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The seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the *kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ*, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

[REV 11:15]



REVELATION 11

13 And at that hour there was made a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell: and there were slain in the earthquake names of men seven thousand: and the rest were cast into a fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

At that very hour

JOHN 13:1-3, before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end...

Severe earthquake

ISAM 14:4-15, ...¹³And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and knees with his armorbearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan. And as he came after him, his armorbearer killed them. ¹⁴That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land. ¹⁵And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and *the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling*;

LUKE 21:11, there will be *great earthquakes in various places*, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

A tenth of the city collapsed

ISA 6:9-13, He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'¹⁰"Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."¹¹Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered: "*Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant*, The houses are without a man, The land is utterly desolate...

Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake

JOB 27:8-14, *what is the hope of the hypocrite, Though he may gain much, If God takes away his life?* ⁹Will God hear his cry When trouble comes upon him?...

Survivors were terrified

2KING 17:24-41, the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities...²⁸Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the Lord...³²So they feared the Lord, and from every class they appointed for themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places.³³*They feared the Lord, yet served their own gods*-according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away...

Survivors... gave glory to the God of heaven

EXO 15:9-13, The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, My hand shall destroy them.'¹⁰You blew with Your wind, The sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters.¹¹"Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? *Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?*¹²*You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them.*¹³You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habitation.

CONSIDER THIS —

Which city?

REV 11:8, ...the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

LUKE 23:33, And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him...



REVELATION 11

14 The second woe is past: and behold the third woe will come quickly.

Second woe has passed

PSM 120: 5-7, *Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech, That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!* ⁶My soul has dwelt too long With one who hates peace. ⁷I am for peace; But when I speak, they are for war.

Third woe

REV 8:13, I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

ZEPH 2:5-7, *Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast*, The nation of the Cherethites! The word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines: "I will destroy you; So there shall be no inhabitant." ⁶The seacoast shall be pastures, With shelters for shepherds and folds for flocks. ⁷The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; They shall feed their flocks there; In the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the Lord their God will intervene for them, And return their captives;

REV 12:12, *Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea!* For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time".

Coming soon

EZE 30:2-3, "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Wail, '*Woe to the day!*'" ³*For the day is near*, Even the day of the Lord is near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.

CONSIDER THIS —

What signals the woe?

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15 And the seventh angel sounded the trumpet: and there were great voices in heaven, saying: The kingdom of this world is become our Lord's and his Christ's, and he shall reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet

JOSH 6:15-17, it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶And *the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets*, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!" ¹⁷"Now the city shall be doomed by the Lord to destruction, it and all who are in it..."

Loud voices in heaven

PSM 89:5-7, *the heavens will praise Your wonders*, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. ⁶For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord? ⁷God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

Kingdom of the world

DAN 5:18-21, O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor. ¹⁹"And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down..." ²¹"Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that *the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses*.

Kingdom of our Lord

1SAM 16:1-3, the Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For *I have provided Myself a king among his sons*." ²And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³"Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you".

Of his Christ

PSM 89:2-4, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." ³"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: ⁴*Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations*.'" Selah.

Reign for ever and ever

PSM 89:34-37, My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. ³⁵Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: ³⁶*His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me*; ³⁷It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky." Selah.

CONSIDER THIS —

Fulfillment of prophecy:

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REVELATION 11

16 And the four and twenty ancients, who sit on their seats in the sight of God, fell on their faces and adored God, saying:

Twenty-four elders

HEB 11:1-2, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For by [faith] the elders obtained a good testimony;

1TIM 5:17, *Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor*, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine;

1PET 5:5-7, you younger people, *submit yourselves to your elders*. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." ⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Seated on their thrones before God

ACTS 10:33-43, *we are all present before God*, to hear all the things commanded you by God"... ³⁹we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. ⁴⁰"Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, ⁴¹"not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. ⁴²"And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³"To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins".

Fell on their faces and worshiped God

LEV 9:22-24, Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offerings. ²³Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people, ²⁴and fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. *When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.*

CONSIDER THIS —

Double honor for elders:

1TIM 5:17, *Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor*, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.



REVELATION 11

17 We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, who art, and who wast, and who art to come: because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and thou hast reigned.

We give thanks to you

ACTS 27:34-35, "I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you." ³⁵And when he had said these things, *he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all*; and when he had broken it he began to eat.

Lord God Almighty

GEN 28:3-4, *May God Almighty bless you*, And make you fruitful and multiply you, That you may be an assembly of peoples; ⁴And give you the blessing of Abraham, To you and your descendants with you, That you may inherit the land In which you are a stranger, Which God gave to Abraham".

Who is

DEUT 31:6, Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you;

DEUT 31:8, And the Lord, He is the one who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.

Who was

JUDG 2:14-15, the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. ¹⁵Wherever they went out, the hand of *the Lord was against them for calamity*, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

You have taken your great power

PSM 66:7-9, *He rules by His power forever*; His eyes observe the nations; Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah ⁸Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, ⁹Who keeps our soul among the living. And does not allow our feet to be moved.

You... have begun to reign

1CHR 16:30-31, Tremble before Him, all the earth. The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved. ³¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; And let them say among the nations, "*The Lord reigns*".

CONSIDER THIS —

Jesus has gone before us:

DEUT 31:8, the Lord, He is the one who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.



REVELATION 11

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest render reward to thy servants the prophets and the saints, and to them that fear thy name, little and great, and shouldest destroy them who have corrupted the earth.

Nations were angry

ISA 49:7, Thus says the Lord, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, *To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the Lord who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You".*

Wrath has come

EPH 5:5-6, no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶*Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

Time has come

EZE 7:11-12, Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness; None of them shall remain, None of their multitude, None of them; Nor shall there be wailing for them. ¹²*The time has come, The day draws near. 'Let not the buyer rejoice, Nor the seller mourn, For wrath is on their whole multitude.*

Judging the dead

2TIM 4:1-4, I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, *who will judge the living and the dead* at His appearing and His kingdom: ²Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Rewarding your servants the prophets

COL 3:23-25, whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴knowing that *from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance*; for you serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Your saints

HEB 6:10-12, God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. ¹¹And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹²that you do not become sluggish, but *imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

Those who reverence your name

EXO 3:14-15, God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and *this is My memorial to all generations.*

CONSIDER THIS —

The wrath has come!

REV 15:1, I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for *in them the wrath of God is complete.*

Both small and great

2KING 23:1-2, the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. ²The king went up to the house of the Lord with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem-*the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great.* And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord;

PSM 115:13, He will bless those who fear the Lord, *Both small and great.*

Destroying those who destroy the earth

LEV 18:22-30, ...²⁴Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. ²⁵For *the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants.* ²⁶You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you ²⁷(for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), ²⁸lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you. ²⁹For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people. ³⁰Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, so that you do not commit any of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: I am the Lord your God."





REVELATION 11

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven: and the ark of his testament was seen in his temple, and there were lightnings, and voices, and an earthquake, and great hail.

God's temple

PSM 10:4, *The Lord is in His holy temple*, The Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

God's temple in heaven... was opened

1KING 8:41-43, Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your name's sake ⁴²(for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, ⁴³*hear in heaven Your dwelling place*, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

Ark of the covenant

EXO 25:10-22, they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height... ²¹"You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and *in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you*. ²²"And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony...;

DEUT 31:25-27, Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying: ²⁶"Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside *the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God*, that it may be there as a witness against you; ²⁷"for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the Lord, then how much more after my death?

Flashes of lightning

JOB 38:34-35, "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, That an abundance of water may cover you? ³⁵*Can you send out lightnings, that they may go*, And say to you, 'Here we are!'"

Rumblings

PSM 77:17-18, The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about. ¹⁸*The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind*; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.

Earthquake

2SAM 22:8-16, "Then *the earth shook and trembled*; *The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken*, Because He was angry. ⁹Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. ¹⁰He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet...

Great hailstorm

ISA 32:18-19, My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, ¹⁹*Though hail comes down on the forest*, And the city is brought low in humiliation.

CONSIDER THIS —

Where are God's people during His wrath?

ISA 32:18-19, My people will dwell *in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places*, ¹⁹Though hail comes down on the forest, And the city is brought low in humiliation.



GROUP DISCUSSION

REV 11:13, In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

⊕ **1. What events had just taken place before the earthquake?**

(see REV 11:7-12)

REV 11:15, Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

⊕ **2a. To whom do the 'kingdoms of this world' currently belong?**

(see also MATH 4:8-9, JOHN 12:31, JOHN 14:30, 1COR 2:6-8, EPH 2:2-3, EPH 6:12 & 1JON 4:3)

PSM 2:6-8, "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."
⁷"I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

⊕ **2b. Will Jesus reign on this earth?**

(see also PSM 37:7-11, JER 23:5-6, DAN 2:34-35, DAN 2:44-45, ZECH 14:7-9 & REV 22:5)

REV 11:18, The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

⊕ **3a. Why might the nations be angry?**

(see also PSM 2:1-3, ISA 49:7, JOHN 7:7 & REV 19:15)

REV 20:12-13, And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And *they were judged*, each one according to his works.

⊕ **3b. What is the 'time of the dead'? What will take place after the dead are judged?**

(see also ISA 65:15-17, DAN 12:2-3, REV 20:14-15 & REV 21:1)

REV 11:18, ...destroy those who *destroy the earth*.

⊕ **4. How is the earth being destroyed?**

(see also GEN 6:12-13, NUM35:33, ISA 24:5-6, JER 51:24-26 & EZE:8:17-18)

NEXT SESSION —