

The Third Woe and the Seventh Trumpet Revelation 11:14-19

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The Third Woe

- ▶ John writes that the third woe is coming soon.
- ▶ Question: Is the Seventh Trumpet the third woe?

The Third Woe

- ▶ Answer: Not likely considering the nature of the seventh trumpet.
- ▶ It is more likely that the third woe refers to what happens with the seven bowls of God's wrath in chapters 15 and 16.

The Seventh Trumpet

- ▶ Remember that chapter 11 is an interlude which acts as a summary of what is yet to come:
 - ▶ The victory of Christ over the anti-Christ
 - ▶ The reign of Christ in the Millennial Kingdom
 - ▶ The final battle of satan against the saints
 - ▶ The final victory of Christ over satan and sin
 - ▶ The judging of the living and the dead
 - ▶ The new heaven and the new earth

The Seventh Trumpet

- ▶ A heavenly host proclaims that the Kingdom of Christ has come.
 - ▶ “His Christ” seems to suggest it is not the saints proclaiming but a heavenly host
 - ▶ This is the second advent of Christ
 - ▶ Note that the first advent of Christ was proclaimed by a heavenly host as well - Lk 2:13-14

The Seventh Trumpet - v 16

- ▶ The world now belongs to Jesus
 - ▶ The prince of the power of the air no longer holds it in his authority
 - ▶ See Dan 2:31-45; Zech 14:9

The Seventh Trumpet - v

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- ▶ Note that satan once offered the world to Jesus in Matt 4:8-9
- ▶ It is by the death of Jesus that all of the kingdoms of the world belong to Jesus.
- ▶ Victory is accomplished through suffering, humility, and submission to God the Father; not by grabbing and striving and pride

The Seventh Trumpet - v

16

- ▶ This is the completion of His Messianic mission
- ▶ He is no longer the suffering servant but the conquering and reigning King.
- ▶ The hope of the Jewish nation has been realized in a far greater way than they ever hoped or imagined. See Jn 18:36; Rev 19:11-21; Eph 3:20-21

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- ▶ The declaration of the 24 elders:
 - ▶ The “One who is and who was”
- ▶ Question: What has been left out of this declaration?

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17

- ▶ Answer: There is no “who is to come” as in 1:8 and 4:8
- ▶ Question: Why is this?
- ▶ Answer: He has come! He is reigning on earth,
“He has begun to reign”
- ▶ This is the millennial kingdom spoken of in Rev 20:1-6

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v.18

- ▶ The nations were angry - see Rev 20:7-9
 - ▶ Also Psalm 2
- ▶ The time has come for judging the dead - see Rev 20:10-15; also Dan 12:1-4; Isa 66:22-24

The Seventh Trumpet -

v.19

- ▶ The temple in heaven is opened - see 4:1
 - ▶ Opening is an apocalyptic sign of the end
 - ▶ This is a temple in heaven that has not been seen but was the pattern of the tabernacle and earthly temples
 - ▶ The holy of holies is opened and we see the ark of the covenant.

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v. 19

- ▶ The ark of the covenant:
 - ▶ A sign of God's presence, power, and mercy
 - ▶ Presence - God dwells between the cherubim
 - ▶ Power - The Israelites brought the ark with them into battle
 - ▶ Mercy - the mercy seat of God

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v. 19

- ▶ The ark of the covenant was central in the religion of Israel
- ▶ It was their promise of the salvation of God
- ▶ Now we see it in the heavenly temple - a symbol of God's presence.
- ▶ This combines the imagery of the Old Covenant with the reality of the New Covenant

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- ▶ Jesus is the last sacrifice, the high priest forever, the Messiah, God Himself.
- ▶ Jesus fulfills the Old Covenant promises in His person and establishes and fulfills all of the New Covenant.
- ▶ It is all brought together in the final consummation of the world in the reign of Christ

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v.19

- ▶ Flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm
- ▶ The background is in Sinai(Ex 19:16) and is about the majesty and dominion of God
- ▶ This is the third of four times it appears in Rev

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- ▶ The four appearances of the storm theophany
1. The throne room - Rev 4:5
 2. Seventh seal - Rev 8:5
 3. Seventh trumpet - Rev 11:19
 4. Seventh Bowl - 16:18-21

Conclusion/Summary

- ▶ All of the themes of the Bible are brought to conclusion at the second advent of Jesus when He judges the satan and those who opposed Jesus.
- ▶ Jesus takes the throne and reigns forever and ever.
- ▶ He is no longer the One who was and is and is to come. He has now come!
- ▶ The rest of the book of Revelation is the playing out of the final story that chapter 11 has summarized
