

**WORSHIP BEFORE WOE**  
**REV.11:15-19 / 10-24-18 / WED**

**I. FIRST, THERE IS REJOICING OVER A RULER—v.15-17.**

- A. What is the *scope* of Jesus' kingdom?-v.15b—“...the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,”
- B. What is the *span* of Jesus' kingdom?-v.15c—“...and he will reign for ever and ever.”
- C. What is the *strength* of Jesus' kingdom?-v.16-17a-- <sup>16</sup> **And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup> saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty..."**
- D. What is the *stability* of Jesus' kingdom?-v.17b—“the One who is and who was, (Jesus has always reigned!).
- E. What is the *surety* of Jesus' kingdom?—v.17c—“... because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.”

**II. SECOND THERE IS REJOICING OVER A REWARD—V.18.**

- A. First, *sinners* will be rewarded-v.18a—“<sup>18</sup> the nations were angry; and your wrath (literally His righteous indignation) has come. The time has come for judging the dead,
- B. Second, *saints* will be rewarded-v.18b—...“and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great-- and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

**III. THIRD, THERE IS REJOICING OVER A REALITY—V.19.**

- A. First there is the reality of *access* to God's presence-v.19a--“<sup>19</sup> Then God's temple in heaven was opened,
- B. Second, there is the reality of *affirmation* of God's promises-v.19b—“and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant”...
- C. Third, there is the reality of *Armageddon*-v.19c—“...And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.”