

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

REVELATION 11:14-19

The seven **SEAL** judgments, the seven **TRUMPET** judgments and the seven **BOWL** judgments each give to us a different perspective of what will be taking place during the **WHOLE TRIBULATION PERIOD**—as these judgments of God come upon a Christ-rejecting world.

The **PRIMARY CALAMITY** of these judgments will occur during the final 3 ½ years of the tribulation period or **“THE GREAT TRIBULATION.”**

2. SOME FURTHER INSIGHT

REVELATION 10:7 gives us some insight into our passage tonight.

- The mystery of God will be “*finished*” (TELEO in the Greek), which means *to accomplish, make an end, expire, full up, conclude*.
- Remember in **CHAPTER 10** that during Jesus Christ’s first coming, the kingdom of God was **INTERNAL AND SPIRITUAL**—in our hearts
- But with the blowing of the seventh trumpet, the kingdom will become **EXTERNAL AND PHYSICAL**, as Jesus Christ rules and reigns from the throne of David—in the **COMING TEMPLE** that will be built in Jerusalem.

3. RECALLING THE WOES – v. 14

In **REVELATION 8:13** we read about the three woes,

- The first woe spoke of **demonic, locust-like creatures** that are unleashed from the pit of hell and will inflict pain upon man for five months.
- The second woe spoke of a **200 million-man army** that will kill 1/3 of the earth's remaining population.
- Since the sounding of this second woe back in **REVELATION 9:13**, we have been waiting for the third woe to be announced. Here in **VERSE 14**, this third woe is quickly coming upon man.

4. RECLAIMING THE KINGDOM – v. 15

Christ purchased back the kingdom of this world from Satan by His death on the cross almost 2,000 years ago, but He did not take possession of His purchase.

- In our passage, the time has come for Christ to take possession of this world, which He will never ever give up.
- Remember when Jesus was being tempted by Satan in **MATTHEW 4:8-9**—You can't offer what is not yours!
- **THIS MAY BE A DIFFICULT CONCEPT TO SWALLOW FOR SOME OF YOU, BUT THIS WORLD IS CURRENTLY SATAN'S.**

You can also see this in **JOHN 12:31, JOHN 14 :30, JOHN 16:11, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:4, EPHESIANS 2:2, EPHESIANS 6:10-13**

5. SATAN'S RULE IS LIMITED

It is as **PSALM 24:1** tells us, “The earth is the LORD’S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

■ Just as certain as Satan’s rule is in evidence today,

GOD’S KINGDOM WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE FUTURE!

■ That is certain, it is a fact! It is as **ZECHARIAH 14:9** says that Heaven and Earth will worship the real King—Jesus, not the false king—the 24 Elders lead the way.

■ And I think one of the points the Holy Spirit is making here is the more you sit before God, the more you spend time with Him, the more you get to know Him, the more you will worship Him.

6. A SONG OF PRAISE - v. 17-18

Now, here in **VERSES 17-18** we see the song of praise sung by the church anticipating the second coming of Jesus Christ and the establishment of His Kingdom rule on the earth—His wrath followed by His righteous rule.

This hymn speaks not only of the **MILLENNIAL REIGN** of Christ, but also the **GREAT WHITE THRONE** Judgment, where all those who have rejected Christ will be cast into the lake of fire.

GOD'S WRATH IS A HOLY INDIGNATION AGAINST SIN.

7. GOD'S LOVE SUFFERS LONG

Notice why it has taken so long for God to pour out His wrath upon a Christ rejecting world. Peter tells us why:

2 PETER 3:9-10.

- God has suffered for millennia with man's wicked hearts **JEREMIAH 17:9-10**
- The nations of the earth have waged war against God **PSALM 2**
- James expounds on why these things go on **JAMES 4:1-2b—UTTER SELFISHNESS**

8. SATAN'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED! - v. 19

The rightful owner of the world is coming to claim His Kingdom—**PSALM 2:6-9**.

■ JESUS CHRIST WILL PUT AN END TO ALL REBELLION as He rules the earth and fulfills the promise made to David through his lineage, that his Son would reign for eternity. **2 SAMUEL 7:8-17**

■ This chapter opened with a **FALSE TEMPLE** in Jerusalem where God was not to be found, and ends with a **TRUE TEMPLE IN HEAVEN** where

GOD DWELLS—JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD