

A Preview

Revelation 11.14-19

This passage is difficult in that it seems to indicate that things have come to an end. However, there is still half the book to go. The best explanation, is that this passage is a summary of what is still to come.

1. The seventh trumpet (vv.14-15).

The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come. Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, 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 shall reign forever and ever."

2. The praise given to the Lord God (vv.16-17).

And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign."

3. The last rebellion by the nations (v.18).

The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

4. The temple of God is opened (v.19).

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.