



Worship Guide for July 4, 2021

Sermon Notes

The Seventh Trumpet

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." (Revelation 11:15)

Ever since Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them to pray, followers of Christ have prayed, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Today's passage announces the ultimate answer to that prayer.

Revelation 11:15 is at the center of the Book of Revelation, both in where it falls in the text and what it proclaims. It announces the eternal rule and reign of "our Lord and his Christ". The King is enthroned, and his reign will never end. With the blast of the seventh trumpet, heaven and earth are hearing God say, "it is finished! God has reclaimed his creation and his eternal kingdom is established. The language used here is known as prophetic past tense. These words were written twenty centuries ago, but they are certain – they are sure! The prophecies of David and Daniel (Psalm 2 & Daniel 2) have been fulfilled! Even though there is more to come in Revelation, and more to come in God's redemptive plan, it is as good as accomplished.

Revelation 11: 15-19 was the theme of the Hallelujah Chorus in the second part of Handel's Messiah. It should be the theme of our lives as well.

The Context

In Revelation; In John's culture and church; In our culture and church

The Kingdom Reclaimed (Rev 11:15)

Creation reclaimed; Christ enthroned

The Summary Song of the Saints (Rev 11:16-18)

The rage of nations; The wrath of God; The rewards of God's servants

The Temple Opened (Rev 11:19)

What was closed is now open; What was hidden is now seen

Applications:

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life?
In your journal, write your answers and thoughts
in response to the following questions.**

Read Psalm 2 together. What similarities do you see between this passage and Revelation 11:18? What do we learn about God from these two passages? What should be our posture toward him and toward the world in light of this reality?

How do we see the "already but not yet" nature of Jesus' cry of "it is finished" through the Scriptures? How does this idea help us understand who we are as exiles? How does it define our role here?

Read Jeremiah 29:7 together. How does the fullness of the gospel and its implications help us define the word "welfare" there?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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