

The Seventh Trumpet

Revelation 11:15-19

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I. Introduction and Review

A. Review of verses 1-14

1. Temple site – see pages 141-142 *Escape the Coming Night*
2. Verse 3 – these two men may have had a part in the salvation of the 144,000 of Chapter 7
3. Verse 7 – “finished”
 - a. John 19:30; Acts 13:29; II Timothy 4:7
4. God may use strange means to accomplish His will.
5. Verse 10 – how our values have changed!
6. Verse 11 – Genesis 2:7
7. Verse 12 – “come up here” – much better than “stay down there”.
 - a. Acts 1:9-11; Philippians 1:20-24

B. The Seventh Trumpet

1. It introduces the seven bowl judgments.
2. They officially start in Chapter 16
3. They take us to the end of the Tribulation.

II. The Seventh Trumpet

A. It's introduction – v. 15

1. With singing from many voices
2. The end is near enough to announce
 - a. This is an answer to prayer – Matthew 6:10
 - b. Our Lord - Father; His Christ - Son
 - c. His reign is forever
 - i. Daniel 2:44; 4:23; 6:25, 26
 - d. This verse is found in Handel's Messiah Hallelujah Chorus

B. The Response of the twenty-four Elders – vs. 16-17

1. Seen often in Revelation 4:4, 10; 5:5-6, 8, 11, 14; 7:11, 13; 11:16; 14:3; 19:4
2. They fell on their faces and worshipped God
 - a. God seeks worshippers – John 4:23
 - b. Old Testament *shachah* - to bow down
 - c. New Testament *proskuneo* = to do reverence to, prostrate oneself before

d. Our English means “worth ship”

e. Strong's Concordance on *proskuneo* says “conveys the idea of a dog licking his master's hand.”

f. I would define worship as “my personal response to God as seen first in His Word.”

3. They thanked Him – v. 17

a. Praise and thanks are the highest forms of worship.

C. The response of the nations/earth dwellers – v. 18

1. They were engaged

a. Acts 5:33; 7:54; Psalm 2:1-3

i. Truth does that

2. The dead were judged

a. Daniel 12:12; Revelation 20:11-15

3. The righteous are rewarded

a. II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12

D. Comfort to all believers – v. 19

1. Some believe verse 19 goes best with verse 12:1

2. This heavenly scene shows the temple of God containing the Ark of the Covenant

a. II Chronicles 36:18, 19

3. The Ark represents the presence of God

4. The lightning, thunder, earthquake, and hail represent the power and wrath of God.