

REVELATION, Chapter 11  
Part 3: 11:15-19; The Seventh Trumpet  
Facts about Revelation 11

1. Revelation 11 is divided into three sections:
  - a) 11:1-2; the Measuring of the Temple
  - b) 11:3-14; the Two Witnesses
  - c) 11:15-19; the Seventh Trumpet
2. There were no Chapters or Verses in the original text;
3. Chapter 11 is a continuation of Chapter 10;
4. Chapters 10 and 11 are part of the Sixth Trumpet, (see 11:14);
5. Part 1 of Revelation 11 (vs.1, 2), call our attention to the sanctuary in Heaven which was the solution to the Great Disappointment of 1844;

A. Revelation 11:15-18; What is the Seventh Trumpet?

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 worshipped 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. {destroy the earth: or, corrupt the earth}

1. V. 15, 17; he shall reign for ever and ever:

a. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 6:10-12

b. Revelation 10:7 & Daniel 12:7; Mystery; *mysterion*: a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites) (of something formerly unknown but now revealed)

i. Matthew 13:11 & Luke 8:10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-8; Revelation 1:20

1 Corinthians 15:51; Romans 16:25, 26

**the mystery of God**--the theme of the "little book," and so of the remainder of the Apocalypse. What a grand contrast to the "mystery of iniquity Babylon!" The mystery of God's scheme of redemption, once hidden in God's secret counsel and dimly shadowed forth in types and prophecies, but now more and more clearly revealed according as the Gospel kingdom develops itself, up to its fullest consummation at the end. James-Faussett-Brown Commentary, (comment on Rev. 10:7)

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

2. V. 16; Who are the four and twenty elders? \_\_\_\_\_

a. Where are they seated? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What are they doing? \_\_\_\_\_

d. Identity; Revelation 4:4; 5:8; 19:4

i. "Elders" \_\_\_\_\_

ii. "White Robes" \_\_\_\_\_

iii. "Crowns" \_\_\_\_\_

iv. "Thrones & Worship" \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 5:10

e. Matthew 27:51-53 & Ephesians 4:8

i. New Jerusalem, Revelation 21:12-14

ii. 1 Chronicles 24:5

3. V. 18 the nations were angry, Psalms 2; \_\_\_\_\_

i. Daniel 7:25; 8:24; 12:7; Revelation 11:2, 3; 12:6, 14; 13:1-7;  
17:6; 18:24

4. What does destroy them which destroy the earth mean; \_\_\_\_\_

*diaphtheiro*, dee-af-thi'-ro; to rot thoroughly, i.e. (by implication) to ruin (passively, decay utterly, figuratively, pervert):--corrupt,

Genesis 6:12-14; Jeremiah 51:25; Revelation 18:5; 19:2

5. the time of the dead, that they should be judged (see 1 above)

6. Re 11:19 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 thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

a. The Greek word *naos*, in Revelation means the innermost part of the temple, the Most Holy Place. *Naos* is distinguished from *hieron* (which is not used in Revelation) to mean the whole temple complex (Matthew 4:4; 26:55; John 2:14; 7:28) Revelation 15:5-7

b. the ark of his testament; Exodus 25:21,22

When Christ entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to perform the closing work of the atonement, He committed to His servants the last message of mercy to be given to the world. Such is the warning of the third angel of Revelation 14. Immediately following its proclamation, the Son of man is seen by the prophet coming in glory to reap the harvest of the earth. {SR 379.1}

As foretold in the Scriptures, the ministration of Christ in the most holy place began at the termination of the prophetic days in 1844. To this time apply the words of the Revelator, "The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament." Revelation 11:19. The ark of God's testament is in the second apartment of the sanctuary. As Christ entered there, to minister in the sinner's behalf, the inner temple was opened, and the ark of God was brought to view. To those who by faith beheld the Saviour in His work of intercession, God's majesty and power were revealed. As the train of His glory filled the temple, light from the holy of holies was shed upon His waiting people on the earth. {SR 379.2}

They had by faith followed their High Priest from the holy to the most holy, and they saw Him pleading His blood before the ark of God. Within that sacred ark is the Father's law, the same that was spoken by God Himself amid the thunders of Sinai, and written with His own finger on the tables of stone. Not one command has been annulled; not a jot or tittle has been changed. While God gave to Moses a copy of His law, He preserved the great original in the sanctuary above. Tracing down its holy precepts, the seekers for truth found, in the very bosom of the Decalogue, the fourth commandment, as it was first proclaimed: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11. {SR 379.