

The Seventh Trumpet - The End 2.0

Opening Announcements

Opening Prayers

Q: Have you ever heard Handel's "Messiah" (either the "Hallelujah Chorus" OR the entire work)? What makes it so beautiful, powerful and lasting?

Q: Where did Handel draw his inspiration for this work?

Q: In Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus", the inspiration and the words themselves were taken directly from our text today! How might the "blessing" of "reading these words aloud" (Rev. 1:3) be seen in this work "The Messiah"?

Transition: Today we see a second vision of "The End"!

READ: "Revelation 11:15-19" "Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." **16** And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, **17** saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. **18** The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth." **19** Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail."

Q: What does the "seventh angel" symbolize?

Q: What does the "trumpet" symbolize?

Q: According to verse 1, what happens when the trumpet sounds? What does it mean?

Q: What is the response of the 24? Why is the announcement a cause for celebration?

Q: How does this same scene repeat when God's people gather in Jesus' Name?

Q: According to v.17, what has the "Lord God Almighty" done?

Q: According to v.18, what did the nations "do"? How was this contrary to God's reign?

Q: What was God's response to their "raging"?

Q: According to v.18, what "time had come"?

Q: What judgment awaits the "dead"?

Q: How is this captured in the 2nd Article of the "Apostle's Creed"?

Q: What awaits God's "servants, the prophets and saints"?

Q: What was the characteristic mentioned in their "judgment"?

Q: At the end of v.18, another verdict awaits those who do "not" "fear His Name"! What is it?

Q: How are they characterized?

Q: How does sin and no "fear of God", "destroy the earth"?

Q: Is it ironic that many in the "green movement" believe they are "saving the earth", yet here v.18, characterizes them as "destroyers of the earth". Why?

Q: According to verse 19, the "Temple of God was opened and the ark of God was seen". Where else have we seen that?

Q: What was the meaning behind "seeing the ark"?

Q: Once again, in v.19, there was a dramatic response to the open temple! What does this indicate?

Q: What does the word "AMEN" mean?

This vision of VICTORY, Celebration and Encouragement sets the "sage" so to speak for the next series of visions. Remember circular thinking!