

The Seventh Trumpet: Claiming God's Victory for your Future

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Revelation 11:15-19 ESV

15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, 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 shall reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying,

"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. 18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

Big Idea: Just as the 24 Elders in heaven praised God for his victory, even before the final battle was won, so you can claim God's victory for your future as you let him reign in your life.

Why can you claim victory for your future?

God will take his rightful reign in the world. 15

God's reign is not temporary but eternal. 16

God's reign is all-powerful. 17

God's reign will include judgment and reward. 18

The Promise: Look, God is on his throne! 19
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Revelation 11:15-19 The Seventh Trumpet LifeGroup Study Guide

Read Revelation 11: 15-19

Hope vs wrath. Contrast the "seventh trumpet" in Rev 11 (and 14-16) with the "last trumpet" in 1 Corinthians 15:52. How does this encourage you?

Exclamation. When the angel sounds the seventh trumpet, what truths were exclaimed about Christ and the kingdom of the world?

How is this different? (cf John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)

Note: the Greek grammar(proleptic aorist) of "has become" describes a future event as if it has already taken place. The tense of the verb looks to a point after the sounding of the 7th trumpet. The event is so certain, that it is referred to as already taken place. The future event is when Christ comes again to establish His millennial reign on the earth as King of King and Lord of Lords (Rev 19:11-21).

Identify who these are and what they mean:

Our Lord His Christ King

Response to His Sovereignty. What will the response of the 24 elders be to this exclamation? See what John about the 24 elders in chapters 4-5. What is the same or different about this response?

What should our response be to the titles and sovereignty of Christ?

What will the response of the unrepentant nations be to His Sovereignty? Read Psalm 2 and describe how this Psalm and Rev. 11 fit together.

What does God say will follow His wrath (11:18). How can we prepare for judgment?

While the kingdom of Rev 11 is future, what should our attitude be about Christ's kingdom today (Matt 6:10, 33)?