

The Beginning of the Kingdom of God

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Revelation Commentary Manual

Revelation 11:14 says,

The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

Remember the three woes mentioned at the beginning of the fifth trumpet. The fifth trumpet was the first woe and the sixth trumpet was the second woe, now the seventh trumpet is the third woe.

Beginning with Revelation 11:15 it says,

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.

When the seventh trumpet begins to sound, the mystery of God should be finished. The kingdoms of this world are now become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ and He shall reign for ever and ever.

In I Corinthians 15:51-52 Paul said,

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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.

Paul says this occurs at the last trump which the Bible tells us is the seventh trump. I believe they are referring to the exact same thing. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised, very possibly including the two witnesses. The dead shall be raised and we shall be changed. It is preached that, at the rapture, all of us will suddenly disappear, but that is not what the Bible says. It says we will be *changed* in a moment and in the twinkling of an eye. When Jesus Christ was caught up, He was seen leaving the earth. Just as they were able to watch Jesus go, so will people be able to watch the church go. Romans 8:11 tell us,

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Then, in Revelation 11:16, the reign of Jesus begins.

Jesus Reigns

Revelation 11:16-19 says,

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty which art, and wast and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth. 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.

This is the unveiling of Jesus Christ. There will be trumpets, lightning, voices, thunder, and earthquakes. Everybody will know when Jesus has returned. Every eye shall behold Him. We will magnify His name and worship Him throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

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Daniel 2:44:

⁴⁴And 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