

## Seventh Trumpet

Rev. 11:15-19

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V13-14. "City fell": This is Jerusalem. This number of the slain is to be added to those already slain. A  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the population of the world was slain at first, and then a third of the population of the world—totaling over a half—and now seven thousand more are killed. Mat. 24:22 "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved." The original language is indicating that this were men of prominence. The thought is this is a number who have went along with the antichrist and gained from that, at least to this point. Most believe the third woe begins when Satan, one of the personalities, is cast down to earth, and we will come to that in chapter 12, verse 12. The first woe was the plague of locust and the second was the plague of horsemen.

V15. "7th Angel sounded": The sounding of the 7th trumpet includes all the happenings to chapter 21. Understanding the outline given to us here is vital in knowing the program of God that will move mankind into the eternal state.

Seven is prominent in this period known as the Tribulation. There are "the seven seals", "the seven trumpets", "the seven key figures", "the seven bowls", and the "seven dooms on Babylon".

The "seven bowls" will be boils, sea to blood, rivers to blood, great heat, darkness, the Euphrates dries up, and hail.

"Sounded": The original language indicates a "long continued" blast or blasts. Rev. 10:7 "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall "begin to sound", the mystery of God should be finished, as He has declared to His servants the prophets." The "days of the voice" is indicating the time limit of this 7th trumpet which will be the entire 2nd half of the Tribulation.

"Great voices": This is the announcement that the time had come for Christ to take "The Kingdom", though it will not be fully into His possession for 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years. At the opening of the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven. The blowing of the seventh trumpet reveals God's program and clears up the mystery of God. All of God's created intelligences can see the end now, and are jubilant in anticipation of the termination of evil being so close at hand. It is time of joy for them.

"Kingdoms of the world": The original is "cosmos" which is indicating one unit. As we study this the truth is that our society (world kingdom) is in total control by Satan. Jesus has placed His Kingdom at this present time in the hearts of the born again.

"Will become... He shall reign": Psa. 2:2-3 "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 bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us'". Rebellion broke out against the Lord and His Christ at the arrest of Jesus. The early church understood that this was the condition of the world, for they quoted Psalm 2

when persecution broke out in the early church (Acts 4:23-26). We find in Psa. 2:9 "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." This is fulfilled in Rev. 19. Jesus will come down (2nd Coming) to put down rebellion. Jude 14,15 "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, 'Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.'"

V16-18. "Four and twenty Elders": Again this is the representation of the church. Their statement is in anticipation as they look forward to the events of Rev. 20. There will be the "White Throne Judgment" of which Jesus will be the "Judge". All who stand at before the "White Throne" will be lost. It will include all the lost from the beginning of this world to this time.

The "books" shall be opened. It appears that will be the "66 Books" which reveal the truths of God. The book of life will be opened.

Every single soul will be made aware that their name could have been there because of the work of Jesus done for them but they refused. Each one will bow before Him then and confess Him as Lord but it will be too late. Bowing in judgment or in mercy is the decision given to everyone to decide which it will be.

"Nations were angry": This reveals the fact that the stubborn rebellion of man will continue right down to the very end. Rom. 8:7 "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

"Destroy those who destroy": The original word is to corrupt. This statement therefore is referring both to Satan and rebellious mankind. I Pet. 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

V19. When we see the church again, it will be in the New Jerusalem, as we are told definitely that there is no temple there. Here there is a temple in heaven. The temple which Moses made was made after the pattern in heaven. This is indicating that God is dealing primarily with Israel.

"Was opened": This indicates worship and access to God. This points to the nation Israel, for the church has no temple. God is dealing with the covenants given to them and fulfilling them.

"Ark of His testament": The Ark, on this earth, had within it, Manna (bread from God), Aaron's budding rod (indicating resurrection), and the Tablets meaning the Ten Commandments (School master). Testament (covenant) of God was showing His holiness through the Law and pointing to the way back to God as Jesus fulfilled the Law on the Cross of Calvary. God is keeping the covenants He has made with them (Israel) and He will make this (New) covenant with them meaning the Law will be written in their hearts and not on tablets of stone. Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-13 Ref.

"Lightnings---and great hail": These are describing the judgment yet to come.

## The Tribulation

This period of time we are studying is denied by many. Jesus was specific about it being true in His Olivet Discourse. Mat. 24:21 "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." The details given in Scripture make it obvious that this is a future event, for no such period has yet occurred in human history. Jesus said the Great Tribulation would take place just before His glorious appearing. Mat. 24:29,30. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." At His 2nd Coming He will not come humble in a manger with the purpose of paying the sin death of mankind but will come in judgment with all His power against all rebelling mankind.

"The Time of Jacob's Trouble" Jer. 30:7

"The Seventieth Week of Daniel" Dan. 9:27

"Jehovah's Strange Work" Isa. 28:21

"The day of Israel's calamity" Deut. 32:35; Obed. 12:14

"The Tribulation" Deut. 4:30

"The Indignation" Isa. 26:20; Dan. 11:36

"The overflowing scourge" Isa. 28:15,18

"The day of vengeance" Isa. 34:8; 35:4; 61:2

"The time of trouble" Dan. 12:1; Zeph. 1:15

"The day of wrath" Zeph. 1:15

"The day of darkness" Amos 5:18,20; Joel 2:2

"The day of gloominess, clouds, thick darkness" Zeph. 1:15

"The day of the trumpet—alarm" Zeph. 1:16

"The day of the Lord" I Thess. 5:2

"The wrath of God" Rev. 14:10; 15:1; 16:1

"The hour of trial" Rev. 3:10

"Day of the wrath of the Lamb" Rev. 6:16-17

"The wrath to come" I Thess. 1:10

"The wrath" I Thess. 5:9; Rev. 11:18

"The Great Tribulation" Mat. 24:21; Rev. 2:22

"The Tribulation" Mat. 24:29

"The hour of judgment" Rev. 14:7