

## The second Interlude – Part 2

- ✚ This is a judgement trumpet and not the “last Trumpet” (1 Cor 15:51-52) of the Rapture. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet covers an extended period of time and is not “in the blink of an eye.” It proclaims the midmark of the 70<sup>th</sup> week. It introduces the 7 bowls of God’s wrath.

### The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet

Rev 11:15 <sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel trumpeted, and there were loud voices in heaven saying, "The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Anointed One. And He shall reign forever and ever!"

- ✓ loud voices in heaven – multiple voices.
- ✓ has become – (egeneto): singular prophetic aorist. The event is so certain in the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> angel trumpet that it is considered already done & past.
- ✓ kingdom of our Lord and of His Anointed One – it will arrive after all 7 bowl judgements have been poured out. Rev 16:7
  - Yeshua the king returns to earth to defeat the armies of the nations. Isa 63:1-6, Zech 12: 1-9, 14:1-8, Rev 19:11-21
  - This is a literal Millennial Kingdom in the future. Rev 20:4-6
  - The present day “church” is not the fulfillment of this passage (replacement theology). Psa 22:27-28, 72:8-11, Isa 8:7, Dan 2:44, 7:14, Zech 14:9-11, Luke 1:32-33

Who has the Kingdom of this world now?

- The Accuser (Rev 12:10), The Adversary (1Peter 5:8), Beelzebul (Matt 12:24), Belial (2 Cor 6:15), The Dragon (Rev 12:3, 7, 9), The Evil one (John 17:15), The god of this world (2 Cor 4:4), The prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2), The roaring lion (1 Pet 5:8), The ruler of the demons (Mark 3:22), The ruler of this world (John 12:31), Serpent of old (Rev 12:9, 20:2), The tempter (1 Th 3:5), The Devil (Matt 4:1) and Satan (1 Tim 5:15).
- He has many names but is still defeated by his creator Yeshua. Destined for the lake of fire. God is purging evil from this world.

Who has the Kingdom of our Lord and His Anointed One?

- The Messiah Yeshua the King (Psa 2:1-2, 7-9)
- He shall reign forever and ever, and His Kingdom shall never end! Exo 15:18, Psa 10:16, 145:13, Isa 9:6-7, Dan 2:44, 4:3, 6:23, 7:14, 18, 27, Zec 14:9, Mic 4:7, Luk 1:33, 1 Tim 1:17, 2 Pet 1:11, Rev 11:15, Rev 20:1-10

11.16 <sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders seated on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God,

- ✓ A heavenly scene unfolds, there is worship in Heaven while the earth dwellers are in rebellion on earth.

11.17 <sup>7</sup>saying, "We thank you, ADONAI Elohei-Tzva'ot, who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and begun to reign.

11.18 <sup>18</sup> The nations were enraged, but Your wrath has come and the time for the dead to be judged— to reward Your servants, the prophets and kedoshim, and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy the destroyers of the earth."

- ✓ destroyers of the earth – (diaphtheiro): physical or moral destruction, corrupt.
  - Man destroyed the earth with sin, moral decay, hatred, false religions, idolatry, shedding of innocent blood, and not using it for God’s glory.
- ✚ Regarding the Elder’s statement as anticipating the inauguration of the Millennial reign (Rev 20). The event is so certain throughout this segment of scripture, it is repeatedly spoken of as already having taken place. The Elders know the end of the enemies’ rule on earth is soon over with the imminent reign of Yeshua.
- ✚ The Elders also see the future judgement of the dead (Dan 12:1-3). The righteous dead are all resurrected by the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom to live there. The unrighteous dead are not resurrected until the end of the 1,000-year reign, after the final rebellion (Rev 20:5, 7-9). The resurrection of the unsaved dead and their judgement “The Second Death” is to stand before God at the Great White Throne and be cast into the Lake of Fire with Satan for all eternity (Rev 20:11,14).
- ✚ Yeshua’s reign is absolute! The focus of this verse is on reward and loss.

11.19 <sup>19</sup> Then the Temple of God in heaven was opened, and the Ark of His Covenant appeared in His Temple. And there were flashes of lightning and rumblings and clashes of thunder and an earthquake and heavy hail.

- ✓ Ark of His Covenant – (kibotos): “Box chest” used to describe the Ark of the Covenant (Heb 9:4) and Noah’s Ark (Matt 24:38, Gen 6:14).
  - It stood in the “Holy of Holies” containing items which testified of God’s relationship with Israel. Exo 16:34, 25:16,21, 40:20, Num 17:10, Deut 10:2-5, 31:26, 1 King 8:9,21, 2 Chr 5:10, 6:11
- ✓ flashes of lightning and rumblings and clashes of thunder and an earthquake and heavy hail – judgements will resume in Revelation 16:1

What could this mean?

- The Ark was moved to Heaven?
- It’s the emblem of God’s faithfulness, presence and atonement to the Israelites. The last chronological reference to the Ark in the Old Testament is in 2 Chronicles 35:3. What happened after that is unknown.
  - Many scholar believed it perished in Shishak’s invasion or during Manasseh’s apostasy or when Nebuchadnezzar burned the Temple in 586 BC or during the Babylonian captivity. 1 King 14:26, 2 King 25:9, 2 Chr 33:7, Jer 3:16
  - Jewish tradition held that Jeremiah had the Ark buried in a cave at Mt. Sinai 2 Maccabees 2: 4-8
- There was no Ark in the second Temple – Flavius Josephus, *The Wars of the Jews* 5:219:5.
  - The second Temple refers to the Temple that Nehemiah built, which Herod the Great updated and later destroyed by Rome in 70 AD.
- What John saw was not the earthly Ark, but it’s heavenly counterpart (Heb 9:24).
  - “It’s appearance in John’s vision suggests that God would resume dealing with Israel and would soon fulfill His covenant promise to that nation.” *Constable’s Expository Notes*
- "They will no longer talk about the ark of the covenant of ADONAI, nor will it come to mind or be remembered. Neither will it be missed or another one made again." Jeremiah 3:16

✚ With the second interlude concluded and the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet sounded, we will take a break from the narrative. When John wants something to be taken allegorically, he will tell us so. When we begin Revelation 12, that is exactly what he does - **Mother, Child, Dragon, and War**.