

A PREVIEW OF FINAL VICTORY

Revelation 11:15-19

Introduction:

- A. The seventh seal has been opened (8:1). This seal contained seven trumpets to be sounded by seven angels. (8:2)
- B. The first four trumpets have been sounded. (8:7, 8, 10, 12)
- C. The last three trumpets have been identified as “woe trumpets.”
- D. The first “woe” trumpet was sounded in 9:1; the second “woe” trumpet was sounded in 9:13.
- E. Now, the third “woe” trumpet is sounded. It is the seventh and last trumpet of the seventh and last seal.
- F. We must understand action guided by trumpet sound. There was a trumpet sound to charge into battle. Troops were to charge forward and to keep on until the victory was won or until retreat was sounded. “At” the sound of the trumpet the action began. All action done until the next trumpet is sounded is spoken of as being done “in” that trumpet.
- G. Since the seventh trumpet is the last trumpet, all action revealed in Revelation through chapter 20 is “in” the last trumpet.

I. LEARN THAT THE ACTION INCLUDED IN THE SEVENTH TRUMPET SHALL END IN FINAL VICTORY.

- A. Verse 15 Great voices from heaven declare, “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”
- B. This view looks into the future revealed in Revelation 19:16 where Jesus Christ comes identified as KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.
- C. This view even looks past that and past the 1,000 year reign to chapter 20 and verse 10 where the devil and the beast and the false prophet are all cast into the lake of fire.
- D. This preview ends the war that shall end all wars and includes the judging of the enemies of God with the great white throne judgment.

II. LEARN HOW THE HEAVENS GREET THIS PREVIEW OF VICTORY. Vs 16, 17

- A. The heavenly entourage, the four and twenty elders, fall on their faces and worshiped God.
- B. These give thanks the Lord God Almighty and recognize Him as the One who is, the One who was and the One who is to come.
- C. These thank Him because He has taken unto Himself His great power and have reigned.

III. LEARN OF THE ACTION INCLUDED IN THE LAST TRUMPET

- A. Verse 18 reveals that the last trump contains the wrath of God. “Thy wrath has come”. This is the first mention of the wrath of God.
- B. Verse 18 reveals that the last trumpet contains the time of the dead (spiritually dead – lost people) has come. This looks to chapter 20, verses 12-15. The resurrection and judgment of the spiritually dead.
- C. Verse 18 reveals that the last trumpet contains the rewarding of God’s people – His servants the prophets, to His saints, to them that fear His name, small and great. Revelation 19:5-9.

- D. Verse 18 also reveals that the last trumpet contains destruction of those who destroy the earth. Revelation 19:11-21.**

IV. LEARN THAT HEAVEN SOUNDS A LOUD “AMEN” OF APPROVAL TO THE PREVIEW OF FINAL VICTORY. V. 19

- A. The temple of God was opened in heaven and revealed the ark of God’s testament. The ark could be the ark of the covenant that Israel placed in the holy of holies. I know this sounds strange because that ark was/is physical. Is there any physical presence in heaven now? The body of the Lord Jesus Christ is there – it is physical. Maybe God took the ark to His temple in heaven when the Jews were carried into captivity.**
- B. Lightenings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail – My, My, what an AMEN.**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Again, we are brought face to face with the awful testings of the end time before Jesus returns in victory.**
- B. Let us each ask self again, “Am I ready for His return?”**
- C. God grant us grace to make sure and to spend much time helping other to be prepared.**

