

The Seventh Angel Sounded

Rev 11: 15-19

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- Vs 15 of our passage introduces us to the events connected with the sounding of the 7th trumpet.....
 - You will notice Vs 14 which tells us the second woe past and the is approaching rapidly.
 - The first 6 trumpets ushered in events on earth in the first half of the Tribulation period...3 1/2 yrs
- The seventh trumpet will encompass last 3 ½ years.....known as the Great Tribulation period
 - Encapsulated in the 7 bowls of wrath

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- Our passage today has been the subject of controversy for the following reason....
 - This is the last trumpet.....
 - Many will turn to I Cor 15: 52 as a reference..” 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.
 - This leads people to say that this is when the living and dead saints will be raised up to glory
 - That event is known as the “rapture of the church”

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- To be fair, we must look at this passage without preconceived ideas.
 - To do this we must compare passages.....
 - I Cor 15: 52 does mention a “last trumpet”
- Question.....Is this the same trumpet listed in I Thess 4: 16 and I Cor 15: 52
 - Are they the same as the trumpet of Rev 11: 15?
- First, we must ask ourselves is the trumpet sounded in Rev 11: 15 the “trump of God?”
 - Answer....Rev 11: 15....”the seventh angel sounded”

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- Then we must ask ourselves if the situation described in all the passages are the same???
 - You will note in Rev 11: 18....the time came for the dead to be judged”
 - Compare to I Cor 15: 52 and I Thess 4: 16....
 - Judgment is never mentioned in these passages???
- We must also ask ourselves this question.....
 - If in I Cor 15: 52, when Paul is writing to the church to explain the resurrection of the saints using the term “last trump” why are there 7 trumpets mentioned in the Tribulation period when the Church is not mentioned all?

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- We must then ask ourselves this question.....
 - Since the trumpets are not in chronological order how do we interpret the “last” trumpet (I Cor 15: 52)?
 - To do so we must look at other mentions or usages of the word “last”
 - John 6: 40; John 11: 24.....
 - Is the “last day” mentioned the last day of the universe or is it the “last day” of the Church age?

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- Clearly Jesus is speaking of the bodily resurrection for those who put their faith in Him alone for salvation which is the “end of the Church age.”
 - What culminates the end of the Church age?
 - It is the “TRUMPET CALL OF GOD” (I Thess 4: 16)
 - Paul names this (trumpet call of God)....”the last trumpet” (I Cor 15: 52)
 - But this is not the last trumpet ever mentioned in the Bible (Matt 24: 29-31)

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- When the angel sounds his trumpet....
 - A heavenly chorus is instigated.....
 - The approaching climax of Jesus Christ's redemption of His creation is near.....
 - The time is coming when the "kingdom of the world" will become "the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ"
 - And He will reign forever and ever!!!!
 - Luke 1: 32-33...He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

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- Vs 16....the twenty-four elders are noted again as they have been mentioned before...
 - Rev 5: 8; 14; Rev 7: 11; Rev 11: 16.....
 - They represent all the saints who have been redeemed and raptured prior to the 2nd coming of Christ (Rev 19: 14)
 - They fall on their faces in worship
 - This occurs 3 times in the Book of the Revelation
 - Rev 5: 14; Rev 11: 16; Rev 19: 4

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- There are 7 aspects/events anticipated by the elders as they fall down in worship to the Almighty One.....Jesus Christ. (Rev 11: 18-19)
 - These next few verses should remind us of Psalm 2....
 - Note all the comparisons.....
 - Nations rage.....
 - Kings try to assert their supposed authority....
 - They counsel together against God and His Anointed

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- The One who sits (on the throne) in heaven....
 - He is going to reveal His wrath...
 - He is going to install His King over His creation...
 - The only hope for refuge is in the Son.....
- It is no coincidence that Psalm 2 follow Psalm 1
 - Blessed is the man....
 - Who walks not after the council of the ungodly
 - Nor stands in the way of sinner
 - Not sits in the seat of the scoffer
 - But his delight is the law of the Lord....

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- Here are the reasons for worship....
 - He has displayed His power over all creation
 - Seal and trumpet judgments
 - He has shown He is the King of Kings.....
 - He has recorded the rebellion of mankind (Rev 20: 12)
 - Because of their rebellion, His wrath is justified
 - Judgment is prepared for all the unsaved dead
 - His reward for His saints is sure and eternal
 - He has ordained eternal wrath for those who corrupted the earth....

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- What are we to learn from this passage?
 - First....there are things that will happen in your life and mine when we will wonder..."Lord where are You?"
 - Second....if there is an overall message in the Book of the Revelation, it is this...."He will never forsake His own and His reward is sure."
 - Finally, those who fear will enjoy His presence forever and ever.