

The Seventh Trumpet - Third Woe

Revelation 11:14-19

Introduction: Three important questions

The Kingdom of God – Matthew 13 – 7 parables

Zechariah 12:10; 14:8-9; Romans 11:11, 25-29

Exodus 19:3; 1 Peter 2:9-10

Three Questions:

First, what can we make of the loud voices and the cry regarding the kingdom of the world becoming the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in verse 15?

Second, why have the twenty-four elders resurfaced declaring that God's time has come for wrath on wickedness and that his reward is ready in verses 16-18?

Third, what can we make of the scene where the ark of his covenant is exposed and seemingly celebrated in verse 19?

Jesus & the Kingdom of God - Matthew-36; Mark-14; Luke-32; John-4 and after his resurrection Acts 1:3; Matthew 24-25; 26:64

Revelation 11:15b's use of 'kingdom' marks God's final steps to bring in the Kingdom in a physical way. This seventh trumpet sets in motion events that culminate in the return of Jesus Christ and includes the seven bowls of God's wrath.

Conclusion: The first advent of Jesus Christ was announced with a choir of angels (Luke 2:13-14) on earth, and so it is in the second advent when Jesus returns but this time with loud voices in heaven. The change is subtle; in the first Jesus brings his kingdom into a lost and dying world and in this event he overwhelms a lost and dying world with the kingdom of his righteousness (John 18:36).

Vs. 18 - The wrath of the nations against God holding them accountable and God's wrath against their sin are the same original word. There is a wicked wrath and there is a righteous wrath and God's wrath against sin is wholly righteous and when it comes it will overwhelm evil and bring in eternal good. God hates all sin and will punish all sin that is not covered by the blood of Jesus.

The omission of "who is to come" in this text indicates that the final trumpet is a precursor to the return of Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 52:7; Zechariah 14:9)

Exodus 15:13-18 foreshadows the nature of Revelation 11:14-19. God cared for his people as they traveled to the promised land, and at the end of time he returns to care for his people once again as before them lies the Eternal Promised Land.