

PREPARING FOR THE THIRD WOE
(Rev. 11:13-19)

- I. The ANNOUNCEMENT (11:13-14)
 - A. Preceded by a great EARTHQUAKE (11:13)
 - 1. Associated with resurrection and ascension of the TWO WITNESSES
 - 2. Results in the DECIMATION of JERUSALEM
 - 3. Causes the DEATH of SEVEN THOUSAND people
 - 4. Produces great TERROR in the SURVIVORS
 - 5. Provokes at least GRUDGING acknowledgement of the “GOD of HEAVEN”
 - B. Stating the CONTEXT (11:14)
 - 1. The SECOND WOE, or sixth trumpet judgment, is PAST
 - 2. The THIRD WOE, or seventh trumpet is about to BEGIN

- II. The COMMENCEMENT (Rev. 11:15-19)
 - A. The Seventh TRUMPET sounds (11:15)
 - 1. Accompanied by LOUD VOICES in HEAVEN
 - 2. Proclaiming the EXERCISE of Christ’s SOVEREIGNTY
 - a. The kingdom of the WORLD becomes the kingdom of “OUR LORD and of HIS CHRIST”
 - b. His reign will NEVER END
 - B. The Twenty-four ELDERS worship (11:16-17)
 - 1. Fall off their THRONES to their FACES in worship
 - 2. Address God by His full revealed title: “Adonai-elohim-Shaddai, who ARE and who WERE”
 - 3. Rejoice in His claiming His POWER and AUTHORITY
 - 4. Praise Him for His ETERNAL SOVEREIGNTY

- C. The only LORD reigns (11:18)
 - 1. Wrath of MAN and GOD
 - a. MAN’S wrath is IMPOTENT
 - b. GOD’S wrath is OMNIPOTENT
 - 2. Rewards for the DEAD
 - a. Implies the coming DAMNATION of the WICKED
 - b. Mentions rewards for His SERVANTS the PROPHETS (7:4; 11:3; cf. Rev. 16:6; 18:20, 24; 22:6, 9)
 - c. Also for the SAINTS (“HOLY ones”)
 - 3. Recompense for the LIVING
 - a. Rewards for those who FEAR His NAME (in contrast with those who fear the PRESENCE of Antichrist)
 - b. Destruction for earth’s DESTROYERS/CORRUPTERS
- D. The heavenly TEMPLE opens (11:19)
 - 1. Contrasts with the DEFILED temple in Jerusalem (cf. 11:2)
 - 2. Proves the FAITHFULNESS of God to His covenant with ISRAEL by revealing the eternal “ARK of His COVENANT”
 - a. Represents RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - b. Represents RESURRECTION
 - c. Represents REDEMPTION
 - 3. Unleashes [phenomena that are] harbingers of DOOM on the EARTH (cf. 4:5; 8:5; 16:18-21)
 - a. LIGHTNINGS
 - b. SOUNDS
 - c. THUNDERS
 - d. EARTHQUAKE
 - e. GREAT HAIL
 - 4. Points to the IMMANENCE of God’s ULTIMATE judgment