

Morning Sermon October 24, 2021

“God’s Kingdom Will Come...” Revelation 11:15-19

I. Review –

1. The seven seals show us the advancement of God’s Kingdom, until its final and eternal consummation! They also show us God’s judgment of the kingdoms of this world. Emphasis on the broad history of the church in a sin-filled, condemned world.
2. The seven trumpets show us the advancement of God’s Kingdom, until its final and eternal consummation! They also show us God’s judgment of the kingdoms of this world. Emphasis on the end times, the last preaching of the Gospel (by the church) to a lost world. They show us that there is little time to repent, and that few do repent!

II. Preview -

1. The seven bowls will show us the advancement of God’s Kingdom, until its final and eternal consummation! They also show us God’s judgment of the kingdoms of this world. The emphasis of the bowl judgments is God’s wrath, it is fierce, irresistible and eternal! The actual bowls show us nothing else, we live in a condemned world. Yet, the remainder of this Revelation also shows us the greatness of God’s grace –

III. A Biblical Pattern: The cross leads to a crown -

I have shown you that the Book of Revelation is structured around these three SEVENS, they emphasize this great truth that is taught throughout this Book, which virtually no Bible-believing interpreter of Scripture denies - “God’s Kingdom Will Come...” It cannot, and will not be stopped! Though Satan, and ungodly will kill (even kill us) to try to stop, undue, destroy, thwart God’s Rule, as Psalm 2 tells us –

⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; ... Psalm 2:4 as God, Himself states in that Psalm –

⁶ “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.” Psalm 2:9

That King, the KING of kings, is Jesus Christ, though He dies, He lives, and though the church will seem to die, be defeated, be humiliated, just like He was, we too will resurrect, and ascend to Heaven!

1. We saw this in what happened to the two witnesses –

A. They are killed -

⁷ **When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. Revelation 11:7 (NKJV)**

B. Humiliated; an ungodly world counts them defeated -

⁸ And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹ Then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. ¹⁰ And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. Revelation 11:8-10 (NKJV)

C. They are finally (and obviously) victorious -

¹¹ Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. Revelation 11:11-12 (NKJV)

2. We see this prophesied in the Old Testament –

A. See the cross, death of saints / Satan’s and the Anti-Christ’s seem-
ing victory over saints prophesied -

²⁵ He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. Daniel 7:25 (NKJV)

Note the same 3 ½ year period (mentioned in Revelation) is mentioned in Daniel 7:25 ↑ It is temporary ...

B. See Satan’s / the Anti-Christ’s victory is TEMPORARY –

²⁶ ‘But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Daniel 7:26 (NKJV)

C. In the end, God’s / Christ’s Kingdom is set up and rules – FOREVER

²⁷ Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’ Daniel 7:25–27 (NKJV)

3. *That Christ’s rule is eternal, is one of the Great Truths taught throughout Scripture –*

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV)

4. *That Christ’s cross is the route to the crown is also taught throughout Scripture –*

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5–11 (NKJV)

Note we are instructed to have the mind of Christ – Philippians 2:5

A. *Humble – Philippians 2:5-7*

B. *Obedient, even unto death – Philippians 2:8*

C. *Because of these things, God exalted Christ – Philippians 2:10-11*

IV. *Understand how and WHY these things are emphasized here –*

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: “We give You

thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

¹⁹ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail. Revelation 11:15–19 (NKJV)

1. *The seventh angel sounding :15 represents –*

A. *The end of time, the beginning of eternity*

B. *The end of man’s kingdom (s) and the beginning of God’s eternal reign – Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)*

2. *God’s people, represented by the twenty-four elders worship, thank God and rejoice in His sovereign control - Revelation 11:16-17 (NKJV)*

A. *These worship God, as they have worshipped Him all along*

B. *These rejoice because they are rewarded – Revelation 11:18 B*

3. *The nations (everyone who is not a true Christian)*

A. *Are angry - Revelation 11:18 A*

B. *Are under God’s wrath (anger) - Revelation 11:18 A*

C. *They are called “the dead” and will be judged - Revelation 11:18 A*

D. *As destroyers, they will be destroyed - Revelation 11:18 C*

⁹ ... “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” ¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. ¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” Revelation 14:9–13 (NKJV)

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