

The Revelation – The Seventh Trumpet

This week we will continue our study of the Revelation by looking at the sounding of the seventh trumpet. Revelation 11:15-19 says:

- (15) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
- (16) And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,
- (17) Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.
- (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 give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.
- (19) And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Once again I would like to remind you that the Revelation cannot be looked upon as a purely sequential series of events. It appears that as we get further into the Revelation we find that more and more detail is given about the events which happen. With the sounding of this seventh trumpet we are, once again, preparing for even greater Revelation as we will see in the coming lessons.

The first thing that we find after the sounding of the trumpet is that this, once again, is indicating that this occurs at the end of the Tribulation period. In 1 Corinthians 15:52-58 Paul writes:

- (51) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
- (54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- (55) O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?
- (56) The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
- (57) But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- (58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

In this Scripture Paul tells us that Jesus will return at “the last trump.” So it appears, then, that when the seventh trumpet sounds Jesus returns to earth to set up his kingdom. We’ll study later in the Revelation more about the millennial reign of Jesus Christ. In any event, at the blowing of the seventh trumpet the Tribulation is over and Jesus Christ reigns over all the earth. Now I don’t want you to think that this means that God isn’t in control now, because he is, but Satan has his hour until the kingdom is restored to Christ.

The twenty four elders worship the Lord and point out that the people of the earth are not happy. You see, these are those who never received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. At this time of judgment they are found guilty. There is no longer any hope. According to Romans 6:23 the penalty is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Which side are you on today? Are you on the Lord’s side, or on the side that will be angry at the Lord? If you’ve never received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior I want to let you know that now is the time. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We are all unclean in the eyes of God. All sin is sin and is worthy of death in an eternal Hell. The good news is that Jesus Christ died to save us from sin. He conquered death, Hell, and the grave. If you will recognize that you are a sinner and call upon the name of Jesus, believing on him for the salvation of your soul, you will receive the gift of everlasting life. I want to ask you to pray right now before reading the rest of this lesson.

Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior? If so, let me know. I want to hear from you. I want to be there to help to guide you Into the Word because the Word will give you all of the guidance that you need for life.

Yours in Christ,

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