REVELATION CHAPTER 11 part 2 -- THE 7th Trump!

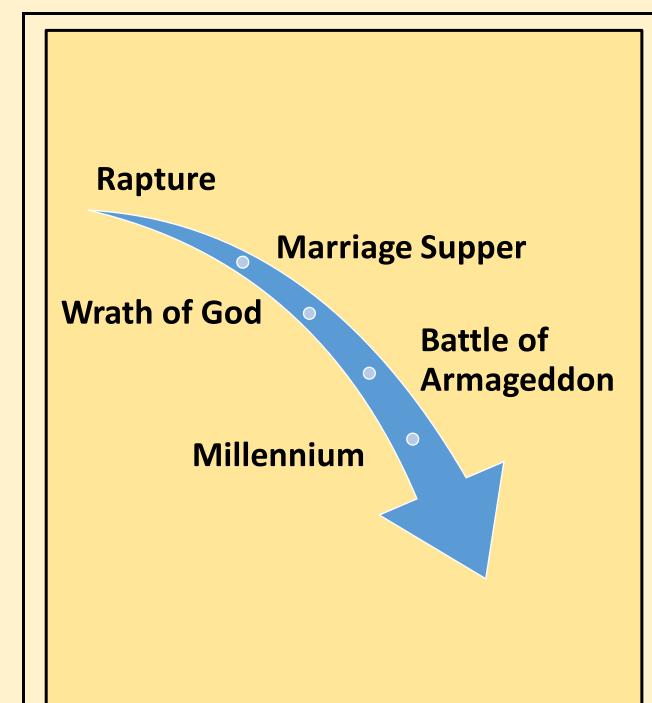
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REV.11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

REV.11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were 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.

Here it is going back, reversing a bit, a sort of flashback to show us where we are in the progression of events. "The second woe" refers to the 6th Trumpet from chapter 9, and now comes the final 7th, Trumpet. And when it sounds, the two witnesses suddenly come to life and jump to their feet!





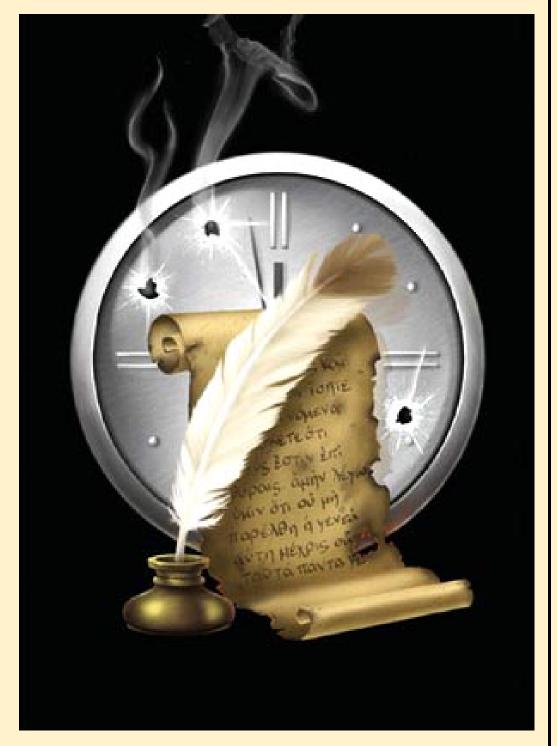
Now this trumpet is the Last Trump, and under this trumpet come a whole series of events. It sounds like Jesus has come immediately and it's all over. But no, this trumpet is another herald of God! This is to usher in this very last period of the Tribulation era when Jesus comes! But it's all the same moment to God. There is no past, no present, and no future to the Lord! It's all one great Eternal Now! It all looks the same to Him.

When the Lord catches us out of this World at the Rapture, as far as the Lord's concerned, the reign of evil in the Earth is finished. You could say this is the End if you wanted to, the End of the End time, and most people do. But that End does not just come at a certain hour of a certain day. The End includes several events: there's a definite period of God pouring out His Wrath, there is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and then there is the Battle of Armageddon. When all this is done, then begins the Millennium.

See, so many of these events overlap, so many of them happen at the same time. Some follow one after the other, some overlap, some are right on top of each other, so you can't possibly just describe it all, you'd have to put it all in one verse or all in one chapter. There's a succession of events, and then there are other simultaneous events that are occurring but He tries to deal with each subject one at a time, even though they may overlap each other, just like the events of history.

REV.11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

REV.11:17 Saying, we give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.



It is not that He didn't reign before, for 'the Most High rules in the kingdom of men' all the time (Dan 4:17; 5:21) and has never vacated his throne. But there is coming a day when God shall take this world by the scruff of the neck, and He shall establish his authority, and His will shall be "done on earth, as it is in heaven."

** Dan.7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days... And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting



dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

** **DAN.2:44** And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom**, which shall never be destroyed: and
the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in
pieces and consume all these kingdoms, **and it shall stand for ever**.

** **PSA.10:16 The LORD is King for ever and ever**: the heathen are perished out of his land.

REV.11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

In other words, it's time for God to take over! It's time for Jesus to come! And in the mind of God and in the minds of the elders, it was already done as far as they were concerned! For He says,

"...which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and <u>hast reigned</u>"



The Resurrection was about to occur, of which you already had a little preview in the account of those two witnesses. Praise God, the time is coming when everybody's going to get theirs! If

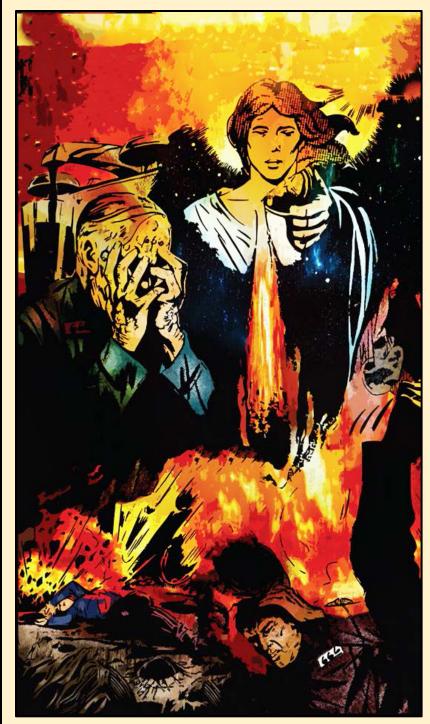


you're wicked, you're going to get yours. If we're good, we're going to get ours, good things. --The time when the dead will be judged, God's servants, the Prophets and the saints, all the saved, all of God's children everywhere, all the great Family of Jesus, are all going to get their reward then. We hope you were faithful so He can say to you,

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" (Mt.25:21)

** **REV.22:12** And, behold, I come quickly; and **my reward is with me**,

to give every man according as his work shall be. Mat.5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.



** ISA.13:9-11 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. Rev.14:9-10

When the kingdoms of this world start to experience the wrath of God, that shows He's the Boss! God's in control and He's got more power than all of them. The wicked, who are left behind on earth after the resurrection, really get it. God's Wrath fall at last on the Anti-Christ nations, those who have polluted the earth with their wars, factories, and bestial governments!

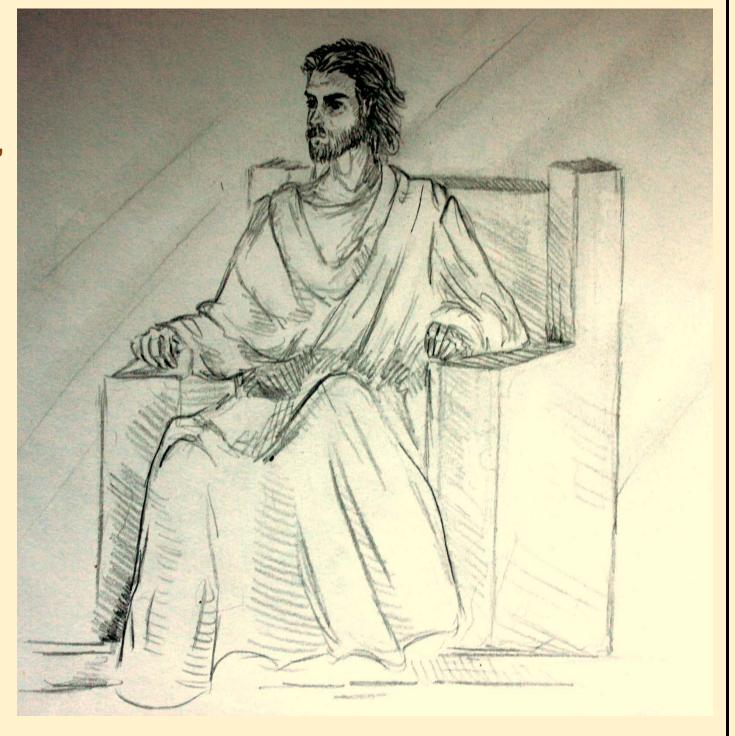
Then and only then, under the all-powerful rule and reign of Christ and God's children, will all wars finally cease and the people will "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and they shall learn war no more!" (Isa.2:4) The cruel, wicked men of war will be stopped and God will "destroy them that destroy the Earth"!

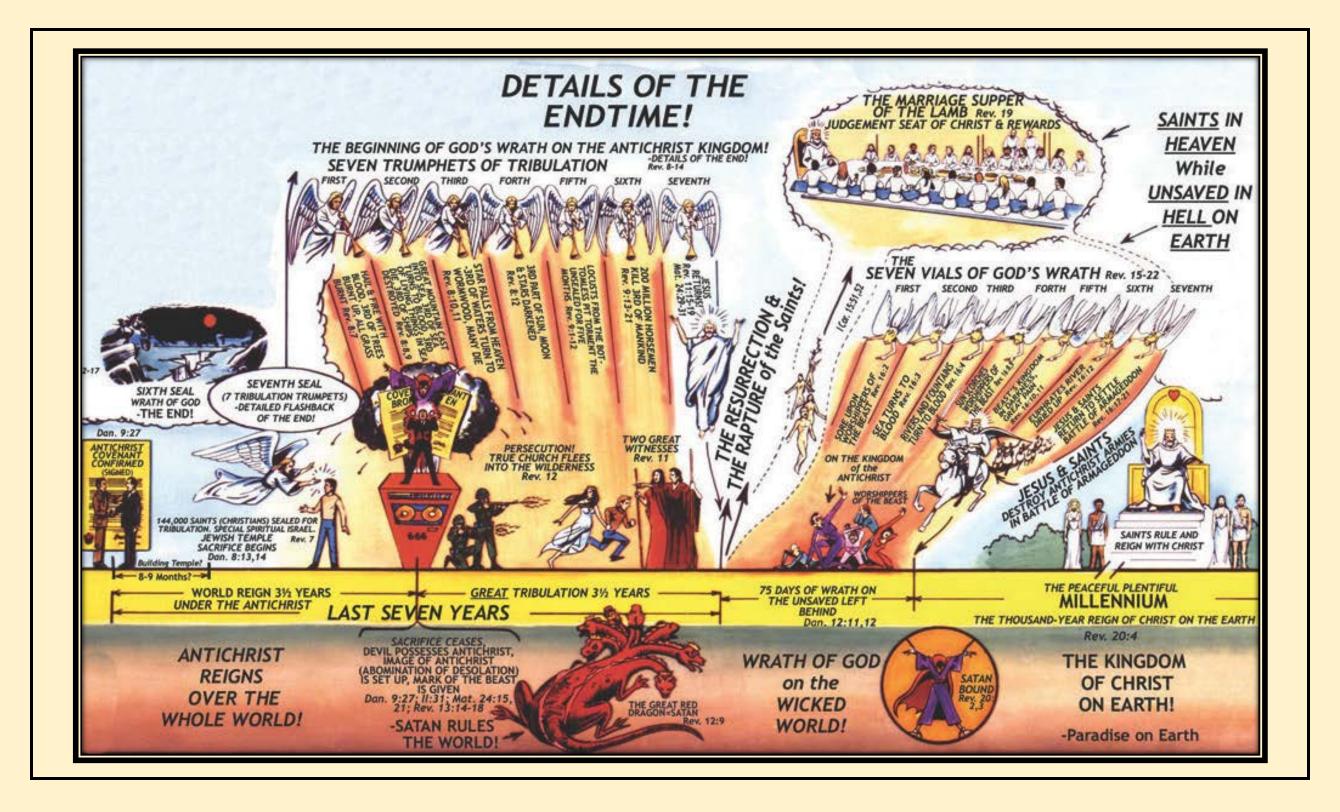
Man's corrupt, unjust governments will all be swept away and there will be no more oppressed poor. It will truly be one World, ruled in Love by the King of Love, Jesus Christ Himself, a beautiful, glorious, just and merciful reign of Heaven on Earth! Jesus promised to all of His faithful children who "overcome" this corrupt World by believing in and loving Him,

"To him that overcometh will I give power over the nations, and He shall sit with Me in My Throne!" (Rev.2:26; 3:21; 1Jn.5:4, 5)

Are you one of His saved children who will sit with Jesus, ruling and reigning on the Earth?

Take a moment to study the sequence of End time events from the beginning of the last seven years and beyond! Don't worry if you don't understand it all, it will be expounded again in the next several chapters.





REV.11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of



his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Now, that's a remarkable statement, because the Ark, even in John's Day, had long ago disappeared! That has been one of the great mysteries of Jewish history, what happened to the Ark? When Jesus died on the cross, at the moment He was killed there on the cross, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain! -- A huge veil, four inches thick, heavy, one of the thickest pieces of carpeting or woven ware the World has ever known! This thick heavy veil which separated the Holy Place of the Temple from the Holy of Holies was completely torn apart! In the Holy of Holies had stood the ark of the covenant of God: that wooden box covered with gold over which two golden angels hovered, between whose wings the Shekinah Glory of the presence of God shone like a brilliant light...

Could the Ark have disappeared at that time? And the next time we see the Ark in the Bible, where is it? John wrote that he saw it In Heaven!

And here in this same verse 19, we hear of *lightnings*, *voices*, *thunderings*, *an earthquake and great hail!* In verses 13 and 15, the great earthquake and voices are also mentioned. This is almost always associated with judgement, wrath and/or the coming of the Lord.

Verse 13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake...

Verse 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven



Similar disasters take place at the end of the Wrath of God, just before Christ and the saints invade to take over planet Earth in the Battle of Armageddon. So there are several repeating

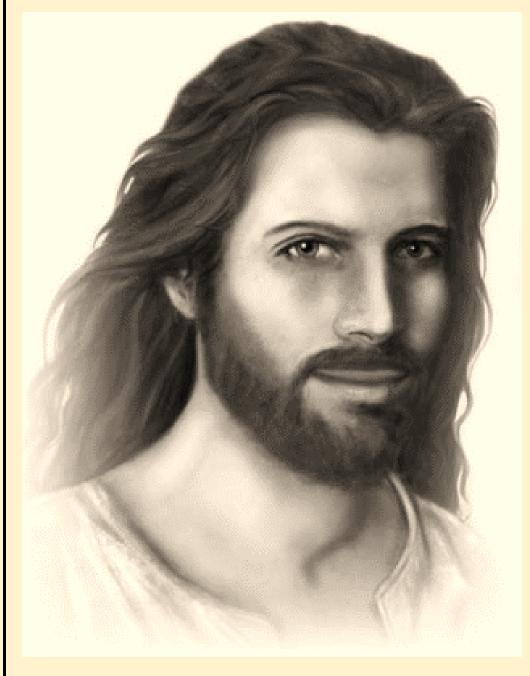
references to these events in the Revelation Book.

REV.6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was **a great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

REV.16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

Notice that there are many references to those cataclysmic events long before they actually happen. Throughout the Bible, the Lord keeps referring to events that are to happen at the End of the Age. It's all the same in the mind of God, to Him it's already happened! He lives in the great "Eternal Now," and these events are already as good as done in the mind of God, the future is already accomplished, it's that certain, that sure! You don't have to worry about whether it's going to happen or not, and even if it takes longer than we might be expecting, it's going to happen, God said so!





Who or what the Creator is stretches far beyond what our human minds can ever comprehend. But if He does exist, and if He cares for the human race, would it not seem right that He should come to us in human form? Then we can know what He is like and what He desires from us, our love for one thing, as well as our loving interactions with others... Indeed, that is who Jesus Christ was and what He showed to us human beings during His sojourn in our earthly realm. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. Please pray this simple prayer:

"Dear God. I know I need a change in my life. And if it's true that Jesus Christ was the expression of Your love to us, and the One who rose from the dead, then I invite His Spirit to enter my heart and life. And let this be the start of an exciting, fulfilling, love-filled journey as I venture forth into Your Heavenly Realm... here and now, and in the Hereafter. Amen."

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