**Lesson 20 Rev 11 15-19**

**Revelation 11:15-19 (NASB)**
15  Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."
16  And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,
17  saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.
18  "And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."
19  And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

**H. The sounding of the seventh trumpet (**[**11:15-19**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A15-19)**)**

[**11:15**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A15)**.** Though the full results from the sounding of **the seventh... trumpet** are only introduced here and not brought to finality (as they will be in [chap. 16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16)), the introduction of the seventh trumpet itself is dramatic. As the trumpet sounded, voices were heard in heaven: **The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.** (Cf. predictions of the earthly kingdom of Christ in [Ezek. 21:26-27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+21%3A26-27); [Dan. 2:35](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A35), [44](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+2%3A44); [4:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+4%3A3); [6:26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+6%3A26); [7:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A14), [26-27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A26-27); [Zech. 14:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Zec+14%3A9).) The fact that this will be fulfilled at the Second Coming makes it clear that the period of the seventh trumpet chronologically reaches to Christ's return. Therefore the seventh trumpet introduces and includes the seven bowl judgments of the wrath of God revealed in [chapter 16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16). In contrast with previous trumpets where a single voice was heard, here a mighty chorus from heaven joined in the proclamation.

[**11:16-18**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A16-18)**.** After this announcement, **the 24 elders,** who appear frequently ([4:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A4), [10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A10); [5:5-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A5-6), [8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A8), [11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A11), [14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A14); [7:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+7%3A11), [13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+7%3A13); [11:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A16); [14:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+14%3A3); [19:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A4)) and **who were seated on their thrones before God,** were seen by John as falling **on their faces** to worship **God.** Their song of praise indicates that the time had come for God to judge **the nations,** to judge **the dead,** and to reward God's **servants.**

God was described as the **Almighty** (*pantokratōr*; also used in [1:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A8); [4:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A8); [15:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+15%3A3); [16:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A7), [14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A14); [19:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A6), [15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A15); [21:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21%3A22)), eternal (**who is and who was;** cf. [1:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A8); [4:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+4%3A8)), and possessing **power** (*dynamin*) ([11:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A17)). In general their hymn of praise anticipates the second coming of Christ and the establishment of His rule on earth.

[**11:19**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A19)**.** The chapter closes with another dramatic incident. John wrote, **Then God's temple in heaven was opened.** At the same time John was able to look into the **temple** where he saw **the ark of His covenant.** This refers to the heavenly temple rather than to a temple on earth. The corresponding results in the earth, however, included **lightning... thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm** (cf. [8:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+8%3A5)).

The dramatic introduction of the events relating to the seventh trumpet concluded here and will be resumed in [chapter 16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16). Chronologically the time was close to Christ's second coming.

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**Get it**

1. Who is one famous and one not-so-famous Christian that you think will receive great reward in heaven? Why?
 **Louis Palal, overcame great odds to become a well know evangelist
 Televangelist that steal from the church**

2. What are you most thankful for?
 **My Salvation**

**Explore it**

3. What did John hear? ([11:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A15))
 **The seventh angel and loud voices**

4. What did the voices say about the reign of Christ? ([11:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A15))
 **The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever**

5. What group of people in addition to John heard the heavenly voices? ([11:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A16))
 **The 24 Elders**

6. How did the elders describe "the Lord God Almighty"? ([11:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A17))
 **who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign**

7. How did the elders describe the nations of the world? ([11:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A18))
 **Enraged**

8. Who did the elders describe as deserving a reward? ([11:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A18))
 **Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great**

**9 is a repeat**

10. What spectacular phenomena accompanied the opening of the temple? ([11:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A19))
 there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm

**Get it**

11. For what do we have to be thankful to God?
 **Everything I am and I have.**

12. What determines whether a Christian receives a big or a small heavenly reward?
 **How he has lived his life and what he has done during it**

13. What does it say to us that even angels with awesome power and beauty and elders with great heavenly position worship God in total humility?
 **We are all his creation and we know it**

**Apply it**

14. For what spiritual and material blessings will you spend some time today thanking God? How?
 **My Family and I pray for this all the time.**

**Ezekiel 21:26 (NASB)**
26  thus says the Lord GOD, 'Remove the turban and take off the crown; this *will* no longer *be* the same. Exalt that which is low and abase that which is high.

**Ezekiel 21:27 (NASB)**
27  'A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it. This also will be no more until He comes whose right it is, and I will give it *to Him.*'

**Daniel 2:35 (NASB)**
35  "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

**Daniel 2:44 (NASB)**
44  "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

**Daniel 4:3 (NASB)**
3  "How great are His signs And how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom And His dominion is from generation to generation.

**Daniel 6:26 (NASB)**
26  "I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion *will be* forever.

**Daniel 7:14 (NASB)**
14  "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

**Daniel 7:26 (NASB)**
26  'But the court will sit *for judgment,* and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.

**Daniel 7:27 (NASB)**
27  'Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of *all* the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom *will be* an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

**Zechariah 14:9 (NASB)**
9  And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be *the only* one, and His name *the only* one.

**Revelation 4:4 (NASB)**
4  Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

**Revelation 4:10 (NASB)**
10  the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**Revelation 5:5 (NASB)**
5  and one of the elders \*said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

**Revelation 5:6 (NASB)**
6  And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

**Revelation 5:8 (NASB)**
8  When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

**Revelation 5:11 (NASB)**
11  Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

**Revelation 5:14 (NASB)**
14  And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Revelation 7:11 (NASB)**
11  And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

**Revelation 7:13 (NASB)**
13  Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?"

**Revelation 11:16 (NASB)**
16  And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

**Revelation 14:3 (NASB)**
3  And they \*sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.

**Revelation 19:4 (NASB)**
4  And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

**Revelation 1:8 (NASB)**
8  "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Revelation 4:8 (NASB)**
8  And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

**Revelation 15:3 (NASB)**
3  And they \*sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!

**Revelation 16:7 (NASB)**
7  And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

**Revelation 16:14 (NASB)**
14  for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

**Revelation 19:6 (NASB)**
6  Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**Revelation 19:15 (NASB)**
15  From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

**Revelation 21:22 (NASB)**
22  I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

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**Revelation 11:17 (NASB)**
17  saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

**Revelation 8:5 (NASB)**
5  Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.