

Conclusion For Israel and the remaining Gentiles of the tribulation, this seventh trumpet is a great encouragement. It points to God's ultimate victory and the fulfillment of His eternal purpose. God is moving toward a speedy accomplishment of His promises. His Word will not fail. Hallelujah!

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

"The Coming Kingdom of Christ"  
Revelation 11:14-19

### Introduction

1. A crisis has been reached. The second woe is ended and the third is about to come (v. 14). The parenthesis between the sixth and seventh trumpets has now come to an end (10:1-11:14).

2. God is about to foretell future events. This is true prophecy. The end of all things is to be revealed. This seventh trumpet does in fact carry the events of the future right up to the end of things, to the portals of the new heaven and the new earth (Rev. 21).

3. Study the main features of the overview of future events as outlined here. Three major items affirm the rule of Christ to have come forever. Here they are:

1. TRUMPET PROCLAMATION v. 15.

a. Its sound

As with all of the trumpets, this seventh one is sounded and there are some very real results. With this one, there are great voices in heaven. This suggests that there is world-wide involvement. What happens here is not done in secret.

b. Its message

Two items are given here: 1) The Kingdom of the earth has now become the kingdom of the Lord and His Christ. The word "kingdom" is singular. The present world-system is one under the rule of Satan (Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:3,4). This one world under his rule now becomes a kingdom under the Lord. Nothing much will improve until this time comes! This is not to admit that Christ did not truly possess all things, but now He comes to exercise His rule over them all. 2) Christ now will reign forever. There will be no further interruption of His rule. This is a glorious comfort to all saints.

2. ELDER ACCLAMATION vv. 16, 17.

a. Their situation v. 16.

The 24 elders have been identified earlier as the church (chap. 4). The full complement of the church is in heaven (4:1). They sit before God Almighty in royal blessing. Here, they bring their immortal countenances to celebrate the blessed consummation of all things. They can no longer restrain themselves, hence they pour out their hearts in grateful adoring and exultant thanks to God. It is an amazing scene in heaven of worship and adoration. The long delay of the kingdom has come (Acts 1:6). Here is true heavenly worship.

b. Their exultation v. 17.

This is all in the Lord. His full title as Lord, God, and Almighty are given prominence. He is at once the Lord Jehovah, God the Elhoim, and the Almighty One. The phrase "art to come" should be omitted since He has already come. The formula, therefore, of the first chapter is now changed (1:4, 8). The thanks expressed here is due to two facts: 1) God has taken great power to Himself. The verb "take" is the perfect tense and shows the permanence of God's assumed power. 2) God has begun to reign. The ingressive aorist form may be rendered, "didst begin to reign."

c. Their explanation v. 18.

In a series of five bold statements all of the events leading up to the end are rehearsed:

1) Nations angry The nations do become angry over God's avowed purpose to take over (Psa. 2:83; Joel 3:9-13; Zech. 14:1-4). Ultimately, all will bend their knees to Him.

2) Wrath come God's divine wrath against sin is in view (Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:8,9; 3:5,6). While some would question a God who does this, it is a good test of one's doctrine to believe in a God Whose love is capable of hatred of sin. Before the end, His hatred of sin is fully demonstrated.

3) Dead judged Unbelievers are in view here (John 5:24). It is the Great White Throne judgment (20:11-15). This is the only hope of a world torn by injustice. The grave does not cover over evil men from His sight.

4) Servants rewarded Two groups are singled out for rewards: prophets and saints. They are described as those who "fear Thy Name" and are of all class levels, small and great. While there is little compensation here, there is enormous favor coming when He winds up everything.

5) Destroyers destroyed This seeks the end of the infamous confederation under the antichrist. God gives a final riddance of these forces from the world (Dan. 11:45).

3. HEAVEN DEMONSTRATION v. 19.

Here is a general attestation from heaven that the facts provided here are indeed true. Three items are mentioned:

a. Temple of God

With heaven opened, the temple in heaven is seen. This is that from which Moses made his copy (Ex. 25:40; Heb. 8:8; 9:22, 23). This is the pattern God had for earthly worship. It suggests eternal worship of the Lord following the coming of the Lord.

b. Ark of God

The ark relates to the word and presence of God. It is a testimony for eternity of His unfailing fidelity to Himself. Divine power was demonstrated by it at Jordan and Jericho.

c. Power of God

Five expressions are recorded here relating to God's demonstrated power in the heavens: lightnings, voices, thunderings, earthquake, and hail. Each of these shows that what God has outlined here is within range of His power.