# THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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## Revelation 11:15–19

15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

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17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

18 "And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

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19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.



### **Place in the Book of Revelation**

- . What you have seen (Rev 1).
- I. What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III. What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
  - A. The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
  - B. The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
    - 1. Preparation (8:2-6)
    - 2. First Four Trumpets (8:7–12)
    - 3. Last Three Trumpets (8:13–11:19)

- 3. The Last Three Trumpet Judgments— Three Woes (8:13–11:19)
  - a. Introduction to the Woes (8:13)
  - b. Fifth Trumpet—Fiery Locusts from the Pit (9:1–12)
  - c. Sixth Trumpet—Loosing of the Four Angels Bound in Euphrates (9:13–21)
  - d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14)
  - e. Seventh Trumpet—Introduction to the Kingdom (11:15–19)

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Great Voices in Heaven (11:15–18)

The nations will be angry.

### Psalm 2:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing?
<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

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- Great Voices in Heaven (11:15–18)
  - The nations will be angry.
  - God's wrath will come.

#### Psalm 2:4–5

- <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.
  <sup>5</sup> Then He will speak to them in His anger
  - And terrify them in His fury, saying,

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♦ Great Voices in Heaven (11:15–18)

The nations will be angry.

- God's wrath will come.
- God will judge the dead.

## **Revelation 20:12**

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

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Post-Kingdom Unrighteous people

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Great Voices in Heaven (11:15–18)

✓ God will reward the *prophets*.

## **Revelation 10:7**

but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

## Daniel 9:6, 10

- <sup>6</sup> "Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.
- <sup>10</sup> nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets.

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Great Voices in Heaven (11:15–18)

God will reward the prophets.

 God will reward the saints (saints from the Tribulation Period).

## **Revelation 13:7, 10**

- <sup>7</sup> It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.
- <sup>10</sup> If anyone *is destined* for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

## Daniel 7:18, 21, 25

<sup>18</sup> 'But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'

<sup>21</sup> "I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them

## Daniel 7:18, 21, 25

<sup>25</sup> 'He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

### **Matthew 24:31**

"And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

e. Seventh Trumpet—Introduction to the Kingdom (11:15–19)

- Great Voices in Heaven (11:15–18)
  - God will reward the prophets.
  - God will reward the saints (saints from the Tribulation Period).
  - God will reward those who fear the name of God. Who are they?

## **Revelation 14:6–7**

- <sup>6</sup> And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;
- <sup>7</sup> and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

## **Revelation 15:4**

"Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."



For You have heard my vows, O God; You have given *me* the inheritance of those who fear Your name.

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- Great Voices in Heaven (11:15–18)
  - God will reward the prophets.
  - God will reward the saints (saints from the Tribulation Period).
  - God will reward those who fear the name of God. Who are they?
  - God will destroy the destroyers.

## **Revelation 19:1–2**

- <sup>1</sup> After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;
- <sup>2</sup> BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER."

- e. Seventh Trumpet—Introduction to the Kingdom (11:15–19)
  - The Temple Opened (11:19)
    - The temple in heaven is the prototype of the earthly Tabernacle.
    - This chapter begins with the temple upon the earth and closes with the temple of God in heaven.

### **Importance of Visions of the Temple**

- At the sounding of the 7th trumpet the heavenly Temple is opened (11:15, 19).
- After the parenthesis of chapters 12–14, the 7 angels with the 7 bowl judgments come out of the heavenly Temple (15:5, 6).
- Immediately following the last bowl, a voice comes out from the heavenly Temple with the message "It is done" (16:17).

## **Revelation 15:8**

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

## **Revelation 4:1**

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."



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 The Kingdom at Hand (11:19)

## **Revelation 11:15**

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The Kingdom at Hand (11:19)

 One world kingdom indicates the universal reign and power of the man of sin—the target of the bowl judgments.

### **Question for Discussion**

What is the ultimate conflict of kingdoms and how did that conflict originate?
#### The Last Things Replicate the First Things

**Genesis 1:1** Creation Genesis 3:1 Satan's Freedom Genesis 6–8 Worldwide Judgment Genesis 10–11 Babel / Babylon **Revelation 17–18** Babylon **Revelation 19:11–19 Worldwide Judgment Revelation 20:2–3 Satan's Confinement Revelation 21:1** New Creation

#### The Last Things Replicate the First Things

# Genesis 1:1 Creation

Revelation 21:1 New Creation

"Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Revelation 19:10

- e. Seventh Trumpet—Introduction to the Kingdom (11:15–19)
  - The Kingdom at Hand (11:19)
    - Declaration exudes certainty and imminent reality.
    - Indicates that the 7 last judgments take place in a very short space of time at the end of the Tribulation Period.

e. Seventh Trumpet—Introduction to the Kingdom (11:15–19)
The Third Woe

# **Revelation 8:13**

Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

e. Seventh Trumpet—Introduction to the Kingdom (11:15–19)

- The Third Woe
  - The final woe quickly follows the second woe.

#### **Revelation 11:14**

# The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

- e. Seventh Trumpet—Introduction to the Kingdom (11:15–19)
  - The Third Woe
    - The final woe quickly follows the second woe.
    - This woe = the 7th trumpet which includes the 7 bowl judgments.
    - This woe is more terrible than the previous two and finishes the mystery of God.

#### **Revelation 10:7**

but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

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- The Third Woe
  - The 7th bowl judgment (Rev 17–18) concludes this final woe.

#### **Revelation 18:10**

standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

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- The Third Woe
  - The 7th bowl judgment (Rev 17–18) concludes this final woe.

Ark of the covenant appears.

# **Question for Discussion**

What is the significance of the appearance of the ark of the covenant?



#### The Ark of the Covenant

- First Mention: Numbers 10:33
  - Leads God's people through the wilderness to the promised land (cf. Joshua 3–4).
- Last Mention: Revelation 11:19
  - Appears when Messiah's reign from Jerusalem makes the city "the Throne of the LORD" and returns Israel to the promised land (Jeremiah 3:14–18).

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- The Third Woe
  - The 7th bowl judgment (Rev 17–18) concludes this final woe.
  - Ark of the covenant appears.
  - An earthquake—6th seal (6:12), 7th seal (8:5), 6th trumpet (11:13), 7th trumpet (11:19).

# **Implications Regarding Jesus Christ**

- Jesus will make this world's kingdom His Kingdom.
- Jesus will reign forever and ever.
- Jesus is worshipped by the 24 elders.
- Jesus is the "Lord God, the Almighty."
- Jesus of the future is the Jesus of the past and of the present.
- Jesus possesses great power.
- Jesus will be opposed by the nations.

#### **Implications Regarding Jesus Christ**

- Jesus will judge all mankind.
- Jesus' name shall be feared.
- Jesus is the God of the covenant.