

Heaven Rejoices Revelation 11:15-19

I. Heaven Celebrates The King – 11:15

1. Then the 7th angel blew his trumpet – 15
After the second woe has past – 14
After God had reclaimed His earthly throne in Jerusalem – 11:1
After God had reclaimed His people (Israel) – 1
(Those who worshiped at His altar)
2. After God reclaimed what was given to the Gentiles – 2
The surveyor had finished what was to be restored
The time for reclaiming what belongs to God is 3 ½ years
When the king comes (return of Jesus to rule)
– Rev. 19
3. After the powerful testimony of the 2 witnesses– 3-10
Moses & Elijah backed their words with miracles
4. After the beast rose out of the pit to kill them – 7
This beast will be described in Rev. 13
The 2 bodies of these witnesses will be left to be rejoiced over for 3 ½ days
Those who trampled the holy city will now make sport over the dead
5. God will breathe new life & they will stand – 11
This will cause those who make sport to fear greatly
6. There was a loud voice from heaven calling – 12
“Come up here”
They went up in a cloud and their enemies watched them
7. The “second woe” comes on the city – 13-14
“At that hour there was a great earthquake & 1 tenth of the city fell
7,000 people were killed in the earthquake– 13
The rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven
This is the “second woe” when God speaks
How would this impact any unbelieving Jews?
8. What happens on earth will cause heaven to rejoice -15
Compare this with what Jesus said - Lk. 15:7 & 10

II. Giving Thanks to God – 15-18

1. When the 7th angel blew his trumpet there were loud voices in heaven, saying – 15
“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever”
2. God created this heaven and earth as a place where He could dwell together with the humans He had created
But these humans listened to the tempter (Satan) and this world became a sinful place out of harmony with God

3. In love for humans, God sacrificed His Son to redeem them and restore them to Himself
His Son shall rule this New World forever and ever – Psalm 2
4. The 24 elders fell on their faces & worshiped God – 16
These are the redeemed ones, both Jew and Gentile
5. They praise God for what He has done – 17-18
“You have taken your great power & begun to reign” -17
God will take over His great power & begin to reign in full exercise of His authority
God has allowed man to rule with limited authority, but this will end
God has established human authorities to control sin in our world – Rom. 13
But God’s Son will reign in perfect righteousness
Those who reign with Him will be transformed to His likeness – Rev. 22:3-5
6. “The nations raged” (Psalm 2) “but your wrath came” - 18
God is gracious but He also is just & must hold men responsible for their works to be judged
7. The time has come for the dead to be judged, – 18
For rebellion against that which is against God’s will and rejection of His Son’s ministry of redemption
8. “Time for rewarding your servants, prophets & saints”
“And those who fear Your name, both small and great” – 18
9. And for destroying the destroyers of the earth” – 18
Satan (the tempter) & those fallen angels in his kingdom
If goodness and grace is to be fulfilled in God’s New Heaven & Earth
10. The celebration continues when Christ rules & reigns – 19
There is eternal access to God’s presence & fulness of His power