



The Seventh Trumpet Judgment

The Third **WOE**

The Reign of Christ Foretold



Revelation 11:15-19 (NASB), ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.” ¹⁸ And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear our name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.” ¹⁹ And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.



he seventh and final trumpet judgment seems to be describing events that will take place at the end of the tribulation period when Jesus will return and set up His Kingdom on earth. This will cause great anger and rebellion on the part of the unbelieving world.

It is at this time that we find the fulfillment of the **SIXTH** Seal Judgment of Revelation 6:12-17.

Revelation 6:15-16 (NASB), Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶ and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from

the wrath of the Lamb; ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?

Both judgments (the 6th Seal and the 7th trumpet) both speak to us as though we are already there and Christ is sitting on His throne. The 6th Seal Judgment is told to us in chapter six because it is a Seal judgment and the same for the 7th Trumpet Judgment. Both are forward looking and both take place at the end of the tribulation.

THE THIRD **WOE**, Rev.11:15-20:3

The sounding of the "**SEVENTH TRUMPET**" is the beginning of the third woe and includes the "**BOWL (vial)** judgments," and all other events down to c20:3, when Satan (that Devil) is thrown into the bottomless pit for 1000 years.

Revelation 20:3 (NASB), "and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time."

With the sound of the seventh trumpet John says he heard "**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.**" This is the announcement that the time had come for Christ to take "**THE KINGDOM**," though "The Kingdom" does not fully come into His possession for 3½ years. The whole of this passage is **anticipative**, for the "sayings" of the Four and Twenty Elders look forward to the Resurrections and Judgments of chapter 20 (Millennial Reign, Satan cast into the Lake of Fire, Great White Thrown Judgment).

The scene is located in Heaven. For it is there that John hears the Trumpet sound, and sees the "Temple of God" opened, and hears the "voices" and "thundering" that accompany the devastation of the earth by "earthquake" and "hail." This announcement is preliminary to the great events that are to follow, which will be the most remarkable and momentous that have ever happened on this earth.

The twenty-four elders proclaimed, "The time has come for . . . destroying those who destroy the earth" v17. Obviously, God is about to wrap things up once and for all. At the sound of the seventh trumpet, the temple of God is opened in heaven, and "within his temple was seen the **ARK OF HIS COVENANT** v19.



And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm" v19.

Note: The Ark of the Covenant¹

History of the Ark of the Covenant:

The Ark of the Covenant has had a fascinating history beginning thousands of years ago. It was essential for the sanctuary service when the children of Israel built the tabernacle. God chose Bezalel from the tribe of Judah to construct the Ark of the Covenant (Ex.31:1-6, 36, 39) after the children of Israel left Egypt. (Exodus 31:2) Centuries later, Bible scholars generally believe that between 605 and 586 B.C., a group of priests at Jeremiah's bidding hid the Ark of the Covenant in a cave just outside the city walls to keep the advancing Babylonians from discovering it.

Location of the Ark of the Covenant:

Currently, no one knows where Jeremiah hid the Ark. Revelation 11:19 is part of the seventh trumpet event which is forward looking to the time Christ returns and sits on His throne. People have made claims and written books claiming to know the location of the Ark. However, no one has revealed the Ark or its location. With that being said there are a few who claimed to have seen the Ark of the Covenant and/or know where it was at a certain time.

So how can all these claims be true when scripture seems to be telling us it is in the temple in heaven? Let me say this, at this time (Revelation 11) in the telling of the timeline of the Book of Revelation, the Ark of the Covenant is in the temple of God. It has not always been there and for good reason. However, it is obvious that at some point which God has not chosen to reveal to us, He takes the Ark of the Covenant to heaven and it sits in His throne room.

The seventh trumpet sounding includes all that happens down to chapter 20:3, including the seven bowl judgments.

¹ <https://www.wake-up.org/ark-of-the-covenant/where-is-the-ark-of-the-covenant.html>