***REVELATION***

**Ch. 11:13-19**

Tonight’s study brings us to the end of a very long section that began back in **Rev. 10:1**.

The seventh trumpet, which was announced in **Rev. 10:7**, is about to sound, unleashing God’s final acts of judgments

 1) The seventh trumpet will bring about a devastating wave of judgment, fulfilling **Joel 2:1-2**

 2) When it is sounds, the seven bowl judgments are revealed.

 3) The seventh trumpet also alerts the world that King Jesus is about to reclaim everything that belongs to Him.

The seventh trumpet is sounded here in **Rev. 11**, but the events it brings to pass are not recorded until we get to **Rev 15**. Chapters 12-14 are a retelling of the Tribulation story from a symbolic perspective.

 1) In **Rev. 6-11**, the focus has been on the Lord Jesus and the process He uses to take possession of this earth.

 2) **Rev. 12-14** takes the focus off the Lord and places in on the Antichrist.

 a) We have been observing the Tribulation from God’s perspective.

 b) For the next few chapters we will observe this awful period of time from Satan’s perspective.

**I. The Third Woe 11:15-19**

A. Triumph of the Kingdom----Jesus is ready to take command!

 1. The Bible tells us that this Earth belongs to Jesus and Heaven rejoices as He begins to reclaims it---**Ps. 24:1**

a.That the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ

 b. That He shall reign forever and ever!

 1) How can there be such joy when the King is not reigning completely yet?

 2) This joy anticipates a guaranteed certain result!

 B. The grammar of “are become” indicates an absolute certainty about Jesus’ coming reign, even before it happens

 1. The words “Great Voices” in Greek is ***Mega*** and ***Phonay***---speaks of shouting and rejoicing

 2. What word do you think we get from this in English? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. The Temper of the Nations vs. 18**

 A. Angry that Wrath had come

 B. That the time to be judged had come---No criminal is happy to face his crime

 C. That God’s servants will be rewarded

 D. That those who destroy will themselves be destroyed

 E. The world wants anything but the reign of God----**Luke 19:14**

**III. Temple of God’s Word Opened Vs. 19**

 A. This verse almost seems out of place in this chapter, but, this verse is important.

 B. The mention of the Temple places us back on Jewish ground.

 1. The phenomenon at the temple opening and the ark’s revelation show that the presence of the Lord is there

 2. It is reminiscent of God’s manifested presence at Mount Sinai----**-Exodus 19:16-19**

 C. This verse contains two great realities:

 1. The Reality of Access – The open Temple and the Ark remind us that we have access to the Lord.

 a. No Veil between us! We have free, unfettered access to the God of glory----**Rev. 22:3-4**!

 2. The Reality of Affirmation

 a. For the Jew, the Ark represented the presence of God, the communion of God and the redemption of God.

 b. Here, the Jews are reminded that God is not finished with them.

 c. He will complete His plan for Israel and He will keep His covenants with the seed of Abraham!

**Verse 19** closes with premonitions of impending disasters and horrors that are on the horizon.