

Father's Day

It is a powerful reminder that while the world resists God's rule, but His glory **will not be ignored**

These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire Revelation 11:6 NKJV

Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Revelation 11:11 NKJV

And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, Come up here. And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. Revelation 11:12 NKJV

In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. Revelation 11:13 NKJV

"In the same hour"

God's response is immediate and unmistakable. This is not a coincidence; it's divine judgment connected to divine vindication

"there was a great earthquake"

In Revelation, earthquakes often signal God's intervention, judgment, and majesty

"a tenth of the city fell"

The judgment is severe, but measured. Even in wrath, God is precise and purposeful

"seven thousand people were killed"

The exact number underscores the seriousness and reality of what happens. This is not vague symbolism, it is a divine decisive judgment

"the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven"

The King James version Bible uses the term "remnant," a term that we sometimes see in the Bible to refer to those few who are left who still believe and are following God

There will be a few people around at this time who will have turned to God, and unlike the ungodly people, they will give God glory

Some see genuine **repentance**. Others see **forced acknowledgment**, either way, God is publicly recognized

Jesus Christ will **not be ignored forever**- People will reject and mock the truth for a while

You can bow to Jesus now **by grace**, or bow to **Him later in judgment**, but one day **“every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord”** Philippians 2:10–11 NKJV

The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly Revelation 11: 14 NKJV

Verse 14 is a transitional verse, but it carries a ton of weight

Up to this point, when things get difficult, people do NOT respond to God properly

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts. Revelation 9:20–21 NKJV

It reminds us that future history is moving forward steadily under God’s plan

“the third woe is coming quickly” - God’s plan is moving forward. Judgment is not stalled. The end is advancing exactly as God has determined

The 1st Woe is the fifth Trumpet- **Revelation 9:1–12**: This is the judgment of the demonic locusts from the bottomless pit. **Key point**: This woe is torment, not death

The 2nd Woe is the sixth Trumpet- **Revelation 9:13–21**: This woe begins with the release of four bound angels at the Euphrates River, killing one-third of mankind. **Key point**: This woe brings death on a massive scale

The 3rd Woe is the seventh Trumpet- **Revelation 11:15–19** This trumpet announces that the kingdom of the world **has become the kingdom of Christ**

Key point: This woe is not just a one-time event; it introduces the final phase of God’s judgments, which includes the seven bowl judgments **and the triumph of Christ’s kingdom**

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever Revelation 11:15 NKJV

Verse 15 The seventh trumpet sounds, and heaven erupts in proclamation

“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever”

This is the announcement that all rival authorities will ultimately be brought under the rule of our Lord and His Messiah

“**Our Lord**” points to God the Father, and “**His Christ**” points to Jesus the Messiah

This is a declaration that the Father’s reign is being fully expressed through the Son’s kingdom and His rule- Jesus

The day is coming when every competing kingdom will be put down, every rebellious power will be overthrown, and Jesus Christ will reign openly and forever over all

“**He shall reign forever and ever**” emphasizes the eternal, unchallenged, unending rule of Christ

As we look at this, **where are we during the tribulation?** This matters greatly

Timeline: Remember within the **seventh seal** are the seven trumpet judgements. Within the **seventh trumpet** will be seven bowl judgments

Chronologically speaking we are somewhere about the middle point of the Tribulation

The antichrist will “**exalts himself**” as god somewhere around this point

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition 2 Thessalonians 2:3 NKJV

who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God 2 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV

The world still must get to the real **Armageddon**

But in heaven, they are declaring that the game is over and God has won, and they respond in praise – “**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever**” V.15b

and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. Revelation 11:13b NKJV

Does God have things under control? Is God at work in your life, even when things look grim?

Because believers feel shaken by politics, global instability, or moral decline, this verse anchors the heart

So true, Christians being guided by the Holy Spirit do not put eternal confidence in temporary kingdoms

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God Revelation 11:16 NKJV

The response to Christ's reign is worship

The twenty-four elders, who represent heavenly worship and the redeemed people of God in glory, fall on their faces before Him – **Revelation** chapters 4 and 5

Please note the contrast: those seated on thrones get off their thrones and bow

Even honored heavenly representatives know that all glory belongs to God alone

Grace, the right response to the reign of Christ is not debate, but worship

If heaven falls on its face before Him, we **should not approach Him casually**

This verse calls us to humility, because worship is not performance; it is surrender

saying: We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned Revelation 11:17 NKJV

The elders praise God with language of majesty and eternity

"Lord God Almighty" emphasizes His absolute authority

"The One who is and who was and who is to come" points to His eternal nature

He is **not trapped in time**. He rules over all of it

"You have taken Your great power and reigned" does not mean God was previously powerless

It means He is now openly and decisively displaying the reign that has always been His by right

This is the moment all of heaven celebrates the public manifestation of God's kingly rule

God's power is not theoretical. He is not a distant spectator watching history unravel. He is the Almighty

Look at how they consistently express their adoration of God

the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne... Revelation 4:10 NKJV

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb... Revelation 5:8 NKJV

Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. Revelation 5:14 NKJV

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God Revelation 7:11 NKJV

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" Revelation 19:4 NKJV

Have you ever been in a place full of people when a very important person walked into the room

What happens? Don't people start turning towards that important person

Isn't everyone's attention in the room directed towards that person

And, for me here is where this **becomes deeply personal**

If God is truly here right now, then worship is not performance, worship is **not personality**, worship is not about who has the **best voice**, who **raises their hands**, or who feels the most emotion

Worship is the child of God recognizing the presence of the Father

And when a child knows who their Father is, something begins to change in them

The Bible tells us that when we belong to Christ, we are not strangers trying to impress God

We are sons and daughters who have been brought near by grace. We carry a new identity, a new family name, and a new spiritual nature

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

That means worship is not just something we do on Sunday. Worship becomes part of who we are because the Father has put something of Himself in us - Daddy's DNA

Worship says, Father, You are the center, I belong to You, shape my heart until people can see Your nature in me