

Revelation: The Seven Trumpets S3E6 – The Dawn of God's Kingdom
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Revelation 11:15-19

¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever." ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophet and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹ Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a severe hailstorm.

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Main Points:

- 1. Embrace a Kingdom Mindset**
- 2. Join the Eternal Chorus**

A Possible End Times Timeline: ESCHATOLOGY def. Study of the end times.

- The 7-year tribulation begins. It is divided into two 3 ½ year sections. Some believe that the tribulation does not begin until the latter 3 ½ years when Israel signs a peace treaty with a European nation.
- Some Christians believe that the RAPTURE of the church will happen during or before the 7-year tribulation.
- The blowing of the 7th trumpet signals the end of the tribulation or at least the beginning of the end of the tribulation. We still have the bowl judgements.
- The Millennial Kingdom/Defeat of Satan/The White Throne Judgement.

Understanding The Millennial Kingdom: The transition of kingdoms: From the kingdom of the world to the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Millennial Prophecy

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many people will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

- 1. Embrace a Kingdom Mindset: Vs. 15** *The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."*
 - **Matthew 6:10** "Your kingdom come; your will be done."

Expand His kingdom, not your comfort zone!

- 2. Join the Eternal Chorus: Vs. 16** *And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign."*
 - Make gratitude your posture and worship a natural response.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How does the image of the twenty-four elders worshiping in Revelation 11 inspire your own practice of worship, and in what ways can you incorporate a posture of gratitude into your daily life?
2. In light of Revelation 11:15, what does it mean to you to "expand His kingdom, not your comfort zone", and how can this mindset change your approach to daily interactions and decisions?
3. Considering the various views on the timing of the rapture and the tribulation, how do these perspectives affect your understanding of God's sovereignty and your own readiness for end times?
4. With the seventh trumpet signaling a transition in Revelation 11, how does the concept of the Millennial Kingdom impact your current understanding of God's plan and your role in it?
5. Reflecting on Isaiah 2:1-5, what practical steps can you take to "walk in the light of the Lord" and promote peace and justice in your community as part of living out a kingdom mindset?