

## INTRODUCTION

1. Symbols in visions, saturated w/ OT allusions, historical realities - key: how John arranges his written material. Rv 11:14-19 preview. Summit text.
2. Truths that reach back to creation & forward to consummation. Today begin a survey so that we can appreciate the celebration in v:15.

**1st: One More Woe to Go - Rv 11:14**

1. Rv 8:13 3 woes introduce final 3 trmpts. *Eagle* [vulture? angel? 14:6; 19:17]
2. **The 1<sup>st</sup> woe** = 5<sup>th</sup> trmpt [9:1-11] locusts *torment* - 11:10
3. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> woe** = 6<sup>th</sup> trmpt - 9:12 [v13-21] 1/3 mankind *killed* = physically & spiritually by war & false religion. Men yet impenitent - 9:20-21.
  - i. 10:1-11:13 parenthesis; 11:19 *grt earthquake* begins Final Judgment [FJ]
  - ii. Could read 9:20-21 then 11:14's *woe* - 7<sup>th</sup> trmpt that brings judgment.
4. 7<sup>th</sup> trmpt: Rv 10:7 blows when *mystery* of God's gospel *preached* is *finished* [11:7]. Ultimate triumph of gospel - Rv 11:15a
5. 11:15-19 heavenly worship & beginning of FJ
  - i. Heaven celebrates triumph of Christ's Redemptive Kingdom - 11:15.
  - ii. Heaven celebrates triumph of Kingdom of God - 11:16-18
  - iii. The End of this age & the Commencement of FJ - v19 [*woe*]

**2nd: Differentiate, But Do Not Separate, the Kingdom of God & of Christ**

1. Begin survey of Redemptive History [RH] to see Christ's redemptive kingdom as a subset of the Kingdom of God.
  - i. God's creation purposes are accomplished thru redemptive work of Son
  - ii. Jesus calls us to enter Kingdom of God - by submitting to Him as Lord.
2. In Christ's kingdom we have redemption: forgiveness, justification - life. Rv 11:15 celebrates the completion of our redemption in Christ.
  - i. We, the Church, are partial fulfillment of OT promises: already.
  - ii. Crucial question: "Whose kingdom has dominion on earth?" God or Satan? God gave *dominion* to Adam [Man].
  - iii. "In service of wh/ 'God' will men exercise their dominion of the earth?" Question: "Which Adam is worthy?" Rv 5:2 *who is worthy?*

**3rd: God Began to Reveal Christ's Redemptive Kingdom at Man's Fall**

1. Creator is King of creation: under His rule/authority: unassailable & constant.
  - i. Man, image of God, receives dominion from Creator-King of Creation.
  - ii. Creator is Lord [Isa 40:28] = Redemptive King of Israel [Isa 43:15]
2. Gn1:1 - Creator = King: delegated gov't of cosmos to image/son; assigned task w/ eternal Sabbath as goal. Adam failed probation - deceived by Satan. Now the question is, "Who has dominion, Adam or Satan?"
3. Adam abdicated, but Creator salvaged: Adam has dominion over cursed cosmos & enmity w/ Satan who deceives into idolatry. Governs rebelliously & incurs wrath. God's common grace sustains created goodness of life in this age. Fallen men need Savior; cosmos needs new Adam - who is worthy?
4. God accomplishes His purpose for creation thru redemption accomplished by Son of God & applied to God's people by the Spirit of God. The glory of eternal Sabbath surpasses the goodness of original creation. God began His work of redemption as soon as Adam fell thru sin into death.

**4th: The Four Foundations of Christ's Redemptive Kingdom**

1. Promises & provisions - each receive by faith in God who defeats death/Satan
  - i. Gn 3:15 Promised Seed who would defeat Satan
  - ii. Gn 3:21 Provision of Sacrificial atonement: replace fig leaf
  - iii. Gn 3:22-24 Prospect of Sacred Soil - longing for Tree of Life
  - iv. Gn 4:3 Privilege of Sabbath - worship [Gn 4:3]
2. Informs faith & worship of OT believers - so that we recognize Messiah. OT is vitally united to NT by redemption in Christ.
  - i. promises/prophesy -> fulfillment
  - ii. type-antitype: God's redemptive purpose [Christ] stamped onto pages of history. Rm 5:14
  - iii. Hb 8:4-6 OT cultus = shadows & Christ is substance
3. Can you see Jesus profiled in the four ancient provisions?

**Review & Conclusion**

1. 3rd *woe* - 7<sup>th</sup> trmpt re: FJ. Celebration in heaven - Rv 11:15
2. Practical applics? Be whole Bible Christians. We are in *the last days*; the culmination of all that God has revealed for our salvation since the Fall of Adam. Worship our Redeemer & witness of His redemption.
3. Next LD we'll complete high-level overview that will give background of Rv 11:15. Thus informed, we too can celebrate!!