dream: *“You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.” (Daniel 2:31-35)*

Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

Daniel 2:31-45



- Head of Gold: **BABYLON** (605 BC - 539 BC)
- Breast and Arms of Silver: **MEDO-PERSIA** (539 BC - 331 BC)
- Belly and Thighs of Brass: **GREECE** (331 BC - 168 BC)
- Legs of Iron: **ROME** (168 BC - 476 AD)
- Feet of Iron and Clay: **PAPAL ROME & MODERN NATIONS OF EUROPE** (476 AD - Second Advent)

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Daniel’s Interpretation: *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this....” (Daniel 2:44-45)*

- **All prophecy will be fulfilled**, every detail of God’s plan perfectly completed. **!!!**
- Will soon see Neb’s dream completely fulfilled as God removes kingdom of earth from man’s control and regains His throne here.

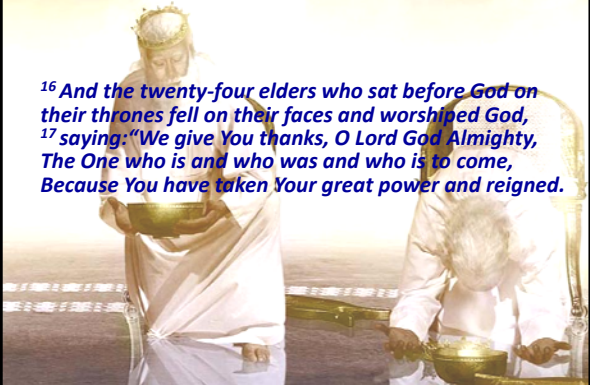
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- Much speculation about “**Rapture**” and this trumpet.
- This is the **seventh angel, the 7th Trumpet**. It is not referenced as the “trumpet of God.” However, some believe this is point of removal of the church because of this verse: **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.** (1 Thessalonians 4:16, the classic passage regarding the “Rapture”)

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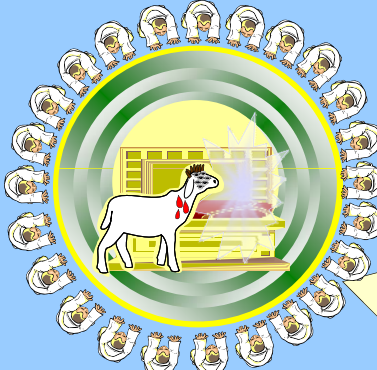
- Because “final trumpet” some conclude at this blowing Church will be removed (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)
“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” [the “last trump” Is this the 7th trumpet??].
- Much debate about this.** More speculation about this event here in Revelation timeline than elsewhere. Considered “mid-trib” position. *(more on this in a moment)*

Revelation 11:16-17



¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.”

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- Constant praise of the Eternal God continues in heaven....

“We give you thanks...the One WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME. Because You have taken Your great power and reigned, ...

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- 24 elders same as chapters 4/5**, combined redeemed (Jew/Gentile) in heaven, **rejoicing over completion of God’s plan.**
- “The One who is and who was and who is to come”* obvious reference to eternal God, Father and Son. Used 3X in Revelation:
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... (1:4)
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” (1:8)

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...saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. (11:17)

- Notice **phrase used interchangeably** between Father (God Almighty) and Son, Messiah. Another obvious reference to deity of Messiah.
- “You have taken Your great power and reigned.”* Speak as if already happened... it has, as God inhabits eternity! *(How sure His promises are!)*

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The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

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- Passage seen as overview of things still remaining to happen to fulfill God's plan (*more on this in a moment*).
- **"The nations were angry..."** Stubborn, willful rebellion continues to end. Reminds of Psalm 2, which speaks of rebellion against God in general, but also climactic battle of Armageddon (ch. 16): **"Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.'" (2:1-3)**

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- **"Your wrath has come..."** could be reference to:
 - Entire tribulation
 - Coming last Bowl judgments
 - Coming Armageddon, final battle...***But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.*** (Jeremiah 10:10)
 - That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,*** (Zephaniah 1:5, speaking of the "Day of the Lord")
 - Final judgment

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- Note: Because of this phrase, some say this is the **"wrath"** that believers are spared from, as referenced in:
 - ***...even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*** (1 Thessalonians 1:10)
 - ***For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*** (1 Thessalonians 5:9)
 - And further, that this implies **removal of believers** at this point, or immediately before this time. These people believe this is mid-point of Tribulation.
 - Also evidence to support removal prior to this time ("pre-trib" position). *Very active and sometimes nasty debate about timing of our departure!*

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- **"Mid-Trib" reasoning for removal of Church** includes:
 - Trumpet blast God ordains (*trumpet of God?*)
 - 7th trumpet (last trumpet in this series)
 - Believers spared from "wrath" and this trumpet announcing "wrath" of God
- These are all valid reasons for this Mid-Trib position. Other valid reasons for Pre-Trib position as well, but little to support post-Trib position.
- **So what do we do?** Watch, wait and be ready!

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Have some indication of God's provision for us in this time, but just don't know about timing (*without a shadow of a doubt!!*). Recall beautiful words in Isaiah 26:19-21, seems to relate here:

Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

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- **"And the time of the dead, that they should be judged..."** Most likely at Great White Throne Judgment of lost (ch 20), well after current trumpet and bowl judgments.
- Same for **"you should reward your servants..."** and **"destroy those who destroy the earth."** Events come much later, but spoken of here as done.
- **"destroy those who destroy the earth."** Not about environmentalists, but the Enemy, fallen angels, sinful man who destroyed paradise God created, and fellowship between God and man.

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- God will re-create heaven and earth for us. The earth will be perfect again, as He intended, and sin will be destroyed instead.

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- Verses overview... **unraveling of mystery of God**. Plan complete when all accomplished.
- The events alluded to in this passage include:
- **Kingdoms of the world now belong to the Messiah** (He will take His throne on earth soon) **God takes back His throne (power) on earth**. No longer in enemy hands, or man's hand. "Day of the Lord," no longer "Day of Man."
- **He will reign forever** ("taken your power and reigned")
- **Angry nations, battle of Armageddon** (Ps 2, ch 16)
- **Judgment of dead** (Great White Throne, chapter 20)
- **Reward for servants, prophets, saints** (ch 20, 21, 22)
- **He will destroy those who destroy the earth** (GWTJ, chapter 20)

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Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.



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- **Temple in heaven, contrast to temple built on earth mentioned** in v 1-2. Earthly temple woefully inadequate as way to approach God, desecrated by the beast. Heavenly temple reflects true worship, heavenly glory and God's righteousness. (earth temple = rejection of Messiah)
- Chapter 11 opens with non-commissioned (God did not ordain it) temple on earth. **Closes with real temple in heaven**, pattern for God's plan to dwell with His people.
- **Ark symbol of God's presence and power**, contained tablets of Law – Mosaic Covenant (Marriage Covenant). Where God met/"people."

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- Literally, "**Ark of the Covenant**" is the "box, place, holder" of God's agreement (*testament, covenant*). Reminder of His promises, both **for good, and from wrath**.
- Referenced 41X as "Ark of the Covenant," in other words, place of His promises.
- Referenced 35X as "**Ark of the LORD**" or literally, place of Yahweh, or God.
- The Ark is representation of His promises, presence and great power.



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- May be **reference to nation of Israel**, and the fact that many Jews will be coming to salvation through His grace, the free gift of His Son, not through the tablets of Law (*contained in the Ark of the Covenant*).
- This is "command central" for the entire universe.
- "**lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail...**" from heaven, but results seen and felt on earth. Indicators of God's great power, and His continuing wrath (another earthquake, and now hail).

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- **Again, entire section (v15-19) seen as overview of end.** Things will be set right eventually, and the fullness of God’s plan will be known and complete.
- **The blowing of the 7th Trumpet unleashes the last set of judgments, the VIAL or BOWL judgments.** These are the third and final “woe” to come on the world. With these judgments, the wrath of God upon the “inhabitants of the earth” will be complete.

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Revelation 11B:v15-19

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- Although 7th trumpet blown here, Bowl judgments do not begin until chapter 16.
- Coming in the Bowl Judgments:
 1. **Loathsome sores** (those/mark of beast)
 2. **Sea turns to blood** (all creatures die)
 3. **Rivers/springs to blood** (“just due”)
 4. **Sun scorches/great heat** (did not repent)
 5. **Darkness on “throne of beast”** (did not repent)
 6. **Euphrates dried up** (make way for kings of east) – 3 unclean spirits, stir up kings of earth, gather for Armageddon (*Har Meggido*)

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- After the 6th Bowl Judgment, comes **“Armageddon”** - final world battle.
- **7th Bowl Judgment**, last of all the judgments: Poured out on air, noises, thunderings and lightnings, great earthquake, cities fall, Babylon destroyed, islands flee away, mountains gone (earth leveled), **huge hail** (about 75-100# per stone!)

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- **Before the Bowl Judgments** (sometimes called the “7 plagues”) are poured out, we will:
 - Be introduced to a pregnant woman who gives birth to a son, and dragon who tries to kill him
 - Watch the woman flee to the desert
 - Witness a heavenly battle
 - Get a glimpse of the “unholy” trinity – the dragon, the beast from the sea, and the beast from the land
 - Hear of the mark of the beast
 - Know what happens to those who take mark

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- Meet the Lamb and the 144,000 again
- Hear three angels make proclamations
- See a general overview of the rest of the plan
- Get a glimpse of the winepress of wrath
- See and hear some Tribulation saints in heaven
- Watch tabernacle in heaven open and 7 angels with 7 bowls directed to go and pour out their “plagues”...

PHEW!

We have a lot of ground to cover.