

# *The Rapture As Taught In Revelation*

## **Part Five**

### **The Seventh Trumpet Is The Third Woe**

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*“The Second Woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.” (Revelation 11:14)*

**15)** “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD ARE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST; AND HE SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER. **16)** And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshiped God, **17)** saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. **18)** And the nations were angry and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great: and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. **19)** And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thundering, and an earthquake, and great hail.” (Revelation 11: 15-19).

The two witness have only now been brought back to life, and taken up into heaven (cf. 11:11-13). Their enemies have reacted in fear, since their resurrection is proof their message was true and that Jesus is both God and Messiah. An earthquake kills seven thousand men. (Compare the earthquake that opened tombs and allowed many to be raised at the time of Christ’s death—see Matthew 27:51-53). The remnant mentioned in verse 13 are the “rest” of those who are not killed by the earthquake, many of which repent of their sins and glorify the Lord Jesus. The third woe is the seventh trumpet—this woe comes quickly.

The seventh trumpet results in the establishment of the millennial kingdom of Christ. The seven vials or bowls (16:1) are likely contained in the judgment of the seventh trumpet, and will not be covered in this series. They will occur in a very brief period of time at the end of the Great Tribulation. The second coming of Christ, while a great blessing for all the believers who have not yet been killed, will be God’s most severe judgment on the antichrist system. The kingdoms of this world will be completely overthrown by the Kingdom of Christ (cf. 19:11-21; Daniel 2:34, 35, 44), who will reign forever and ever (Daniel 7:13, 14, 27).

God is now being worshiped by the elders (church) in heaven because what He promised has now been accomplished. Their gratitude and joy is for the establishment of the millennial kingdom (1 Cor. 15:24). Now the gentile antichrist nations will be destroyed (cf. Psalm 2: 1,2). The wrath of the Lord will take His vengeance on all His enemies (Psalm 2:5; 1 Thess. 1:7, 8). The dead of all the ages will be judged at the future Great White Throne Judgment Seat of Christ (20: 11-15). The Old Testament and Tribulation saints who have died will be raised and rewarded (cf. Isaiah 26:19, 20; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25). Those who have tried to destroy the earth will themselves be destroyed by God Himself (cf. 19:20, 21). The ark of His testament (covenant) is a symbol of the presence of God and of His faithfulness in fulfilling His covenant promises—every one of them.<sup>1</sup>

In this short study I saw the Church in heaven where she belongs—with her Groom; and I saw souls being saved on the earth in the midst of the most terrible antichrist governmental system that has never before—nor ever will again—rule on the earth.

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