

REVELATION

The Seventh Trumpet
(Revelation 11:15~19)

Psalm 2:1-3: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."



Psalm 2:4-6: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

No one can resist the Lord: He will reign just as He has promised.

Revelation 11 contains a significant announcement about the end of the Tribulation.

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❖ Revelation 11:15-19: Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, 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 shall reign forever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying,

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.” Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

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A. The coming kingdom of God is accomplished through the seven bowl judgments and the Second Coming of Christ.

- ❖ No particular judgment occurs when the seventh trumpet is blown.
- ❖ After a parenthesis, the seventh trumpet contains the bowl judgments of Revelation 15-16.

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- ❖ Revelation 11:18 points to God's wrath coming in response to the nations.
- ❖ Revelation 15:1: Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, **for with them the wrath of God is finished.**

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❖ Genesis 1:28: And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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❖ When Adam and Eve sinned, the earth was placed under a curse.



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D. Christ's kingdom will replace the failed kingdoms of earth.

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- The ark of the covenant

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2. The kingdom of God has long been promised.

A. In making the promise to establish David's throne, God pointed ahead to the reign of the Messiah.

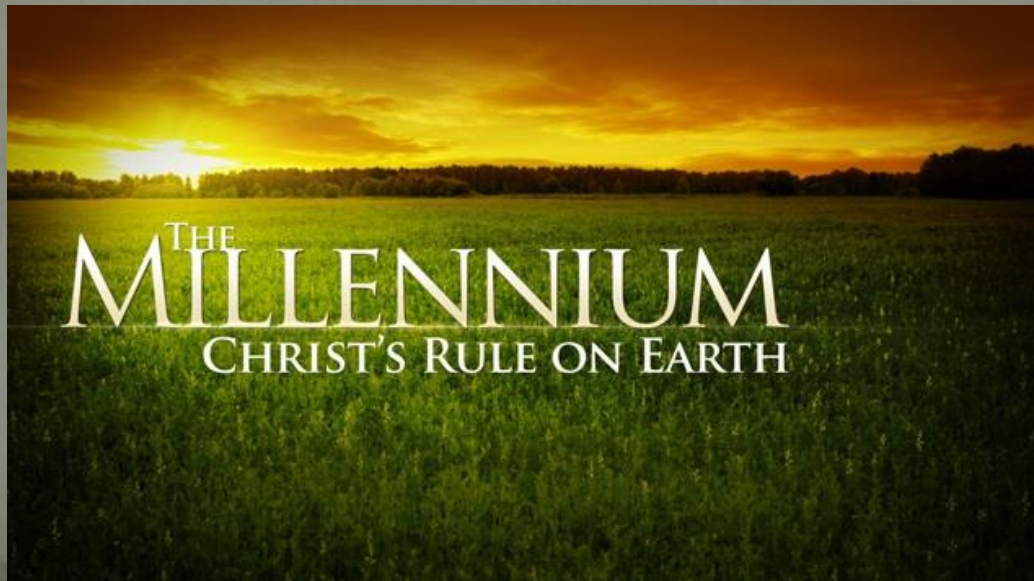


2 Samuel 7:12-16: When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.

2. The kingdom of God has long been promised.

B. The eternal kingdom is more than the 1,000 year reign of Christ.

- ❖ The kingdom *includes* the Millennium.
- ❖ Since the kingdom is eternal, it extends into the new heavens and new earth.



3. Daniel pointed to the kingdom of God replacing the kingdoms of men.

A. Nebuchadnezzar's dream predicted the coming kingdom of God.



❖ Daniel 2:44-45: And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. **The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.**

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1. The rule of this kingdom is given to the Son of Man.

❖ Jesus often used the title “Son of Man” for Himself, particularly to refer to His death and resurrection as well as His Second Coming.

❖ Daniel 7:13-14: I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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❖ Daniel 7:16-18: I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. "These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. **But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.**"

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❖ Daniel 7:27: And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

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C. We should look forward to God's kingdom and trust Him today as we wait.

❖ Daniel 2:21: He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.



Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?

- The kingdom of God has been promised for centuries. How should we respond to the promise of its coming?

1. Give thanks for the kingdom

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2. Trust the goodness of God's kingdom

- Psalm 145:13: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. **The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.**
- We should be thankful that Christ will rule and reign as King over the earth.

NEXT TIME:
REVELATION 12:1-6

- The Woman
and the Dragon