

Session 10: Seventh Trumpet: Rapture and Jesus' Return (Rev. 11:15-19)

This is session ten in a fourteen-part series of the seven seals, the seven trumpets and the seven bowls of wrath. We are in the seventh trumpet now which is the time of the rapture of the Church and Jesus' return.

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET (REVELATION 11:14-19)

It is when He appears in the sky in glory. In Revelation 11:15-19: "The seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven." These voices in heaven are making a proclamation in heaven, a very powerful proclamation. Their proclamation is that the kingdoms of this world, the nations, the national governments, have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. He will reign forever and forever. They are announcing that all the national governments of all the nations are coming under the direct leadership of the Father and the Son.

Though that is good for the righteous, that is really bad news for the wicked who do not want His government over their nation. Verse 16: "The twenty-four elders in heaven...fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty...because You have taken Your great power and reigned" (v. 17). With a little bit of a sense of "At last, it is happening"—the kingdom will be on earth like it is in heaven. That is the cry.

Verse 17: "We give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty...because you have taken Your great power and you reigned"—meaning God always has power and always reigns. It means He is exerting it on the earth in the natural realm. He is reigning in an open way in the natural. Verse 18: "The nations were angry" at this new development. The twenty-four elders are the ones describing this. The nations are angry. Everyone in heaven and earth know the nations are angry as this thing comes to a boiling point.

The twenty-four elders continue, "Your wrath has come" (v.18). This is describing the fullness of wrath that is coming in the seven bowls. The wrath of God has had an element of it through history and certainly has been picking up in the Great Tribulation.

THE WRATH OF GOD DRIVES EVIL OFF THE PLANET

“Your wrath has come” is a reference to the fullness, the pinnacle of all you will do in confronting evil, driving it off the planet. The time is now here. It is talking about the seven bowls coming in just a moment of time.

It is time for the dead to be judged—this is the unrighteous dead. The time has come for you to give your reward to your servants, the prophets, and the saints. What happens is He raises the saints from the dead, and rewards them openly. That happens clearly at the time of the rapture of the Church in the Scripture.

The twenty-four elders go on and say, “And it is time for you to destroy those who destroy the earth.” In other words, there is another round of judgment with the seven bowls of wrath. God is going to release that destruction upon them. They have destroyed the earth, not just by destroying the environment, by sin, and living in sin, but also by opening the door for demons to participate at a whole different level by agreeing with demons.

This is not just a statement about environmentalism, though that is certainly in there. Verse 19: “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.” These are manifest on the earth. You cannot have an earthquake in heaven and you do not have great hail raining down in heaven. These are earthly dimensions, manifestations of the glory of God, when the Ark of the Covenant is seen in heaven. There is a lot of detail to this seventh trumpet, of course—a lot more than I know or any of us know. A lot of implication to this, but it is fascinating and it is edifying to begin to search it out.

SEVENTH TRUMPET DRIVES OUT FORCES OF EVIL OFF OF PLANET EARTH

Paragraph A. The seventh trumpet highlights, the main point is the kingdom of God is being released on earth like it is in heaven. The great prayer: Thy kingdom come on earth like it is in heaven—the open manifestation of the kingdom of God, driving evil off the planet.

That is what is happening here at the seventh trumpet. Of course, that is the primary theme of the book of Revelation—Jesus’ kingdom being released on the

earth. If you remember the context, what happened just immediately before this, before this announcement that all the governments will be replaced for the time and for the saints to be rewarded, which is the time of the rapture. It does not use the word rapture in this passage, but with other passages of Scripture, it is clear the saints are rewarded at the time of the rapture. It is two sides of one coin.

SIXTH TRUMPET RESULTS IN ONE THIRD OF PLANET DYING

The context of the seventh trumpet is the sixth trumpet. What happened immediately before this was the plague where one third of the earth was killed under the judgment of God. The earth is still reeling. The earth is grieving. The earth is still in confusion. We cannot imagine one third of the earth dying. It may be days later or weeks later, we do not know, but it is very soon afterwards.

Certainly the nations have not recovered from the sixth trumpet. The real human process we can imagine. Now there is this announcement in the heavenly realm, “The governments are now all going to be replaced, all the governments of the earth.”

PROLEPTIC PAST TENSE OF FUTURE EVENTS IN BOOK OF REVELATION

Paragraph B. It talks about God’s rule in the past tense. It is still a couple weeks out, we do not know exactly. It is days and weeks out before Jesus will be walking into Jerusalem, marching into Jerusalem, on the white horse actually. Entering into Jerusalem is a more accurate way to state it, on a white horse, as in Revelation 19. It is still some days or possibly weeks out.

That is when the manifestation of all the kingdoms are being toppled because all the kings of the earth are killed in that great battle around Jerusalem in Revelation 19.

The kings are still alive. They are saying, “We do not think we are going to be replaced.” It is moments away. In Revelation 19, they are all going to be killed and then all the governments are going to be in upheaval. These are real, real, future, political events that Jesus is orchestrating. They are announcing it some days or weeks ahead of time as though it is already done because God’s rule is referred to in 11:15 and 12:10.

It is referred to in the past tense as though it has already a finished fact of history. It is as good as done. It is a future event being referred to in the past because of the absolute certainty of it occurring in the very near future as well.

Again, these governments have not been replaced yet. They are not replaced until all the kings of the earth are killed. They are literally all killed. We cannot imagine 200 plus nations and all the heads of state are killed in the same timeframe. It boggles the mind to even imagine that.

FIVE THINGS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

Paragraph C. Just to study the seventh trumpet and to get your mind around it, I just want to identify five different things that are being described in the seventh trumpet. Number one, it is the heavenly announcement or proclamation that all the governments are going to be replaced. Now the forerunners have been preaching this for years before this happens, certainly the weeks before.

The fourth trumpet turns to the fifth, and then the sixth. You can be sure that everybody with a prophetic spirit who loves Jesus—the whole Church will have a prophetic spirit on them.

They will all be saying, “In a moment it is the seventh trumpet.” The implications of it will be known widespread on the earth.

Imagine what you would do if you are alive at the time of the fifth and sixth trumpet. What will you be saying? In the seventh trumpet, it is all going to be turned over. The announcement is being declared in heaven. Undoubtedly, it is well known on the earth. This angers the leaders of the earth too. It makes them mad. They have no idea how real it is until all the saints are raptured. That just brings the level up to a whole different level of intensity.

THE NATIONS ARE ANGRY

Second thing that happens, the nations are angry. There is a spirit of bitterness overwhelming the nations. We know in the sixth trumpet, the event just before this, that they have hardened their hearts worldwide. There has been a worldwide global hardening of heart, and that hardening of heart is being expressed in bitterness and great anger at Jesus. They are angry at Him.

A billion plus, whatever the number is, nobody knows, have just been raptured. When they are raptured, that means they have been vindicated as right. Because

society has said, “These Christians are just really destructive influences in society because of their moral stand.” The very fact that they are raptured, it is a vindication from heaven. They are right and the people on the earth are wrong. That angers the nations as well.

The unrighteous dead are judged. They are judged in the sense in that they are sentenced. They are officially sentenced in the court of heaven. They are in Hades right now or in Hell or in the Old Testament term called “Sheol.” In the New Testament it is called “Hades.” It is referred to commonly as Hell. They have not been sentenced yet. They are still in a holding pattern.

At this time, they are sentenced that they are going to be there 1,000 years longer. Then, they are going to the lake of fire. The sentence is official at this time.

The saints are rewarded or vindicated. For the saints to be rewarded means they are not criminals of the state. They are not criminals of society. They were not wrong. They were not guilty of hate crimes. They were actually rewarded by heaven and honored and vindicated before the wicked and the righteous. The saints are rewarded. Of course, this happens in context to the rapture of the church.

In this passage, it does not use the word “rapture.” It is clear in the rest of the New Testament that the saints are raptured at the time of last trumpet. That is when they are rewarded as well.

Then the fifth element of the seventh trumpet is an affirmation that those who survive the sixth trumpet.

Can you imagine surviving the sixth trumpet? The wicked, they have survived it. One third of the earth died. They did not. Now the next statement comes, “Those who survive will be destroyed.” The wicked will be destroyed. It is the bowls of wrath that are coming on the heels of this heavenly declaration by the twenty-four elders.

THE FATHER AND HIS CHRIST

Paragraph E. It is just for your own information, that when it says, “The kingdoms of the earth have become the kingdom of the Lord,” it is talking actually about the Father. It says, “The kingdom of the Lord and His Christ.”

In the New Testament, normally when we say Lord in the New Testament it is referring to Jesus. The Father is the Lord as well. Usually in the New Testament it

means Jesus. In this particular heavenly anthem before the Father, He is the Lord in this context here. The word Christ, it says Jesus is called “His Christ,” the Father’s Christ (Rev. 11:15).

The word Christ means “the Anointed One.” Or the word Christ means Messiah. Messiah, Christ, Anointed One mean the same thing. Jesus is the Christ. He is the Anointed. He is the Messiah. You have said the same thing three different ways.

THE SAINTS WILL BE REWARDED

The saints, we are going to look at these five. We might not get to all of them. The first one is the saints will be rewarded. Of course, this happens in context to the rapture of the church. We will see through comparing the teaching and prophecies of Paul. Revelation 11:18: “That the time of the dead have come”—that is the unrighteous dead. That they are going to be dead.

“The time has come to reward God’s servants, the prophets, the saints, etc.” The saints are rewarded at the time of the seventh trumpet. All the saints are.

THE SAINTS WILL BE REWARDED DURING THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

Paragraph A. The seventh trumpet is the last trumpet in a series of seven numbered by John in the book of Revelation. In other words, in the book of Revelation, there are seven trumpets.

They are numbered. The last trumpet is the seventh trumpet. The seventh one is the last one. It is commonly understood. Some commentators will not connect those two, but many, it is a very common understanding, that the last trumpet means the last of the seven in the book of Revelation.

I believe that to be true. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15 what happens at the last trumpet. 1 Corinthians 15:51, “We shall not all sleep.” That means we will not all physically die because believers, when a believer dies, it means their physical body sleeps in the ground. Their spirit goes to the presence of the Lord. We shall not all sleep.

There is a generation that will be raptured is what Paul is getting at. They will be supernaturally transformed in a twinkling of an eye. They will be transformed in a twinkling of an eye at the time of the last trumpet.

Paul makes it very clear. It is not the fourth trumpet. It is not the fifth trumpet. It is the seventh trumpet. There is not another trumpet in the book of Revelation in the sequence that John lays out. Paul develops this a little more, "...at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised"—believers we are talking about in 1 Cor. 15:52. Their spirit is with the Lord, but it is talking about their body still in the ground that has decayed. Their bodies will literally be raised at the last trumpet at the time of the seventh trumpet.

Paul makes another statement about this in 1 Thessalonians 4. He ties the trumpet to the time of the rapture. He says in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven." Jesus himself will come from heaven. "and with the trumpet of God. And the dead will rise first" (4:16). This means the dead in Christ, meaning those who died before the rapture. They get their physical resurrected body first, just movements ahead of time.

"Those who are alive and remain shall be caught up"—raptured—"together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" meaning the appearing of the Lord in the sky, they will be caught up together with those newly resurrected saints (1 Thes. 4:17).

Everybody will meet Jesus in the sky together." The word "caught up" is the description of the rapture. The actual term of rapture is not used in the Bible. Just like the word Trinity is not used in the Bible. It is a Biblical truth. You do not find the word Trinity. The rapture is a Biblical truth, but you do not find the word rapture. It is the word caught up. That is the word right there.

CAUGHT UP MEANS TO BE RAPTURED

Actually it is the Latin word for caught up is called rapture. We have popularized a Latin word because the New Testament was translated into Latin. I am assuming it was from that time that the Latin word for caught up is rapture and that is the one that became popular, at least in the Western world.

If you look up in the Bible the word "rapture," you are not going to find it. You will find it described right here and other places as well. If you want more insight into the seventh trumpet, which we do, we compare these two passages of Paul. Because all of the events, the last trumpet blowing and the dead being raised in Christ, the Church being raptured, those who are alive and the saints being

rewarded, all of them happen together if you compare these two verses 1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4 with Revelation 11.

You compare them, all the events connect together. None of the passages mentions all of the events, but when you compare them, the overlap connects all of these events together.

Again, the events are the last trumpet, the dead in Christ rising, the getting of their rewards and the church being raptured. Each of these verses has a couple of the events. They overlap and the other verses, you put them together and it is clear.

BELIEVERS ARE REWARDED

Paragraph B. When the Lord returns and if you have died before the Lord returns, you get your resurrected body and meet the Lord in the air. If you are alive when He comes, you just get instantly transformed and you meet Him in the air. Everyone is in the air who loves Jesus from history. Everyone is happy. It is at that time.

The others are on the earth. Those on the earth, to me it seems obvious. It never says it anywhere in the Bible, so you do not want to declare something that the Bible does not declare, but it seems obvious to me that we are caught up in the air that unbelievers will be seeing some of what is happening.

A lot of people think we vanish and then we go into heaven. We are caught up in the air. What happens in the air is that the saints are transformed, mobilized, and rewarded in order to come with Jesus down to the earth in the triumphal entry into Jerusalem in Revelation 19.

It is my opinion that the people on the earth see some of what is going on. There are several billion, all the saints through history and all the saints alive on the earth in the sky. I do not think Jesus is trying to hide anything. He is doing this openly. He is about to take over all the governments of the earth. Trumpets are blasting, fire is all over the sky, and angels are all there.

I think the guys on the earth, the unrighteous, those that have rejected Him are going, "What is going on." I do not know that they see it all, but certainly, again this is just an opinion, they are seeing some of what is unfolding in the sky.

BELIEVERS ARE REWARDED WITH GARMENTS REFLECTING OBEDIENCE

It says in paragraph B, the saints are rewarded. Part of the reward of the saints is to be arrayed in garments. Each believer will have a different dimension of glory in the garments that they receive related to their obedience on the earth.

THE SAINTS ARE REWARDED ON THE DAY OF JESUS' APPEARING

Paragraph C. The saints, it says clearly, Paul makes this point that the saints are rewarded on the day that Jesus appears in the sky. When Jesus appears in the sky at the seventh trumpet, at the last trumpet, we know the saints are rewarded because of course Revelation says it and Paul says it as well.

On the days that the saints receive their reward is the same day that Jesus appears in the sky. 2 Timothy 4:1, "The Lord Jesus who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing." That is the believers and the unbelievers physically and spiritually dead and living. It is all the categories. Paul says that he will receive the crown on the day of the Lord's appearing. He receives a crown on that day. He gets rewarded on the day the Lord appears in the sky. We understand clearly that is the time of the rapture. The rapture of the church and the reward of the saints, again Revelation 11 describes the reward of the saints.

Paul, in other places, describes the rapture. Again, you put the verses together, it becomes clear that all these verses are connected. They overlap at different verses. They are happening at the same time at the seventh trumpet.

JESUS WILL PUBLICLY, SUPERNATURALLY AND ETERNALLY VINDICATE US

One of the important things that is happening is that when the saints are raptured and rewarded, they are being vindicated. We can get a little touch of this now. We do not really grasp how important this is. Right now in the nations, even our own nation is talking about hate crimes. This is already established in some nations. Even in those nations, it is going to increase. The intensity and severity of hate crimes.

They might have different terms in different nations. The righteous will be seen as those who are injuring society, those who are against their nation and against society. It is exactly the opposite. Those that are in unity with demons are the ones

hurting their city and their nation. Many saints will be persecuted. Some in prison, some killed, some just ridiculed as being dangerous and harmful.

The rapture of the church, the reward is the vindication where God sets the record straight saying, “They were not the criminals in society, and they were the heroes that brought light and salt to society.” The record is set right at the time of the rapture. The rapture is not an escape clause to get out of here. It is a time of vindication and reward and for the saints to be transformed so we can rule with Jesus on the earth. The rapture is not an escape clause. It is an equipping and a mobilization time and a vindication time.

SAINTS ARE NOT CRIMINALS OF SOCIETY OR SOCIAL OUTCASTS

Paragraph D. When the saints are raptured at the seventh trumpet, at the last trumpet, that is in itself a judgment on society. It is not just a judgment on society because society is mystified like some of the rapture movies. The guy driving the car, the car wrecks and everybody is mystified.

It will be much more than people mystified. They will be terrified. There is another dimension besides just the attempt of the unrighteous on the earth to interpret what has happened.

It is that the saints are salt and light. When the saints are taken out of society, even though there is only days and weeks left before the Lord enters into Jerusalem in Revelation 19. In a demon- infested world, the impact of the saints, salt and light is far more dynamic. The mature, end-time church has a far more dynamic impact in terms of life and peace than the nations know.

Their removal actually intensifies their struggle and their oppression even in those last days and weeks. However long it is, we do not know. Because the salt and the light has been lifted out of the world as part of the judgment.

SAINTS ARE SALT AND LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD

Paragraph E. It is helpful to understand the three stages. This is my terminology. You can identify it in several different ways. You can make it in different stages, just depending on how you put the Scripture together. It is helpful to understand the three stages of what I call Jesus’ Second Coming Procession, to understand the relationship of the seventh trumpet.

Because if the seventh trumpet is sounded and the saints are raptured but then the bowls of wrath are coming in just days afterwards. Then, Jesus enters Jerusalem in Revelation 19.

In order to bring these ideas together, it is very important to understand the three stages of Jesus' Second Coming Procession. Many folks have one stage: Jesus appears, the saints mysteriously disappear, and they go far away to heaven. That is all. It happens in one second and nobody gets what is going on.

I think what the Scripture teaches is very different than that. It is not to escape, a sudden mysterious escape hatch, it is actually a mobilizing, vindicating, equipping time of the saints to take over the earth with Jesus. It is not a secret event. The whole thing does not happen in one second. The three stages, if you understand this, you can understand the relationship of the seven trumpets to the seven bowls to the events to Jesus' coming into Jerusalem in Revelation 19.

JESUS COMES ACROSS THE SKY TO BE SEEN BY THE WICKED

First Jesus, I call it His procession across the sky. He comes across the sky. He raptures the saints, and all of the wicked see Him with their eyes. Then, there are a number of passages, enough to get a clear picture. Jesus comes across the land, through the land, on His way to Jerusalem.

JESUS FIGHTS ON LAND ON HIS WAY TO JERUSALEM

He is killing His enemies, but He is on the earth. He is not in the sky doing it, waving His hand. Blood actually gets on His garments. He is on the earth, on His way to Jerusalem. This is all related to the Second Coming.

JESUS ENTERS INTO JERUSALEM

The third part, the stage of what I call His procession, He enters into Jerusalem. Most people either focus on the first part, Jesus in the sky, or they focus on the third part, He enters Jerusalem. Most do not talk much about His travelling on the land. There are quite a number of Scriptures that indicate it very, very clearly. It is all one procession. It is not the Second Coming, the Third Coming, and the Fourth Coming.

It is one series of events, all with one grand drama unfolding. Paragraph F. Jesus across the sky. Here is the verse we have to really take at full weight. Jesus Himself said it in Matthew 24:30.

Then John said it—this idea that every single unbeliever will see Him with their eyes. This requires a global procession because for people in the Mediterranean

Islands to see Jesus and people in the Pacific Island to see Jesus, they will not see Him at the same time because the world is round. If the world went flat for just a moment, then everybody could see at the same time, then it would go round again. I do not expect that to happen.

Notice in Revelation 1:7, He is coming with clouds. Every eye. Jesus Himself says it, and John says it in two passages. All the tribes of the earth. Not just the Jews in Israel. All of the tribes in all the nations of the earth, they will see Him. It is more than the fact that they will glance at Him and go their way. They will see Him clear enough to where they will have a very deep profound, emotional response of mourning.

Remember, the nations in the sixth trumpet right before this, they are hardened toward God. They are not mourning. They are hardened. They are angry. They are not sorry. They are angry, but something happens when the Lord comes. They see Him, and they mourn. The only possible explanation that I can think of is that the Lord goes over every single inhabited part of the earth.

I have heard this many times through the years and do not believe it for a moment. The easy answer is, "It is on television." I have heard many say that. I respond, "Listen. Jesus did Genesis 1. He does not need television to make it happen. Number one. Number two, He is not in a hurry. The only ones in a hurry are the ones with a paradigm that it has to happen in one moment." That does not happen in one moment. We are transformed in one moment. Our body is transformed in one moment, but the entire drama is not over in one moment.

He is not in a hurry. He has been waiting a long time for this. He does not need technology. Besides that, there will be such a deceptive, evil, false anointing of signs and wonders, nobody would believe what they saw on a media. They will be worshiping the Antichrist, hardened to Jesus, and they would not see with all the false signs and wonders. They would not see a TV program and say, "That must be Jesus, it is time to repent."

They will see Him and they will mourn. They will be deeply impacted by what they see. This is a new idea to some because most have just had the idea that the Lord appears one second, everybody disappears together.

They go away from the earth for seven years and then things pick up later. I think that is entirely the wrong approach to understanding the prophetic Scriptures in the book of Revelation.

JESUS WILL BE SEEN BY EVERY PERSON ON EARTH

Top of page three, paragraph G. Since the earth is round as I have already said, it is impossible for everyone to see Him at the same time—just the physical impossibilities on a round globe.

He is going to be seen in every longitude and latitude of every inhabited place of the earth. Every individual will see Him with their natural eye.

How long will that take? More than a second. I do not know how fast He is moving. He is not going to take one trip around the earth. Because if He goes around the earth at the equator, still there are many places north and south that would not see Him.

He does not become a 10,000 foot Jesus. He will be the same size in His resurrected body as He was on the earth. What height, talk about in the air, and at what speed will He be moving? Nobody knows. We do not need to know. My point being, this process takes more than a minute to happen for billions of people to see Him close enough where they change their attitude from hardness and anger to mourning.

They are not predisposed towards Him. They have been living in deception of supernatural signs and wonders of the Antichrist. He has to be moving slow enough. One guy said, “He just flashes across.” I respond, “I do not think people will see “woosh” and then they are crying.” They have to connect with it. This is profound that Jesus and John said, “All the wicked will mourn when they see Him.” It is not by technology. They see them with their natural eyes. I am convinced.

ROYAL, ESCHATOLOGICAL PROCESSION OF JESUS RETURN

Paragraph H. I refer to it as a procession. When I say the word procession, I am thinking of a royal procession. I like to use the phrase “A royal eschatological procession.” Eschatological meaning end-time implications, implications that transition this natural age to the age to come.

That is what I mean by eschatological. Meaning it is not just a procession. Elijah was taken to heaven in a chariot. That was pretty intense. This is a procession that has consequences that shift this age to the age to come.

It is a royal, eschatological procession. Jesus is in no hurry to speed this procession up. Just notice. You want to get your mind around this. I picture these details when I think of Jesus' coming.

Think about a king or a head of state coming and visiting another nation. There is always a procession of sorts if it is a public event. They get the whole city ready that he is visiting; all kinds of preparations have to be made in order to receive this head of state to the capital city. Or when the pope goes and visits a nation—the procession, the protocol, the preparations. This is not a head of state or a pope. This is Jesus, King of kings, coming to the earth to stay permanently forever. It is His one time He comes. It is going to be done rightly and it is going to make an impact that nobody will ever forget.

THIRTY DAY PERIOD ACCORDING TO DANIEL

He will take more than a minute to do this. It will be involved over days. The whole period, all the events involved, are over a thirty-day period according to Daniel. It is a thirty-day period from when the seventh trumpet blows and all the events are done. There are some glorious events that happen after the thirty day period. I do not know those details.

We know the angel told Daniel about an extra thirty days after the three and a half years. The angel told him. Then everything comes to completion in the full sense. This procession, paragraph H. This royal eschatological procession, He comes with all the saints. I just make up the numbers, a billion from history, a billion saints now, and a billion in the harvest. Those numbers are not at all right, but it gives you the idea.

There are several billion saints in this procession. All the saints are there. That is a big procession. All the angels. There are more angels than saints, seemingly from the Scripture—some billions of saints and some billions of angels. This procession is getting big. He travels on clouds. All the world sees Him. This is not the pope. This is not the queen. This is not the president. It is not the prime minister. It is the King of kings

coming to the earth in glory to everybody, believers and unbelievers. The believers are raptured and the unbelievers see Him and fall down mourning.

He comes in the Father's glory, in great power, in flaming fire, the brightness of lightening, the voice of an arch angel, the trumpet of God, and undoubtedly the noise and the music. He raises the dead, the sun and the moon do not work right, and the stars fall. Beloved, this is a serious procession. These are real events that take place at His coming. He is not in a hurry to do it in a couple minutes. This is real. History is shifting on the earth permanently forever. Jesus is coming and His ruling is in context to natural human processes.

Meaning some folks imagine, and I believe it is a wrong way of thinking, that the natural realm is suspended at the coming of the Lord. No it is not. It is enhanced by the dimension of the Holy Spirit.

The natural processes are not suspended. The guys on the earth will still see and fall on the ground. There will be natural dimensions to what is happening on the earth.

The natural realm does not go away. It is enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Holy Spirit. We see some of this in John 20 and Acts 1 when Jesus comes back in His resurrected body. He is interacting with the apostles who have natural bodies. Jesus eats with them, passes through walls. They hug each other, talk to each other. So we have the natural and the supernatural that are working together in that forty-day window of time.

In Acts 1, Jesus in the full resurrection power came to the earth to interact with people in the natural realm. That is a forty-day window in Acts 1 as to what we will be seeing at this time. The hard part that people have is the idea that the natural realm disappears. There is nothing in the Bible that says that.

JESUS' COMING AND RULING IS IN CONTEXT TO NATURAL HUMAN PROCESS

Paragraph J. We will not go into this right now, but it is a thirty day period. An angel tells John specifically about 1290 days. The Bible is real clear about the 1260. It is clear about the forty, two months, or the 1260 days, but the angel tells Daniel, "But there are thirty more days on top of it where dynamic things will be happening." That is not my goal to develop that. My point is to let you know an

angel revealed this to Daniel in the Old Testament. It is part of the end time scenario of what unfolds.

I have in paragraph K a little piece of information again. Just so you know, there are four phrases in the Bible that talk about this three and a half year period. You can look at those on your own. There are reasons why God says the same timeframe through different terminology.

FOUR PHRASES THAT DESCRIBE THE FINAL THREE AND A HALF YEARS

Paragraph L. This is an interesting verse. In Revelation 10:7, this is a chapter earlier. We are on Revelation 11 right now. Revelation 10 it has this interesting word “days” (v. 7). “For in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel.” This is the one angel where the trumpet is attributed to sounding for days. Not a moment. The sounding of the seventh angel occurs over days. We do not know if it is two days, three days, four days. We do not know. But, we know it is more than one day. It is the only angel with a trumpet that is attributed to the blowing of that trumpet continuing for a period of days. It may be two, three, or four. It is all part of this thirty day process that the angel told Daniel about in Daniel 12.

THE REBELLIOUS WILL BE DESTROYED: FULLNESS OF WRATH (REV. 16)

Roman numeral III. The twenty-four elders say, “There is more destruction coming.” They are talking about the seven bowls of wrath. In that destruction, part of that destruction, paragraph B, Jesus is literally on the earth, on His white horse, marching up through Bozrah and Edom it says in Isaiah 63. He is marching up through Edom. Edom we know, it is commonly agreed upon, as modern day Jordan which is right next to Israel. He is passing through Jordan on His way to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives.

That is where the Scripture says He is going. Isaiah gets a vision of this. Part of this Isaiah 63, the destruction, Jesus is destroying those who destroy the earth. That is what is going on here.

He is releasing the seven bowls of wrath while He is marching up through the land. We do not know where He touches down. He goes across the earth in the sky. All the unbelievers see Him. All the saints are raptured. He touches down somewhere in the Middle East and He is marching through Edom which is modern day Jordan, killing enemies that are warring against Him.

He is on His way into Jerusalem to be received by Israel, go to the Mount of Olives, be coordinated as King and change all the governments of the earth. That is what is going on here. This passage in Isaiah 63, though there are several of them. There are quite a few of them actually. They are often overlooked when people study the end times. There are too many of them and it is clear what they are saying.

Jesus is marching up through the land. That is part of His second coming events. He is on His way to Jerusalem. The question is asked in Isaiah 63:1: “Who is this who comes from Edom?” He is coming up to Jerusalem. He is coming from Edom to Jerusalem is the idea in context. He is going through Bozrah. That was the capital city of Edom in the ancient world.

Jesus “is glorious in His apparel” (Isa. 63:1). He has on really awesome clothes. His apparel is glorious. Not just the color, they are supernatural. His garments have supernatural dimensions to it that are notable. The word is going out everywhere, “His apparel is glorious. It is supernatural.” There is power that is released even related to His apparel. He is traveling in the greatness of His strength. What He is doing in His strength is releasing judgments on His way up to Jerusalem. They ask the question as He is travelling. It is a procession. He is marching. Some translations say. He is on the earth here. He has been in the sky. Now He is on the earth on His way to Jerusalem.

GARMENTS STAINED RED IS HIS DAY OF JUSTICE

The question is asked, “Why are your garments red?” Jesus answers, “I have trodden them, the nations, in my anger. I have trampled them in my fury. Their blood got on my garments. All my robes are stained by the people I am killing on the way to Jerusalem.” He tells them in Isaiah 63:4: “The day of vengeance is in My heart”— it is time for pay back against the people who are lined up with the devil.”

Instead of the word vengeance, you can put the word justice. For the day of justice is in my heart. It is pay back for those who have been killing the saints of God and throwing out the Word of God. It is pay back time is what He means. It is time for justice to be displayed in the nations. It says, “But it is the year of redemption.” To those who have cried for mercy, they will get free redemption.

GREATER THAN MOSES

To those who refuse mercy, it will be vengeance. Pay back. He is marching up through the land, paragraph C. He is the greater Moses. As Moses was going through Egypt releasing the plagues of Egypt, Jesus is marching up to Jerusalem releasing the seven bowls of wrath on the nations, not just with the ones in front of Him, as He is the King of glory. He is speaking and releasing these trumpets from heaven in league with the praying church. Now, He is doing it on earth. He is marching up through Edom to Jerusalem. The pinnacle, the high point is when He enters into Jerusalem. He goes to the Mount of Olives.

The leaders of Israel receive Him. They say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.” They finally get that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Anointed One. He is their Deliverer. He is coming in power and He is killing all their oppressors. It is really kind of shifted their mindset about Him.

Paragraph E, His procession begins in the sky at the seventh trumpet with the rapture, but it ends on the earth after the seventh bowl when He enters Jerusalem to end the Armageddon Campaign. It is a procession. There is a series of events. You could say it different ways. I talk about three stages.

JESUS IS TAKING OVER THE GOVERNMENT OF EVERY NATION

Roman numeral IV. Now the taking over of the nations. I am going to make one point here. The loud voices in heaven, He is taking over all the governments of all the nations of the earth.

The forerunners have been proclaiming this for weeks, months, and years before the seventh trumpet. The closer they get, the louder the prophetic declaration of this will be.

Paragraph B. David prophesied all of this. He prophesied, “Why are the nations raging against God,” in Psalm 2. “I will tell you why. The nations have set themselves against the Lord and of His Christ or His Anointed.” In Psalm 2:5: “He will speak to them in His wrath.” That is what is happening in this announcement. The Father is speaking in His wrath against the nations. The implication is that God is speaking in wrath to the distressing nations, the heavenly voices are proclaiming it, and the prophetic church was declaring it. The Father was speaking in wrath to the nations that have come against Him and His Son.

I believe what is happening in Psalm 2, there has been an expression of what is happening in Psalm 2 throughout church history. I believe the seventh trumpet, around the throne they are saying, “Jesus is taking over. Jesus is taking over. He is going to replace all the governments.” They are really echoing the Father’s declaration to all the kings of the earth. He is speaking to them in His wrath. I wonder what He is saying. I have no doubt the voices in heaven are echoing part of what He is saying. Can you imagine the Father speaking against all the governments of the earth? That they are about to be replaced and there is about to be an overthrow of all the national governments of the earth. I will just make another point or two and bring this to an end.

SCRIPTURE GIVES THREE DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

Paragraph D. The Scripture gives us three different views of the rapture of the church. Jesus describes it by its cosmic glory meaning the glory in the heavens. When Jesus describes the rapture in Matthew 24:30-31, He describes mostly the glory that is happening in the heavenly and in the sky.

When Paul describes the rapture, he describes mostly what happens to the saints. We are getting transformed, joining up with each other, we are with the Lord, and our hearts are comforted. He talks more from the saints’ personal experience and point of view.

When John talks about the rapture at the seventh trumpet, he talks about its impact on the governments of the earth. If you take all three of those views, one from Jesus, Paul, and John, put them together, we get the more complete picture of what happens at the seventh trumpet. Let’s stand.



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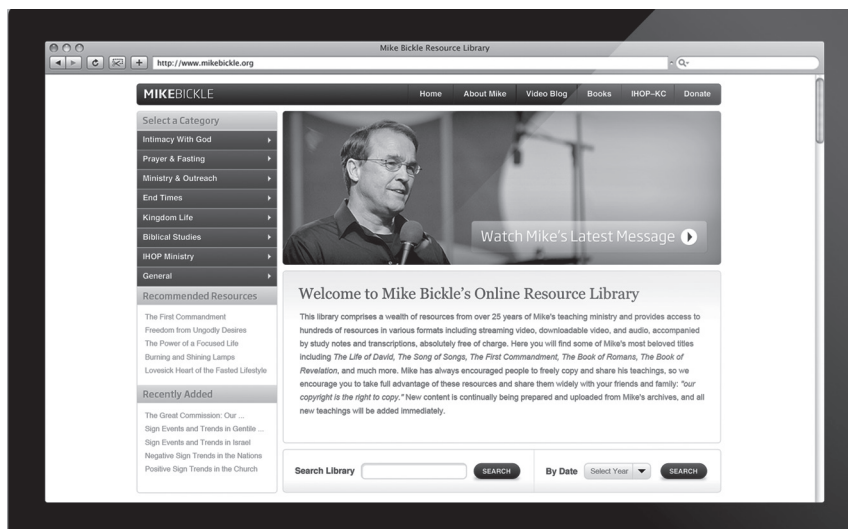
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