

Revelation 11:1-19

The Kingdom of the World has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He Shall Reign Forever

At the 7th trumpet it will be announced that the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of God! Christ will judge the dead that have rejected Him as Lord and He will reward those that have trusted in Jesus. He will destroy the destroyers on earth. He will deal with the sin of Israel for the final 3.5 years of the tribulation. This time is called the great tribulation. When the 7th trumpet blasts the seven bowls of Gods wrath will be poured out on the earth in judgement before the antichrists time ends and Jesus starts His millennial kingdom on earth.

Proverbs 21:15 *When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.*

Deuteronomy 32:4 *"The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.*

Psalm 9:7-10 *But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. 9 The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. 10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

Psalm 37:28 *For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.*

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Hearing about heaven is sweet. Hearing about suffering and Gods judgement on those that reject Jesus is bitter. Rev 10:8-11

- Do you believe in Jesus and have you asked Him to take control of your life?
- Do you tell others about Jesus?

Vs 1-3 John is given a measuring rod and he is told to measure the temple of God.

This could mean the Jewish temple will be reestablished in Israel. Some say the antichrist will take his seat there and act like he is God.

Some say the temple is believers and John should measure the temple and alter, but also the people.

God is looking at the temple and its people. It is God's temple that He will protect and He will also protect His worshippers.

The enemy and non-believers will trample and disrespect God and His people for a season and they will think they are winning, but God will bless and deliver all of His people to His kingdom of heaven and He will justly judge all of those that reject the Messiah, Savior of the world.

Vs 4-13 God uses two witnesses to confirm this testimony. God will protect His witnesses.

Witnesses will pour out God's word and judgement. We do this now so people can turn to Christ.

These witnesses can judge with fire, hinder rain, prophecy, turn water to blood, and send plagues.

These witnesses are strong and will finish their testimony, but then the beast from below will kill them. **They will die for Christ.**

There will be a time when the pagans will think they have won, but God will vindicate them.

God will resurrect them! Jesus was resurrected, they are resurrected, and we will be resurrected!

Gods people who are His witnesses will come back to life and ascend into heaven for their kingdom.

Vs 14-19 Suffering and a just judgement exists, our hope is in Jesus. He is Savior and eternal King. For those that have trusted in Christ there will be a new heaven and a new earth and eternity with God for us. The Christian can also take heart that a just God will give His edict of a just punishment for the evil that exists and all of the suffering that takes place before Christ returns for His people.

The church is to witness to others so they can know Christ. The church will be resurrected like Jesus was resurrected.

When the trumpet blows, King Jesus is coming and taking over as the eternal King of everything.

The shift will be from woes on earth to worship and peace and eternity in heaven.

During this time there will be a judgement of the dead, rewarding those that faithfully lived for Jesus, destroying the destroyer.

We praise and thank God forever because:

- 1. He is worthy and eternal**
- 2. He is the perfect King**
- 3. Justice comes that we yearn for**
- 4. He sees and cares and rewards Christians for their good deeds in life**
- 5. He destroys satan**

The Holy of Holy's and ark and sacred places is for all that follow Christ and John gets a vision of what it will look like later!

Matthew 5:3 *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:10 *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:19 *Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:20 *For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 6:10 *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*