

Urgency 17C

Revelation 11:14-19 ¹⁴ The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The ^[a]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 ^[b]and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your ^[c]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 ^[d]His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

The end time will be a period of horror and tragedy. The world and the people who are left here will go through great tribulation such as the world has never seen before.

1. Woe: The third woe will come quickly. By woe is meant a period of extreme grief, distress, suffering, affliction, and calamity. The first woe was the demonic-like creatures in **Revelation 9:1-6**.¹ Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the ^[a]bottomless pit. ² And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. ³ Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ And ^[b]they were not given *authority* to kill them, but to torment them *for* five months. Their torment *was* like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. ⁶ In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

The second woe was the demonic military horse-like creatures. **Revelation 9: 12-21** ¹² One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

¹³ Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses *were* like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. ¹⁸ By these three *plagues* a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For ^[a]their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails *are* like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. ²⁰ But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹ And they did not repent of their murders or their ^[b]sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

2. Kingdom Of God: The kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord. Just think! Utopia is coming to the earth. Peace and prosperity are coming. There will no longer be hunger, thirst, homelessness, disease or war, murder nor any other evil. God is going to do for man what man could not do, establish peace on earth.

Revelation 12:10 ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

Revelation 19:16 ¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Luke 1:32-33 ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Daniel 7:13-14 ¹³ “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

3. The Lord God Almighty is Acclaimed: All will praise Him for taking back the World:

Luke 1:31-33 ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

1 Timothy 1:17 ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to ^[a]God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Chronicles 20:6 ⁶ and said: “O LORD God of our fathers, *are* You not God in heaven, and do You *not* rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is there not* power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?

4. satan's finale rebellion: The nation of the world will make a final rebellion against God and will be destroyed and face finale judgment from God.

The judgment will be quick and catastrophic:

Revelation 20:7-10 ⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where^[a] the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The wrath of God will fall:

John 3:36³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Romans 1:18¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who ^[a]suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Romans 2:8⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,

Ephesians 5:6⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

The dead will be judged

Matthew 25:31-32³¹ When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the ^[a]holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

Hebrews 9:27²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

2 Peter 3:7⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and ^[a]perdition of ungodly men.

God's people will be rewarded:

Matthew 5:11-12¹¹ Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Luke 6:35³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, ^[a]hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Ephesians 6:8⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

The ones who destroy life will have their own lives destroyed:

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 ⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Revelation 20:11-15 ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before ^[a]God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second ^[b]death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire

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