

"The Seventh Trumpet"

Part 1

Revelation 11:14-19

Introduction: Today as we continue our study of the book of Revelation we have now arrived at the 7th and final Trumpet. Over the past several weeks we looked chapter 10:1-11:13. These verses are an interlude between the 6th and the 7th Trumpet Judgments. Let me refresh your mind on a few things which we looked at several weeks ago.

The Trumpet Judgments began in chapter 8 of Revelation. Before they started there was silence in heaven for one-half an hour. This most likely is the mid-point of the Tribulation. I say this because when the Trumpet Judgments begin they are far more severe than the Seal Judgments.

Matthew 24:15-21

¹⁵ When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

¹⁶ Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

¹⁷ Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

¹⁸ Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

¹⁹ And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

²⁰ But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

*²¹ **For then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

Jesus tells us that in the second half of the 7 years there will be GREAT TRIBULATION which will be far worse than our world has ever seen. The Trumpet Judgments are far worse than anything which our world has ever seen and therefore it seems very likely they will occur in the last half of the 7 years or I could say they will bring about 3 ½ years of GREAT TRIBULATION.

1. **Trumpet #1** - Hail and fire mingled with blood are cast to the earth and one-third of the trees will be burned up as well as all green grass.

This will devastate the food supply of the world.

2. **Trumpet #2 - A burning asteroid or meteor falls into the sea and one-third of the sea becomes blood, one-third of the aquatic life will die and one-third of the ships will be destroyed.**

This will also be a great blow to the world's food supply.

3. **Trumpet #3 - One-third of the fresh water supply will become bitter and many will die due to thirst.**

This will devastate human life.

4. **Trumpet #4 - One-third of the sun and the moon and the stars will be smitten and will withhold their light.**

Evil thrives in the dark and this will provide more darkness for the evil to operate.

5. **Trumpet #5 - The bottomless pit is opened and the demonic spirits fill the air like a swarm of locusts. They will torment the people for 5 months.**
6. **Trumpet #6 - The 4 angels which are bound in the Euphrates are loosed and they gather a demonic army which will kill one-third of the world's population.**

The world has never seen anything like this and for that reason these Judgments seem to happen in the second-half of the 7 years of Tribulation thus making it the GREAT TRIBULATION.

This now brings us to where we are today.

I. **The 7th Trumpet Judgment**

Notice Revelation 11:14

The first 2 woes were the previous 2 Trumpets which were the demons from the bottomless pit and the demonic army of 200 million demons.

This 7th Trumpet is going to be the 3rd woe and this 7th Trumpet will contain the 7 Bowl Judgments which we will see when we get to Revelation 16.

Notice Revelation 11:15

This is the LAST of the TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS but this is not to be confused with the LAST TRUMPET OF 1 Corinthians 15.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

⁵¹ *Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

⁵² *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

⁵³ *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

This LAST TRUMPET is NOT the last Trumpet of the Trumpet Judgments. There is another TRUMPET that will sound after the 7th Trumpet of Revelation 11.

Matthew 24:29-31

²⁹ *Immediately **after the tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

³⁰ *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

³¹ *And he shall send his angels with a great **sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

So then how is the Trumpet at the RAPTURE consider the LAST TRUMPET?

Listen to the words of Ironside concerning the LAST TRUMPET.

"The last trumpet was a figure of speech that came from the Roman military, when they broke camp. The first trumpet meant, "strike the tents and prepare to leave"; the second trumpet meant, "fall into line"; the third and last trumpet meant "march away." This last trumpet describes the Christian's "marching orders" at the rapture of the Church."

Notice Revelation 11:15 again.

When this 7th Trumpet sounds John hears voices from heaven that declare a very important message.

The word "kingdoms" here in this verse is singular and so it should read "KINGDOM". This means that there is ONE KINGDOM at this time which is a global Kingdom. This is by the way the Kingdom of the anti-Christ. This is a one world kingdom which is led by a one world ruler. In this Kingdom there is a one world religion.

This is the very direction which our world is headed today. Let us keep in mind that this one world kingdom will be the KINGDOM OF THE ANTI-CHRIST. That means the one world KINGDOM will be anti-God. Let me show you some verses that will help us to better understand what we can expect to see as our world moves closer to this Kingdom of the anti-Christ.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

⁵ Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Timothy 4:3-5

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

1 Timothy 4:1-3

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

² Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

³ Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

2 Peter 3:3-4

³ *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*

⁴ *And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-1-3

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

² *That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

³ *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

These verses help us to understand that as our world progresses toward the Kingdom of the anti-Christ life for believers who stand for the Truth will become more and more difficult.

Notice Revelation 11:15 again.

This verse speaks as though the end is accomplished because it is such a sure prophecy. This verse looks ahead to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. This verse is the answer to how Jesus taught His disciples to pray.

Matthew 6:9-10a

⁹ *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

¹⁰ *Thy kingdom come...*

This 7th Trumpet is pictured elsewhere in the Bible.

Joshua 6:1-4, 15-16, 20-21

Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

² And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

³ And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

⁴ And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

¹⁵ And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

¹⁶ And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

²⁰ So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

²¹ And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

When the Trumpet sounded the city of Jericho was then destroyed.

The destruction of Jericho was a picture of the destruction of commercial Babylon. This will happen under the Judgment of the 7th Trumpet.

Notice Revelation 11:16-18

This 7th Trumpet is also connected to Psalm 2.

Psalm 2:1-8

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

³ Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

⁴ He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

⁵ Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

⁶ Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

This will all be fulfilled under the 7th Trumpet.

Notice Revelation 11:19

As we get down to the closing today I want us to consider why we are told the ARK WAS VISIBLE when the Temple was opened. What does the ARK have to do with what is happening here? It is not the ARK that is so significant here but what is in the ARK. There were 3 items in the ark. The Stone Tablets of the Law, Aaron's rod and manna. The ARK was symbolic of God's presence. The items spoke of Him. He is the Bread of Life, He is the Giver of Life and His Word is the absolute Truth.

The Ark is pictured here because of the Law which it contains. It will be the Law by which the world will be judged. The further man gets from the Law the greater the Judgment.

Conclusion:

If you die without Jesus Christ you will be judged by the Law of God. It is the plumb line by which you will be measured. Thou shalt not lie, steel, use the Lord's name in vain, disobey your parents, have any false gods, covet what others have. These are a few and if you break one you are guilty of breaking them all.

Romans 2:14-16

¹⁴ For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

¹⁵ Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

¹⁶ In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

