

And He Shall Reign Forever

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Review

Apocalypse or Revelation - "to reveal"

Cyclical NOT chronological!

1. Christ in the middle of the seven golden lampstands (1-3)
2. The book with seven seals (4-7)
3. The seven trumpets (8-11)
4. The woman and the man-child vs. the dragon and his helpers (12-14)
5. The seven bowls of wrath (15-16)
6. The evil one's fall (17-19)
7. Judgement and New Creation (20-22)

The temple - The Church's true identity is the temple, the dwelling place of God (vs. 1-2)

*The two witnesses - The two witnesses symbolize the enduring witness of the church.

*The witness of the church is authoritative, serious, and powerful.

*The church will be preserved and will be victorious.

Rev 11:15-19

When will the kingdom of the world become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ?

The Kingdom of this world, does not finally become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ (in its fulness) until Jesus return at history's end.

What does it mean that the Kingdom of this world will become the Kingdom of the Lord and His Christ?

Kingdom of the world: Those in opposition to God's work

1 John 2:15-17

David Wells said, "Worldliness is whatever that makes righteousness look strange and sin look normal." David Wells

Three ways the Kingdom of God or Heaven are thought about...

1) Ethical view: Emphasizes living a certain way

2) Experiential view: Emphasizes your heart

3) Eschatological view (last things): Emphasizes what God is doing in the world and history until the end.

"Dominion over the world without challenge or rival has come into the possession of our Lord and His anointed King." Unknown

We will worship because the Lord will take His power (17)

We will worship because the nations will no longer rage (18)

We will worship because the saints will be rewarded (18)

We will worship because the wicked will be destroyed (18)

There are dark, deceptive powers at work in this world, but there is a greater power at work, who is Christ Jesus, the King.

We will worship because God Himself will be with us (19)

Ark & Temple = the presence of God