

Revelation 11:15-19

The Lord God Reigns

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The Kingdom Proclaimed

Revelation 11:15

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

The Initiation of the Millennial Reign

- ❑ In one sense Christ has always reigned
- ❑ Always omnipotent
- ❑ Always guiding to designed climax
- ❑ Always with conflict and opposition allowed- But Why?
 1. Because both Men and Angels are allowed limited freedoms
 2. To allow believers the exercise of faith and obedience
 3. To create profound desire for God's rule



***Christ will rule for ever and ever
"Until the Ages of the Ages"***

Revelation 11:16-17

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying:

“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,
The One who is and who was and who is to come,
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

*Response
Of the
Twenty-Four
Elders*

- ❖ Fell on faces and worshiped God
- ❖ Gave Thanks to the Lord God:

Greek → **Παντοκράτωρ** → ***pantokratór***

Almighty

- ❖ Seldom employed, meaning:
"Irresistible Power" mostly used in LXX
- ❖ The One Who is and Was and Has taken
power

Revelation 11:18

18 The nations were angry, and
Your wrath has come,
And the time of the dead, that they
should be judged,
And that You should reward Your
servants the prophets and the saints,
And those who fear Your name, small
and great,
And should destroy those who
destroy the earth.”

Reasons for Judgment

- ❖ Nations were angry, and this led to God's wrath
- ❖ Time to judge the dead
- ❖ Time to reward your servants
- ❖ Why sin is so sinful —To destroy those who destroy the earth:
 - 1) War
 - 2) Abortion
 - 3) Sexually transmitted diseases
 - 4) Sexual abuse
 - 5) Theft
 - 6) Lying

Reasons for Judgment Continued

- "Destroy is not the expected *apollumi*
- instead it is rare *Diaphtheiró*
"corrupt or destroy thoroughly"
- Liddel and Scott list four nuances:
 - Destroy, kill
 - In moral sense — Corrupt or Ruin
 - Of a corpse — Decomposed
 - Lost one's Wits



Revelation 11:19

¹⁹ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.



Problem: Revelation 21:22

The Glory of the New Jerusalem

²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Solutions

- ❖ Contradiction
- ❖ All is Metaphor
- ❖ Time differential in view

Hebrews 9:23-24

²³ Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;