

Guide & Record of your thoughts

5/30/2/10

Week 22 - Revelation 11:15-19

Following the Message:

1. The seventh trumpet of Revelation is not to be equated with the “last trumpet” of I Corinthians 15:52 which speaks of our bodily resurrection at the rapture.
2. (11:15) The blowing of the 7th trumpet introduces the 7 bowl judgments.
3. (11:15) After the 7th trumpet is sounded there is in heaven an immediate loud response of victory expressing elation at what is about to take place.
4. (11:15) The wonder of God’s sovereign plan is what causes all heaven to praise God. Men, Angels and God Himself proclaim Truth.
5. (11:16 - 18) The 24 elders leave their thrones, prostrate themselves before God’s throne and give thanks for the blessing that Christ reigns supreme, rules righteously and rewards graciously.
6. (11:16, 17) The title, “who is, and who was, and who is to come”, has changed to “who is and who was” because now He has taken His great power and has begun to reign.
7. (11:16, 17) God’s timing and delay is not an indication of God’s lack of concern, but an indication of His Grace and Mercy.
8. (11:18) The nations are enraged because they want to have their own way.
9. (11:18) The statement “to destroy those who destroy the earth” refers to rebellious earth dwellers who will not submit to God. It is

not a reference to those who pollute the environment, but to those who pollute the earth with sin.

10. (11:19) The sounding of the 7th trumpet rings the truth that:
 - Jesus Christ is the sovereign King of Kings and Lord of Lords
 - He will one day take the rule of earth away from Satan
 - Upon His return, He will bring covenant blessings to the redeemed, but eternal judgment to those who reject Him.

Greek words used today:

Revelation 11:14 - **quickly**: tachy, takh-oo’; shortly, without delay, suddenly
Revelation 11:15, 17 - **great** - megas, meg’as: big:- (+fear) exceedingly, great (-est), high, large, loud, mighty
Revelation 11:17 - **great power**: megas dunamis, doo’nam’is; force (literal); specially miraculous power - ability, might (-ily), power, strength, (wonderful) work.
Revelation 11:18a - **enraged**: orgizo, or-gid’-zo; become exasperated: - be angry (wroth)
Revelation 11:19 - **covenant**: diatheke, dee-ath-ay’-kay; properly a disposition, (special) a contract (a devisory will): - covenant, testament

Reflecting on the Text

Notice the pattern of judgments in Revelation. The 7 seal judgment introduced the 7 trumpet judgments and the 7 trumpet judgments introduce the 7 bowl judgments. Do you wonder what the 7th bowl judgment introduces? (See Revelation 16:17-21)

Even though Christ does not claim His royal rights to the earthly kingdom of nations until He returns, He currently reigns over His spiritual kingdom and is our High Priest interceding and acting on our behalf.

In light of the truths of Jesus’ sovereign rule, His coming Kingdom, rewards, and blessings to those who are His who serve Him, what sort of people ought we to be in holy conduct and godliness (2 Peter 3:11)