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MacArthur: "But before the seventh trumpet sounds there will be an interlude, a pause looking back at into the first 3.5 years and looking into the future 7th Trumpet, containing the Bowl Judgments. This pause, this parenthesis stretches from 10:1 to 11:14, allowing John (and present-day readers) to pause and assimilate the startling truths that have just been revealed to him. The interlude, the parenthesis between the sixth and seventh trumpets parallels similar interludes in the Seal and Bowl judgments. Between the sixth and seventh seals came the interlude of chapter 7; between the sixth and seventh bowls comes the brief interlude of 16:15."

10:1 I saw

-As it does throughout Revelation (4:1; 7:1, 9; 15:1; 18:1; 19:1), *eidon* (**I saw**) marks the beginning of a new vision.

-The vision of the first 6 trumpets, 8:2-9:21 is complete.

still another mighty angel (*of a similar kind to the previous trumpet angels*) **coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.**

Who is this Angel?

Yes Christ?:

-Clouds: Ex 16:10; **see** Ex.19:9; 34:5; **see** Acts 1:9-11

-Rainbow: Rev 4:3

-Countenance as Sun: Rev 1:16; **see** Mt 17:2

-Feet like fire: Rev 1:15

-Jesus often appeared in the OT as "the Angel of the Lord" (Ex 3:2; Judg. 2:4; 6:11-12, 21-22; 2 Sam 24:16). He appears to have the authority of God's throne. This is the third appearance of a distinctive messenger.

Not Christ?:

- A Mighty angel of the same type, not different 'but another' from previously mentioned angels

-No special title given to this angel, versus other references to Christ in Revelation where special titles of His are given.

For example: He is called "the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5), the son of man (1:13), the first and the last (1:17), the living One (1:18), the Son of God (2:18), "He who is holy, who is true" (3:7), "the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God" (3:14), "the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah,

the Root of David” (5:5), the Lamb (6:1, 16; 7:17; 8:1), Faithful and True (19:11), the Word of God (19:13), and “King of Kings, and Lord of Lords” (19:16).

- It is reasonable to assume that if Christ were the angel in view here He would be distinctly identified.
- Third, other strong angels, who clearly cannot be identified with Christ, appear in Revelation (5:2; 18:21).
- Further, while the preincarnate Christ appeared in the Old Testament as the Angel of the Lord, the New Testament nowhere refers to Him as an ‘angel’.
- Fourth, it is inconceivable that Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, could make the oath that this angel makes in verses 5 and 6: “Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it.” Since He is God, the risen, glorified Lord Jesus Christ would swear by Himself (**see** Heb. 6:13).
- Fifth, this angel came **down out of heaven** to the earth. To identify him as Christ is to add another coming of Christ to the earth unforeseen elsewhere in Scripture, one that is not in accord with the Biblical descriptions of the Second Coming (Matt. 24:30; 25:31; 2Thess. 1:7–8).
- Other angels described in Scripture have the same splendor that this angel has. Ezekiel 28:11–15 describes Lucifer’s glorious angelic appearance before his rebellion against God. **See** also Dan. 10:5-6 with v.13.

2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

- If Jesus?:** Is this the book of Rev 5? Only Christ was able to take it. He has the posture of a conqueror taking possession. He is claiming the whole world (Deut 11:24; Josh 1:1-3; 1 Cor. 10:26,28; Col 1:16). All things must be put under His feet (Ps 8:6; Heb 2:8). We are but tenants. The purchaser and owner is coming to claim what He holds the title deed for.
- If An Angel?:** The angel’s act also symbolically anticipates the coming judgments of the seventh trumpet and the seven bowls on the whole earth.
- The answer as to the Little Book is probably best answered in v.11

3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.

- like a lion would sound, not a lion per se
- “Lion’s roar”: Prov. 19:12; **see** Joel 3:16.

When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

- Missler:** Thunder is often a harbinger of judgment in Scripture (8:5; 11:19; 16:18; 1 Sam. 2:10; 2 Sam. 22:14; Ps. 18:13; John 12:28–30). Exodus 9:23 records that “Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt.” In 1 Samuel 7:10 “the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day against the Philistines and confused them, so that they were routed before Israel.”

4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.”

- This is the only “sealed” thing in this unsealed book. (Dan 12:9; Rev 22:10). [Note reference to 7 voices thundering in Psalm 29:4-9]
- John understood without interpretation what the seven thunders communicated, but he is told to not write what they have said.
- Daniel also had portions of his visions sealed or not revealed: Daniel also was forbidden to record certain elements of his visions. In Daniel 8:26 he was commanded, “The vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true; but keep the vision secret, for it pertains to many days in the

future.” Later he was told, “Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time” (Dan. 12:9).

-Bottom line: We do not know what the seven thunders said. When I get there then I’ll know and will tell you then. Otherwise we commit the sin of presumption

5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 6 and swore by Him (Jesus?) who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

If Jesus?: God put Himself under oath when He made His covenant with Abraham (Heb 6:13-20); when He declared His Son to be high priest (Heb 7:20-22); and when He promised David that the Christ would come from his family (Acts 2:29-30).

Not Jesus?: We are restricted from swearing an oath due to our sinful nature and inabilities, but not so for angels, who are not sinful by nature and empowered to do what they are commanded to do.

-Because He could swear by no greater He swore by Himself. Here He is not swearing by Himself.

“Delay” no longer. He has been delaying His judgments so that lost sinners will have time to repent (2 Pet 3:1-9). BUT Time’s up.

-The prayers of the martyred saints (Rev 6:10-11) are about to be answered: “How long oh Lord?” (6:10)

-It may come as a surprise to learn that God has never physically reigned on the earth. Though surely He is, indeed, the sovereign King over all of the universe—over both heaven and earth. He has ruled, overruled, and intervened upon the earth, He just has not reigned on earth.

-He governs in a manner that appears remote and incomplete. He has never used His absolute power to bring about an end to demonic evil, human rebellion, and global injustice and suffering.

-And He does not receive the worship and honor that is His due.

-That is all about to change. That is what we pray for when we pray, “Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

7 but in the days (this will take a period of time) of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

-Which mystery? The problem of evil in the world.

MacArthur: Mysteries Revealed: Mysteries hidden in the past that the New Testament reveals include the “mysteries of the kingdom” (Matt. 13:11), the mystery of Israel’s blindness (Rom. 11:25), the “mystery of the Rapture” (1 Cor. 15:51), the “mystery of lawlessness” (2 Thess. 2:7), the “mystery of Christ” (Eph. 3:4) and of “Christ & the church” (Eph. 5:32), the mystery of Christ in the believer (Col. 1:26–27), and the mystery of the Incarnation (1 Tim. 3:16). Paul saw himself as a “steward” or guardian and dispenser of these great mysteries (1 Cor. 4:1), to “bring to light” these mysteries “which for ages [have] been hidden in God” (Eph. 3:9).

This Mystery finished: The **mystery of God** (1 Cor. 2:7; Col. 2:2) of which the angel spoke is that of “the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth” (Eph. 1:10). It is the consummation of God’s plan in bringing His glorious kingdom in Christ to fulfillment. It involves the salvation of the elect and their place in His glorious kingdom and all that goes with that. It includes the judgment of men and demons. The **mystery** previously hidden refers to all the unknown details that are revealed from this point to the end of Revelation, when the new heavens and new earth are created. God had **preached** that mystery (without all the details revealed in the New Testament) **to His servants the prophets** in the Old Testament, and men like Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Amos, and Zechariah wrote of end-time events. Much of the detail, however, was hidden and not revealed until the New Testament, and until The Revelation given to John.

8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."

-if the Book of Rev. 5?? The 7 seals have been loosed, and the book is now completely open.

-If not?: Or this little book is the balance of what he has yet to prophesy concerning this last 3.5 years, the judgment to come, the Millennial Kingdom and the new heavens and the new earth

-V.11 gives probably the best explanation of this book and its contents.

9 So I (*John*) went to the angel and said to him, "Give me (*in the imperative a command!*) the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

-The effects of Prophecy and the Second Coming of Christ.

-How should prophecy and its study effect us? See 2Peter 3:1-13

10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. **11** And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about, concerning many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

-see Ezek 3:1-7. Where is the bitter in the belly of the Ezekiel passage?

Missler: The reality of the futility of man is bitter. What we call achievement and civilization is seen to be rebellion and apostasy crying out to God for judgment. Political, economic, and ecclesiastical life is emptiness. God will be vindicated from all of the blasphemies of men. Our entire hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is by some the Mid-point of the book of Revelation!

-We too, must "prophesy again"—but only after the assimilation of His Word: "Today, if you hear His voice (*He is shouting!*) harden not your hearts..."

Parenthetical close-up. The Third Temple

-The place is Jerusalem. The time is the first half of the 70th week of Daniel.

-Israel has built a Temple. [Rev 10:11: John is to prophesy again concerning (*not "before"*) many peoples, nations, tongues and kings.

-In Chapters 11-14, we will get an amplification of the elements or players of the Tribulation

-Note the distinction between Jews and Gentiles reappearing, suggesting the OT dispensation.

-This chapter begins on the earth but ends in heaven (v.19).

Background to Revelation 11:1-2:

See **Dan. 11:40:** "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm *them*, and pass through. **41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.** **42** He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. **43** He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians *shall follow* at his heels. **44** But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. **45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain;** yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

-The key here v. 41 'He shall enter the glorious land'

11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the 'Temple of God', the altar, and those who worship there.

- The rebuilding of the Temple is required for this verse to take place.
- Temple: naos; holy place (vs. heiron, temple area as a whole).
- Measuring 'rod': staff (shevet)
- In Revelation, an instrument of chastisement (2:27; 12:5; 19:15).
- Measurements indicate preamble to judgment (Jer. 31:38-39; Zech 2).
- Preamble to destruction: Lam 2:8; 2 Kgs 21:13; Isa 34:11; Amos 7:8.
- Judgment begins at the House of God. In Ezekiel 40:2 and Zech 2:1,2, measurement is in preparation of the Lord's coming to dwell upon the earth.

2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles.. ..

-“Leave out”: ekbale, throw out, cast out. The Gentiles will have taken over Jerusalem as we read in Dan. 11.

-The Desolation of abominations has not occurred as yet, but the rest of the city is in gentile control.

....And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months

-“The holy city”: no other so designated (Neh. 11:1,with 18; Isa 52:1; Dan 9:24; Mt 4:5).

Half-week designations:

-1260 days (11:3; 12:6)

-42 months (11:2; 13:5)

-Time, times, the dividing of time (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 12:14) “Times”= dual; used of 2 years (Dan 4:16, 23, 25). Half of the (70th) week of years (Dan 9:24-27; Rev 12:14).

-This is the most documented period of time in the Bible, and more definitely marked for literal interpretation than that which limits the time of future judgment upon the earth preceding the Millennium.

-The literalness of the fulfillment of the 69 weeks of Daniel 9:25 is a guarantee of the literalness of the seven-year duration of the 70th week.

The Coming Temple

Missler: Third Temple to be built: Referred to three times in NT: Mt 24:15; 2 Thes. 2:4; Rev 11:1,2. The original location may not be the traditional Dome of the Rock site:

Northern Hypothesis (suggested by Asher Kaufman) Based on alignment with the Golden (Shushan) Gate, certain rock outcroppings, etc. Suggests that actual site of Holy of Holies and the Ark of the Covenant was at the Dome of the Tablets (also known as the Dome of the Spirits).

Southern Hypothesis (suggested by Tuvia Sagiv) Based on three-dimensional computer studies of the Temple Mount, elevation of Hulda Gates, surveying of the water aqueduct, and other topographic considerations. Ground- penetrating radar seems to support this possibility.

Which Temple in Scripture is this?

-of the Four Temples in Scriptures the Tribulation Temple is probably described in.....

-See Is. 66:1-4

66:1 Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven *is* My throne,

And earth *is* My footstool.

Where *is* the house that you will build Me?

And where *is* the place of My rest?

2 For all those *things* My hand has made,
And all those *things* exist,"

Says the LORD.

"But on this *one* will I look:

On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit,
And who trembles at My word.

3 "He who kills a bull *is as if* he slays a man;
He who sacrifices a lamb, *as if* he breaks a dog's neck;
He who offers a grain offering, *as if* he offers swine's blood;
He who burns incense, *as if* he blesses an idol.

Just as they have chosen their own ways,
And their soul delights in their abominations,

4 So will I choose their delusions,
And bring their fears on them;
Because, when I called, no one answered,
When I spoke they did not hear;
But they did evil before My eyes,
And chose *that* in which I do not delight."

-Is. 66 Describes an **unsanctioned Temple**.

-Solomon's Temple was sanctioned and blessed.

-Zerubbabel's Temple was sanctioned and blessed, even it's larger more glorious upgrade which we call Herod's temple.

-This cannot be the Kingdom Age Temple, God sanctions it as His throne in Ezek. 43:7

-The only Temple unsanctioned is the Tribulation Temple, that is what Isaiah 66 is describing

-It will be built probably in the first 3.5 years

Next: The Covenant is broken.....

Then see Dan. 9:27: Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;

But in the middle of the week

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate."

-This will be preceded by a military invasion, breaking covenant with his invasion as we read in Dan. 11:41.

-This invasion would be the second World War in the Tribulation, the third will be in chapter 19.

-**Now** see Dan. 12:11: "And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

-The Tribulation itself ends after 1,260 Days

-This abomination of desolation last for an additional 30 days.

Then see Matthew 24:15-16: **15** "Therefore when you see the '*abomination of desolation*,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), **16** "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

What is the Abomination of Desolation?

-It occurs in Two Stages

First stage Then see 2Thes. 2:3-4 **3** Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, **4** who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

-This is the first stage of the Desolation of Abomination: **he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**

-his true character is revealed to the Jewish people who have entered into covenant with him:

-see **then** 2 Thes. 2:8-11: **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. **9** The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

-Stage 2 of the Desolation of Abominations occurs in Rev.13 which we will cover when we get to chapter 13.

The Two Prophets (Witnesses)

3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days (*the length of the first half of the Tribulation & the last half*), clothed in sackcloth."

-there ministry will be in the first half of the Tribulation to the City of Jerusalem up to the mid point.

-Joshua sends only two on a mission, (versus 12 by Moses 40 years earlier)

-Two is the required number of witnesses before the law (Deut 17:6; Mt 18:16). [Note: always two angels—after resurrection, at the ascension, Gen 18, etc.]

-These are specifically called prophets (v.3,6) in the Old Testament sense; they perform miracles.

-First half of the 70th Week. "Sackcloth": Speaks of the law rather than grace. Everything here speaks of the OT.

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

Now see: Zech 4:1-5: **1** Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. **2** And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. **3** Two olive trees *are* by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." **4** So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What *are* these, my lord?" **5** Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."

-So the source of oil is from the two olive trees into the bowl, which feeds into the seven lamps

The point is given in summary in v. 6:

6 So he answered and said to me:

"This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:

'Not by might (*intellectual*) nor by power (*physical*), but by My Spirit,'

Says the LORD of hosts.

Then in the second message to Zerubbabel in chapter 4 we learn more of these 2, **we read:**

4:11 Then I answered and said to him, "What *are* these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?" **12** And I further answered and said to him, "What *are these* two olive

branches that *drip* into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden *oil* drains?"

13 Then he answered me and said, "Do you not know what these *are*?"

And I said, "No, my lord."

14 So he said, "These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."

-Two anointed ones connected with the national regeneration of Israel

-We then connect these two with the two witnesses in Rev. 11:3, who will stand beside the Lord of the whole earth when summoned up in Rev. 11:12.

-“Olive trees” = “trees of oil”; anointed ones = “sons of oil”

-This is a reference to Zerubbabel and Joshua, who re-established Israel (Zech 4:10-14).

-“Before whom I stand”: favorite phrase of Elijah: 1 Kgs 17:1.

-Continuous filling by the Holy Spirit (Zech 4:12).

5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. **6** These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy (*cause draught*); and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

Possible Identities:

1-Messiah Mal 3:1-3, 5,6

2-Elijah; **see** Mal 4:5,6 (Last words in OT)

3-Moses; Deut 18:15-19, **see** Matt. 16:28-17:3

4-Enoch with Elijah because neither died and they must per **see** Heb. 9:27 = general rule, but there are exceptions: Lazarus, Jairus’ daughter, Widow at Nain’s son, and the entire Raptured Church.

5-Could be two totally different men who are enabled to do ‘supernatural judgments’

-John the Baptist: “I am not.” Jn. 1:19,20; Mt 11:14; 17:10-11.

-He did not “turn the hearts of the children” as Malachi predicted, nor usher in the “great and dreadful day,” as these two do in **see** Rev. 11:13

Missler: Two ministries were unfinished: Moses: Num 20:12; Deut 3:26-28 Elijah: 1 Kgs 17:1; 19:13-16; 2 Kgs 2:11

-Unique Powers, Miracles

Elijah (most agree on this one):

-Fire from heaven; 1 Kgs 18:37; 2Kgs 1:10,12; (Jer. 5:14)

-Shut up heaven; 1 Kgs 17:1; (3 1/2 years! Lk 4:25; Jas 5:17)

Moses:

-Water into blood: Ex 7:19

-Plagues; Ex 8-12 [versus ministers of Church are to be harmless: Phil 2:15; Rom 16:19.

-James and John would have duplicated Elijah’s acts, but Jesus rebuked them (Luke 9:54-56.)

-Enoch was a Gentile: Witnesses are Jewish.

-Staff Meeting in Mt 17 connected with Second Coming?

-Mystery: Why did Michael contend with Satan for the body of Moses? Jude 9; Deut 34:5, 6.

-Moses and Elijah had their ministries interrupted in the OT.

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

-Invulnerable until testimony is completed.

-Antichrist, The Beast now in power.

-Note: the 'software' origins of this beast. More in Chapter 13.)

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

-“Bodies = carcasses.”

-Jerusalem = “Sodom” (Isa 1:9-10; 3:8,9; Jer. 23:14; Deut 32:30-33); “Egypt” (Ezek 23:3,4,8,19).

-“Great”: in Chapter 11 mentioned 8 times.

9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

-Was this predicted in **see** Ps 79:1-3, 10,11?

-3.5 days: a day for each year of their torment?

10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

-Only celebration, the only sounds of joy on the earth in Revelation! A “Satanic Christmas”

-This will only add to the ‘divinity’ of the beast, since he only is able to kill them!

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

-Cable, Webnews. The capabilities to see this World wide were only recently enabled world wide.

12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

-Rev 4:1; 2 Kgs 2:11.

-With what kind of body did they ascend? Not one only suited to the earth!

13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand (*literally 'named'*) people were killed, and the rest (*not killed*) were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven (*and not in the temple!*).

-this will be the group that will flee to the mountains in the east, who will take heed to Matthew 24, when the Desolation of Abomination occurs. **see** Matt. 24:15-16, note (whoever reads let him understand), these who glorify God will read and understand thru the Holy spirit.

Earthquakes in the Tribulation:

-A great earthquake occurred when the 6th seal was opened (6:12);

-A greater one when the 7th bowl is poured out (16:18-20).

-The greatest fault line on the earth runs east of Jerusalem down the Jordan called the Great Rift Valley, running underneath the Dead Sea into Africa.

-“Tenth”: it is expressly declared that the tenth belonged to the Lord: Lev 27:30-34.

-“Seven thousand names of men were killed in the earthquake.” Idiom suggests men of prominence.

Resumption of Woes, the Last Trumpet Prelude

14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

-Ends parenthetical section between 6th-7th trumpets.

-Opens up to **The Seven Personalities** in Chapters 12 & 13.

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms (*some*

manuscripts have singular 'kingdom') of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His

-we have to remember that this 'kingdom' is a confederacy of nations that start out as twelve toes in Daniel

-In Rev. 17 we read of the kings of the earth, not just king. We read of a woman, having 7 heads and 10 horns, but riding the singular ruling beast, similar to Dan. 7:7

Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

-Satan has had the world under his control. (Mt 4:8-9; 12:26; Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11).

Announcement of victory.

-Satan had offered a shortcut (Mt 4:8-9).

- Jesus did it the way the Father wanted it done.

-Note that this is the trumpet of an angel, not the "Trumpet of God" which occurs at Sinai (Ex 19) and at the rapture (1 Thes. 4:16,17).

-Seventh angel yields seven bowls of wrath.

Threefold Acclamation of Praise (11:16-18).

-Christ reigns supremely (v.17);

-He judges righteously (v.18);

-He rewards graciously (v.18).

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, **17** saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken (and unleashed) Your great power and reigned, literally "you have begun to reign".

-In Rev 4:10-11, the elders worshipped the Creator; in 5:9-14 they worshipped the Redeemer; here, the emphasis is on the Conqueror and King.

-verses 15-18 contain the same results as the seven bowls in chapters 15-16, and thus here in chapter 11 is a summary reaction of those seven judgments contained within this seventh trumpet in v.15

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 (the time of the rewards judgment is also very near), And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy (corrupt) the earth."

-“Destroy” = corrupt. Not an ecological statement, but referring to those who follow the one called the Destroyer.

-However, man cannot be an acceptable steward if he denies the Owner.

-This vs. 16-18 is a “table of contents” for the remainder of the Book of Revelation. [A “broad scope” statement, as in Dan 9:24.]

-Why are the nations angry? They want to have their own way (Ps 2:13).

-They want to cast off all restraint.

-God will permit them to do so. The result of their “utopia” is Rev 17-18.

-Their anger will lead to Armageddon in chapter 19.

-“Your wrath is come”: “Angry” is the verb form of the word translated “wrath.”

-Two Greek words used: ‘orge’, used here (4X), indignation, a settled attitude of wrath; and ‘thumos’ (7X: 14:10, 19; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15), “rage, passionate anger.”

-God’s anger is not dispassionate, for He hates sin and loves righteousness and justice; neither temperamental or unpredictable. [In contrast to Allah who is presented as capricious...]

- “And the time of the dead to be judged” carries over to Rev 20. Thus, this verse covers the whole period

of the “Day of the Lord.”

-Just as our whole church period is contained in the comma between two clauses in Isa 61:2.

19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.

-Ark of the Covenant, a reminder from a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. Fulfilling His covenant with Israel.

- “Original on Earth” was a pattern of the heavenly ark, Heb 9:23;

-Approached only on His terms: Lev 16:14, 15; Jn. 14:6; Nadab and Abihu (Lev 10:2); Ussah (2 Sam 6:3-7);

-The earthly Ark was Never to come to mind again (**see** Jer. 3:16 a K.A. passage on the Ark.).

And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

-This may indicate that the Mercy seat has been removed and sends forth the beginning of final wrath of God onto the earth in the form of the coming bowl judgments of chapters 15-16, as signaled by “lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

Seven Great Openings in Revelation:

4:1 A door opened in heaven

6:1-8:1 The seals are opened

9:2 The Abyss opened

11:19 Temple of God opened

15:5 Tabernacle of testimony opened

19:11 Heaven is opened

20:12 Books of Judgment opened.

Next Week chapters 12 and 13. No Homework but all of the readings!