Revelation Study ~ Chapter 11 part 3

Revelation 11:15-19 ~ The Seventh Trumpet

With the second woe (the sixth trumpet) now complete the seventh trumpet and final woe upon the earth is begun.

When the angel blows the trumpet, it brings about a chorus of praise and declaration concerning the kingdom of the world (see key words) and the kingdom of the Lord.

Why is the "kingdom of the world" singular in description?

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Consider the two descriptions of Jesus. Why are they given this way?

- **Our Lord –**
- **His Christ –**

With the seventh trumpet blown, the glorious declaration of absolute and eternal triumph is spoken by the "loud voices" of heaven, saying: "and he shall reign forever and ever." As the sixth angel had spoken (Revelation 10:6-7), there is no more delay and the final mystery of God is to be fulfilled.

When the loud voices from heaven spoke, the 24 elders (see Revelation 4) prostrate themselves and worship God. Their declaration of praise and thanksgiving is rich with the testimony of God's work in wrath and redemption.

The expression of praise in verse 17 changes from the elders' earlier proclamation (see Revelation 4:8).

Why is "*who is to come*" left out of this declaration of praise?

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Verse 18 describes the response of the nations to the reign of Christ. In stark contrast to the statement of Revelation 6:15-17, now the nations are enraged.

Why, now, do the nations "rage" and what is God's response?

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The second half of verse 18 describes the "time" that is upon the earth.

Three actions occur in this time. What is the significance of each?

- **Dead to be judged –**

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- **Rewarding your servants –**

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- **Destroying the destroyers of the earth –**

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Consider: Who are the "destroyers of the earth?"

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The final scene of this chapter is the view of the temple.

Why is the temple open?

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Why is the "ark of his covenant" in view?

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The scene of heaven is expressive as seen before (Revelation 4:5 & 8:5). This time, however, a new expression of God's might is delivered: hail.

Speculate: Why is hail added to the mix of this scene (see also Revelation 16:17-21)?

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Key Words:

Kingdom – (Greek: "basileia") meaning: "kingdom, sovereignty, rule, authority"
Lord – (Greek: "Kuriou") meaning: "lord, master, the Lord, supreme authority"
Christ – (Greek: "Christou") meaning: "Anointed one, Messiah"
Rage – (Greek: "orgisthesan") meaning: "irritated, provoked, be angry, enraged"
Time – (Greek: "kairos") meaning: "fitting season, opportunity, occasion, time"