

Passage: Revelation 11:15-19

Title: One Kingdom Under God

Summary: In our passage today, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord; six thousand years in the making, will come to its full fruition. There cannot be the right kingdom until you have the right king, we will study King Jesus taking full possession of the earth. Then we will ask, has He taken full possession of your heart?

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Blessing / John on Patmos

The only book that comes with a promised blessing for those who read it:

(Revelation 1:3 NKJV) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

John on Patmos / John wrote 5 Books / Believe – Eternal Life – Be Ready

John on the Island of Patmos receives this revelation of Jesus Christ. The Apostle John wrote 4 other books to the church. The Gospel of John, and 1,2,3 John, and this fifth book, Revelation. In the Gospel of John he wrote that we might believe, he uses the word believe some 60 times:

(John 20:31 NKJV) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

He wrote us in 1,2,3 John so that we might know that we have eternal life:

(1 John 5:13 NKJV) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

So he wrote that we might believe, then that we might know, and now he writes Revelation so that we might be ready:

(Revelation 2:7 NKJV) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Before Glorified Christ / Write these Things / All Things Coming Before Throne

John is now before the glorified Christ, and Jesus says John now write these things so that they might be ready, for this book is all about man coming before the Holy God, the flow of all humanity is flowing to the throne of God whether man realizes it or not, John writes so that all of man might be ready:

(Ephesians 1:10 NKJV) that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him.

Book of Revelation Outline

- The Things Which You Have Seen - (Chapter 1).
- The Things Which Are - (Chapters 2-3).
- The Things Which Will Take Place After This - (Chapters 4-22).

(Revelation 1:19 NKJV) "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Recap Outline

- Chapter 1 is the revelation of the glorified Christ.
- Chapters 2-3 are the 7 churches, the current church period, this period known as the dispensation of grace. The church period ends with the Rapture as God takes us, His Bride, out of here for a 7 year honeymoon with Him. We can see from the signs around us that the rapture is very soon.
- Chapters 4-5 are the scene around the throne of God, before the dispensation of grace ends, and God pours His wrath out on a Christ rejecting world.
- Chapters 6-19, known as the 7 year Tribulation Period.

- Chapter 20, at the end of the Tribulation Period Satan is cast into the bottomless pit, and the saints will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 yrs (Millennial Kingdom) over those that survived the Tribulation. Then at the end of the thousand years Satan will be loosed, believe it or not, people will chose to follow him, then Jesus will say enough and cast Satan all those who follow him into the Lake of Fire.
- Chapter 21-22, then will come the new heaven, and the new earth, and we shall live happily ever after – but there will be no end as we will spend all of eternity beholding Him, and fellowship with each other.

Recap / Seals & Trumpets

7 Seals

Seal 1 – White Horse – the Anti-christ is Revealed. (6:1-2)

Seal 2 – Red Horse – War on the Earth. (6:3-4)

Seal 3 – Black Horse – Famine upon the Earth (days wage for loaf of bread). (6:5-6)

Seal 4 – Pale Horse – Pestilence and Death (1/4 world dies). (6:7-8)

Seal 5 – The Martyred Saints of the Tribulation. (6:9-11)

Seal 6 – Earthquakes & Upheavals upon the Earth. (6:12-17)

Seal 7 – The 7 Trumpets of God

Trumpet 1 – 1/3 of Trees and Grass burned up. (8:7)

Trumpet 2 – 1/3 of Sea turned to blood. (8:8-9)

Trumpet 3 – 1/3 of Water becomes undrinkable. (8:10-11)

Trumpet 4 – 1/3 of the Sun is blocked out. (8:12)

Trumpet 5 – Key to Bottomless Pit – Demons Released. (9:1-12)

Trumpets 6 – 200 million man Army – 1/3 Earth Killed (total now 1/2). (9:13-19)

Trumpet 7 – The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath

Break – Commentary before 7th Trumpet

There are 7 seals, and the 7th seal has 7 Trumpets. The 7th Trumpet, will have 7 Bowls of Wrath. Now just as before we got into the 1st Trumpet we had a break with a commentary of other things that were happening (the 144,000 being Sealed and more Martyred saints), so too do we break with commentary before the 1st Bowl of Wrath is poured out, which isn't until Chapter 15. So some fascinating study here in chapters 10-14, as we will get filler information of what is happening on the earth such as:

- The Rebuilt Temple. (11)
- The 2 Witnesses Preaching in Jerusalem. (11)
- Satan thrown out of heaven for good. (12)
- Satan's attempt to destroy Israel – God protects Them (12)
- The details on the Beast (the Anti-christ – Satan incarnate), (13)
- The False Prophet arises, (13)
- The mark of the Beast demanded, (13)
- The angels preaching the everlasting gospel as God still offers salvation to man. (14)

7 Bowls not until Chp 15 / Last Trump – 7 Bowls – no Justice / We will say Woe

The 7th trumpets sounds here in chapter 11, which is going to have the 7 Bowls of God's wrath, but we won't actually start reading about them until chapter 15. We will continue in some commentary filling in some of the details of all that is going on up to this point. This last trumpet is also the last of the 3 woes; and as we read about it, I doubt we will really do it any justice, not until we are in the mezzanine of heaven watching it transpire will we really grasp it, and I believe as we watch with jaws dropped we will continually say, "woe"!

Not the Last Trump – Rapture

This last trumpet of the 7th angel is not to be confused with the trumpet we read about concerning the rapture (1 Cor 15 / 1 Thess 4). People, who take the Mid-Tribulation Rapture of the Church position, use these verses to support their claim. They say here is the rapture of the church, and then the great celebration in heaven. The only problem is that this is the trumpet of an angel, and the trumpet for the

rapture is the “trumpet of God”. Not to mention, we are not appointed to wrath, and chapters 6-9 were pretty rough. Always good to go back and review our study on “10 Reasons for Pre-Tribulation Rapture.”
(1 Corinthians 15:51 NKJV) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed;
(1 Corinthians 15:52 NKJV) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16 NKJV) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

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- The Kingdom (Revelation 11:15)
- The Power (Revelation 11:16-18)
- The Glory (Revelation 11:19)

Matthew 6:8–13 (NKJV)⁸ "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is **the kingdom and the power and the glory** forever. Amen.

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

The Kingdom (Revelation 11:15)

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Heaven Responds

Heaven breaks force into praise, giving glory to God. Heaven hasn't responded to anything like this since chapter 4 when the Lamb took the scroll.

Culmination of Eph 1:10 / 6.000 yrs in the Making

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord – Ephesians 1:10, six thousand years in the making, will come to its full fruition.

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Kingdom Singular – All Kingdoms Roll-up to Satan

Your translation, as it is here in the NKJV, may say the kingdoms of this world; it conveys the truth but grammatically in the original Greek it is in the singular form – the kingdom. The use of the singular term kingdom of the world instead of the plural “kingdoms” introduces an important truth; all of the world’s diverse national, political, social, cultural, linguistic, and religious groups are in reality one kingdom under one king. That king is the Devil, the god of this world. So when Jesus conquers Satan, so does He all the other kingdoms, for they all roll-up, if you would, to Satan, for he influences them all.

(2 Corinthians 4:3 NKJV) But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

(2 Corinthians 4:4 NKJV) whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Are Become - Aorist Active Indicative Tense / Proleptic Statement

The verb translated “are become” is in the aorist active indicative tense, which means the kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdoms of our Lord. These 24 elders are praising God right in the middle of the Tribulation saying that all the kingdoms are yours, even though we still have 3 ½ years left in the Tribulation. It is what is referred to as a proleptic statement. That is, it is an event so certain that it is spoken of as if it has already taken place, while it is still taking place.

OT and NT Statement

We see an example of that in the OT, as it speaks of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross as if already happened, even though they were still looking forward to it. In the NT we see repeated references to us already being glorified, yet we are still in these fallen bodies. But from God perspective it is a done deal, certainty to happen, even though we are still in the process:

(Isaiah 53:5 NKJV) But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

(Romans 8:17 NKJV) and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

What does that Mean to Me / Heavenly Language – Middle Trib / How do You Speak?

So what is my point with all this, my question for you, my question for myself, how do you speak. Do you speak with this certainty here on earth, do you have this heavenly language. Do you speak and think proleptically? With such certainty that even when things are in the middle of tribulation in your life, you still speak believing that God will achieve His purposes and see you through to certain victory? You may say all seems to be against me, but I know the Lord has promised to see me through, and no man, government, or program can stop that work. Or, do you speak in earthly language, oh dear, it seems so hopeless, what is the use to pray any more, why bother reading the word, it’s promises are for others, not for me, I might as well give up on that promise, nothing is ever going to change. If you take that approach you are right, nothing ever will change. The kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdoms of our Lord – even in the middle of the Tribulation. Such is the language of heaven. If you want heaven in your heart or home, speak proleptically as you praise God prolifically. You will find yourself walking in a new power, a new confidence, and a new freedom. – look at verses 16 and 17.

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The Power (Revelation 11:16-18)

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

(Revelation 11:17 NKJV) 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.

Live Proleptically – You be Person of Praise / Power shall Reign in Your Life

When you live proleptically, believing that it is already done, a certainty, even before it comes to pass, you will find yourself being a worshipper of God, you will be one that has praise on your lips, and see His power, and that power will translate into your personal everyday life.

(Revelation 11:18 NKJV) The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

People Angry – Refuse Repent / Behind Anger is Fear / Losing grip on their Kingdom

The people are angry at Him, because His Light reveals their sin, and they love their sin and refuse to repent of them (John 3:19), and they hate Him because they want to live as they please to their own rule. And, behind all anger, you will find fear. When someone is angry, ask yourself what do they fear, for that is what is causing them to be angry. These people are angry, because they fear losing control, the end of their kingdom, they can feel it slipping away, and they are fearful of it.

Wrath has Come – Idol Worshipers / Ish 61 – Didn't Finish the Verse / 1st Lamb – 2nd Lion

Verse 18 - and Your wrath has come – This is the wrath of the Lamb, and it has come upon a Christ rejecting world; a world that lives to worship their own idols, and not the One True God. Judgment has come, plagues and calamities upon the world. In His first coming, Jesus picked up the scroll in the temple that day and read from Isaiah 61:1-2, but He didn't finish the whole verse, for the last part of that verse was still yet to come, after His death, resurrection, and ascension, and that was "vengeance of God". The Tribulation, is now the beginning of the fulfillment of that verse in Isaiah. His first coming He came as the Lamb, His Second Coming He will come as the Lion.

(Luke 4:18 NKJV) "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

(Luke 4:19 NKJV) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

(Luke 4:20 NKJV) Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

(Luke 4:21 NKJV) And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

(Isaiah 61:1 NKJV) "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

(Isaiah 61:2 NKJV) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

(Revelation 11:18 NKJV) The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

Set themselves Against Lord / Final Battle

Verse 18 - The nations were angry, - They will set themselves against the Lord. So great will be their hatred towards the Lord, that enemies will actually unite together and turn to fight against Him we will see in the final battle there at the Valley of Megiddo (Rev 19):

(Psalms 2:1 NKJV) Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

(Psalms 2:2 NKJV) The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

(Psalms 2:3 NKJV) "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."

Book of Daniel - Beasts

Verse 18 - And should destroy those who destroy the earth." - In the Book of Daniel he likens the kingdoms of the world to wild beast (lion - Babylon, bear – Medo-Persian, leopard – Grecian, 4th beast doesn't exist – Roman Empire). You can't tame a wild beast, at some point it will turn on you.

Last Trumpet – Right King / Last Battle / Wrong Kingdoms of History – Now Right King

This trumpet sounding here in Revelation 11, is the sounding that the right Kingdom has come, meaning the right King has come (proleptically speaking). In revelation 19 when the last battle is fought, and Jesus defeats His foe, destroys Satan's kingdom, then there will be no kingdom left to battle God. We have seen the wrong kingdoms through the history of man; Cain at Babel, the Egyptian Empire, the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, Roman, and yes even the great United States. There has always been the wrong king, therefore it has always been the wrong kingdom. Heaven erupts here because finally there will be only 1 King, and 1 Kingdom, the right King, therefore the right Kingdom.

Clues Right King & Kingdom

When the right King comes, you'll know it, and here are a few clues.

- There will be no more presidents, or dictators, emperors, or kings.
- There will be no more generals, admirals, or privates, no WMD, missiles, bombs, tanks, fighter jets, nor rifles, for there will be no more war.
- There will be no terrorists, terrorist cells, homicide bombers, or jihads.
- No discrimination, bigotry, nor racism.
- There will be no more police stations, police officers, nor prisons.
- No more murders, kidnappings, rapes, molestations, nor burglaries.
- No more courts, no more lawyers, no more custody battles, no more divorces.
- No more pornography, bars, casinos, crack houses, nor gay cowboy movies
- No more elderly assisted livings, hospitals, mental institutes, nor handicapped homes.
- No more abortions, no surgeries, no cancer, no AIDS, no blindness or deafness, no paralysis, no childhood diseases, no leukemia, no Altimears, no Bird flu.
- No earthquakes, tornadoes, mudslides, nor tsunami.
- No unemployment, welfare, no secular schools, no zoos, no debates on how to pray, or what the Holiday is called.
- No elections, for there will be only 1 King, in the right Kingdom.

Just a few Clues

Just a few clues to let you know when the right Kingdom has arrived, and you can't have the right Kingdom without the right King.

God's Definition of Perfect World

The signature of His Kingdom, not economic prosperity, and luxurious living, but that the elderly and children can walk and play in the streets without fear of harm. That is God's description of the perfect world:

(Zechariah 8:3 NKJV) "Thus says the LORD: 'I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'

(Zechariah 8:4 NKJV) "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Old men and old women shall again sit In the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age.

(Zechariah 8:5 NKJV) The streets of the city Shall be full of boys and girls Playing in its streets.'

(Zechariah 8:6 NKJV) "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?' Says the LORD of hosts.

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The Glory (Revelation 11:19)

(Revelation 11:19 NKJV) Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

The Ark – No Veil

So we see the ark in the Temple that is in heaven (remember the Temples on earth were just a model of the Temple in heaven, Exodus 25 and Hebrews 9). We see the ark clearly, for there is no veil. The veil before us has been ripped from top to bottom by God Himself so that we might boldly come, knowing we can come into His presence, into His Kingdom, be received, and loved by the King of that perfect Kingdom.

Passover / 4 Cups

It is remarkable of how much symbolism the Seder/Passover Supper point to Christ. It is interesting to note, that when Jesus celebrated the Passover, He skipped a part of it, or it was intentionally left out of the Scriptures. If you recall there are 4 cups of wine that are drunk at the Passover (5 if you add the cup of Elijah). The Jews associated four cups with Exodus 6.6-7:

They are the:

- Cup 1 "I will bring you out" [deliverance] / The Cup of Sanctification
- Cup 2 "I will rid you of their bondage" [freedom] / The Cup of Plagues/Judgment/ God's Wrath
- Cup 3 "I will redeem you" [redemption] / The Cup of Redemption/Blessing
- Cup 4 "I will take you for my people and I will be your God" [consummation] / The Cup of Praise/Acceptance/Joy

Exodus 6:6-7 (NKJV)⁶ Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ⁷ I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

From Luke

From Luke, it seems that Jesus took the cup both before and after the bread. According to the customs of a Passover dinner, this was nothing unusual - there would be four different cups of wine ceremonially sipped during the meal

Cup 1

The Cup of Sanctification: The question asked at the Seder every Passover is why is this day so special, why is it set apart? Jesus would say to His disciples, "how I have longed for this day, with fervent desire". This Passover would be different for it would be the final Passover. The Historian Josephus estimated that between 2.7 million and 3.0 million lambs were slain on this last Passover – Jesus would be the last one needed. I wonder, Jesus would breathe His last at 3pm, with only about 3 hours left before Passover was over, and according to the Levitical Law, every piece of the Passover Lamb had to be cleared from the house. That would only leave 3 hours to serve the meal, eat the meal, and clean-up the meal. Most Seders of Orthodox Jews are long over 3 hours in itself, not counting clean-up. So I wonder, was Jesus literally the last Lamb sacrificed that Passover.....I wonder. So they took the first cup:

(Luke 22:15 NKJV) Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

(Luke 22:16 NKJV) "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

(Luke 22:17 NKJV) Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves;

(Luke 22:18 NKJV) "for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Cup 3

The Cup of Redemption: If you recall in our Seder celebration we had 3 wafers, we took the middle wafer (matzah), broke it in two, took half wrapped in linen (this called the Afikomen is hidden and brought back out after supper), then we dipped it in our 3rd cup, and ate it. Our communion, the broken body and poured out blood, for the forgiveness of sin, the only way for us to be redeemed from our sins, the ransom price of sin - the 3rd cup, the Cup of Redemption.

(Luke 22:19 NKJV) And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Note: The word "afikomen" (aphikneomai) is the only non-Hebrew word used in the Seder Supper. It is the second aorist form of the Greek word *ikneomai*. The translation is electrifying, it means – *I came*. The breakdown of the root words for aphikneomai is equally amazing. The first part of the word "apo" means: the going forth or proceeding of one object from another. Apo indicates the separation of a person or object from another person or object with which it was formerly united but is now separated (Jesus for the first time will be separated from the Father as He takes on the sins of the world there upon

the cross). The second part of the word diikneomai, is to stand apart, go or pass through, pierce through (Jesus would come, to be pierced through for your sin, and my sin). The rabbi's did not add this part to the Seder Supper until after the times of Jesus – they say because the Temple was destroyed, but the picture of Jesus is undeniable for us. Why was only half taken and the other half kept, because Jesus was the God-Man, and He never at anytime laid down His deity, at all times He was both God and man.

Cup 4

The Cup of Acceptance/Joy/Praise: Then the 4th cup, God saying I will take you as My people, the Cup of Acceptance, Joy, Praise. Jesus says this is the new covenant, an eternal covenant that will never end, as you will be My people:

(Luke 22:20 NKJV) Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

(Matthew 26:28 NKJV) "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

(Matthew 26:29 NKJV) "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

(Matthew 26:30 NKJV) And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

(Jeremiah 31:31 NKJV) "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

(Jeremiah 31:32 NKJV) "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

(Jeremiah 31:33 NKJV) "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Mishna / After Jesus Time – Wine mixed with Blood

It is interesting to note that in the Mishna (part of the Talmud which is a Jewish Commentary and Teaching on OT) that that cup of red wine was to be mixed with water. The wine and water were later taken as symbolic of the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side. Mishnah, Berakoth, 7.5 cites the adding of water to wine in the time of Jesus. It is so beautiful to see how all these things weave so wonderfully and perfectly together. He was wounded for our transgressions; He was pierced for our iniquity:

(John 19:34 NKJV) But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Waiting to Drink 4th Cup

Jesus is waiting to drink the cup with us again, in heaven, at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb", and there will be great praise there, as He gathers His people to Himself. In the mean-time He says continue to do this in remembrance of Me:

(Matthew 26:28 NKJV) "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

(Matthew 26:29 NKJV) "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

(Matthew 26:30 NKJV) And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

(1 Corinthians 11:24 NKJV) and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

(1 Corinthians 11:25 NKJV) In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(1 Corinthians 11:26 NKJV) For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Cup 2 / The Cup of Plagues/Judgment

The Cup of Plagues/Judgment/ God's Wrath: Cup 2 is not mentioned for us in the Scriptures. Jesus fulfilled it from the standpoint that He would free His people from bondage and slavery (of sin), but there was still to be left the judging, the wrath of God upon the Egypt of this world. I believe it is not mentioned for it was the remembrance of God's wrath against a God rejecting Egypt, a people who had their own gods, some 3,000 of them, but the 10 plagues were God's judgment against all their gods. If you recall, when we celebrated the Seder supper here, we were told that we were to take our glass, and drip the juice, drop by drop in to our plates, retelling each of the 10 plagues that came upon Egypt, as a remembrance of God bringing His wrath against the Egyptians, to deliver the Hebrew people from their bondage. Here in Revelation I believe we see that Cup being fulfilled by Christ, the judgment has finally come, the plagues we have studied, and the 7 cups/bowls of wrath yet to come, as the kingdoms of this

world are becoming the kingdoms of God's. The vengeance of the Lord has come against a Christ rejecting world.

(Numbers 33:4 NKJV) For the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had killed among them. Also on their gods the LORD had executed judgments.

28 Times – Lamb of God / Last Cup – Cup Acceptance / Still Offers Acceptance at Mid-Trib

Yet still, 28 times in this book Jesus identifies Himself as the Lamb of God. That last cup taken at Passover, Jesus says I will not drink again until I drink with you in heaven. The cry of the Savior to all man, come unto Me, I love you and want fellowship with you, I am still the Lamb, even now, in the middle of this Tribulation, I can still be your Lamb. That last cup, the cup of acceptance, praise, God accepting us to be His own, that that cup would then be taken and shared together with everyone in the room from the same cup. It, like the sharing from one loaf, was symbolic of 'togetherness', freedom and fellowship in a covenant. God still offers that last cup in the Tribulation to all who would come – for He still identifies Himself as the Lamb, 28 times, 4 times 7.

The Ark – No Veil

So we see the ark in the Temple that is in heaven (remember the Temples on earth were just a model of the Temple in heaven, Exodus 25 and Hebrews 9). We see the ark clearly, for there is no veil. The veil before us has been ripped from top to bottom by God Himself so that we might boldly come, knowing the 4th Cup has been fulfilled, the Cup of Acceptance, and we can come into His presence, into His Kingdom, be received, and loved by the King of that perfect Kingdom.

Do You Know this King

Do you know this King today, for this is the Kingdom that He invites you into.

There cannot be the right kingdom until you have the right king

Outline: One Kingdom Under God (Revelation 11:15-19)

- The Kingdom (Revelation 11:15)
- The Power (Revelation 11:16-18)
- The Glory (Revelation 11:19)

Matthew 6:8-13 (NKJV)⁸ "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is **the kingdom and the power and the glory** forever. Amen.

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*