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A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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INTRODUCTION *to the text* **Revelation 11:1-19**

Revelation 11:15-19

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Acts 1:9

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. :10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, :11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**"

Look Back to Verse 14 – it's a key to what is before us today!

Revelation 11:14

The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

There are Seven Seals that Relate to Seven Judgments that are Administered by Seven angels who introduce Seven Trumpets.

THE COMING KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST

I.) ***In the end - it's the LORD who will Reign*** **v.15**

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1st ***Man's attempt to reign is nearly over*** **v.15**

Then the seventh angel sounded

We're getting low on angels by now
Six angels have sounded and now only the seventh remains.

With the sounding of the seventh angel, he brings the closing events of the great tribulation period to a close
(chapters 12-19)

This is a Sobering Announcement to the World, Your Time is Almost Up!

Mankind Knows Intuitively that Time is Running Out.

In our early years, time lingered. In our youth it dragged along. In our middle years it began to move on. In our latter years, time is flying by and in our senior years time races by!

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not **strive** with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." **This to "Strive" means to "Sail a Straight Course"**

It's the LORD who will Reign

2nd The Lord's reign is about to begin

v.15

And there were **loud voices** in heaven, saying, "The kingdom(s) of this world have become *the kingdom(s)* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

THIS IS A PROCLAMATION OF WORSHIP

the word 'Kingdoms' here is plural in the Textus Receptus or the Old King James Version of the English Bible.

Some Will Argue That it Should Be Singular.

In Reality, the Kingdom(s) Plural will become the Kingdom (singular) when Jesus Christ Returns.

Out in Front of Buckingham Palace in London.

there are pillars or monuments to the realms that England reigned over.
from the top of the globe to the bottom was the Empire of the United Kingdom.
(it's no longer that large and is in fact a kingdom in regression)

Jesus will be King of (a) Kingdom because it is the only Kingdom - - it will be a Global, Earthly Kingdom!

Matthew 6:9

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **:10** Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **:7** Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Psalm. 93:1

The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. :2 Your throne *is* established from of old; You *are* from everlasting.

Satan has control to this hour.

Would You Agree with Me that This World is a Sad and Sorry Place?
Why is That True?

2 Corinthians 4:3

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, :4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

John 12:31

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

John 14:30

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

John 16:11

for the ruler of this world is judged.

Matthew 12:25

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. :26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?"

Satan has "Usurped Authority" over this Earth.

Did you know that when terrible and wicked things happen, you should stop and give credit where credit is due... Satan is behind the destructive forces that kill and cripple.

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

II.) *In the end - it's the LORD who's Worshipped vv. 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.

It's the LORD who's Worshipped

1st *He's worshipped because He alone is the Savior* v.16

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones **fell** on their faces and **worshipped** God...

their location is **heaven**
and their position is **sitting**

we already know what these 24 elders represent,
they represent all the church-age believers, the church from the Day of Pentecost to the Day of the Rapture.

it's not the Old Testament believers
and it's not the Tribulation believers

It's the Church-Age Believer,
the Resurrected, Raptured, Transformed, Glorified Sinners Who Trusted Christ!

THESE ARE THE ONES FOUND IN...

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **:15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **:17** Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

THESE ARE THE ONES FOUND IN...

1 Corinthians 15:51

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - **:52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **:53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

THESE ARE THE ONES FOUND IN...

1 Thessalonians 1:10

waiting for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

THESE ARE THE ONES FOUND IN...

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

THESE ARE THE ONES FOUND IN...

John 14:1

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

It's the LORD who's Worshipped

2nd He is worshipped because He alone is the Almighty

v.17

saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty. The One who is and who was and who is to come,

#1

The One who is

the almighty God in all of his awesome totality
The One "Who Is" = He who is the great I AM

#2

and who was

the almighty God in all of his awesome totality
The One "Who Was" = He who has Always Been & Always will be.

#3

and who is to come,

the almighty God in all of his awesome totality
The One "Who Is to Come" = He who is the Perfect King / Judge

Who is This?

"We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty.
The One who is and who was and who is to come,

Rev 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Rev 1:17

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last

Rev. 1:18

"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

Rev 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Rev 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, `These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:10

...that they may adorn the doctrine of **God our Savior** in all things.

Isaiah 42:8

I am the **LORD**, that is **My name**; and My glory I will not give to another...

Hosea 13:4

Yet I am the **LORD** your God ever since the land of **Egypt**, and you shall know no God but Me; for there is **no Savior besides Me**.

Phil 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for **The Savior**, the Lord Jesus Christ,

(this leads us to the third point today)

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

III.) In the end - it's the LORD who will judge vv. 18-19

: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.”: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.

In the end - it's the LORD who will judge

1st His judgment will span all of history v. 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.

**THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST FANTASTIC VERSES IN ALL OF THE BIBLE.
VERSE 18 IS AN AMAZING VERSE IN SCRIPTURE BECAUSE IT SPANS FROM JESUS' FIRST
COMING TO HIS SECOND COMING.**

(two thousand years of man's history is represented in this one verse alone)

This One Verse is a Collection of Many Verses

CONSIDER A MOUNTAIN RANGE

From a Distance, a Mountain Range Looks like a Massive Cardboard Cutout.
it's just a **silhouette of tall jagged peaks**. but as you begin to approach those mountains you begin to see shades of color. you begin to see that there are canyons and valley's between mountains.

THE SAME IS TRUE WITH SOME SCRIPTURES.

they blend together from a distance, but the closer you get, the greater the detail and the more defined it becomes!

EXAMPLE OF THIS;

There's What's Known as the Near / Far Fulfillment

Isaiah 61:1

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; :2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,(,) And the day of vengeance of our God;* (his second coming) To comfort all who mourn, :3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, (the millennial reign of Christ) The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” :4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. :5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner *Shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers. :6 But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast. :7 Instead of your shame *you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.*

But When Jesus Read it Out loud, Listen to What He did...

Luke 4:16-21

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. :17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: :18 *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted... ..To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; :19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, (comma!)” :20* Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. :21 And He began to say to them, *“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

Another Example of This Near/Far Fulfillment of Scripture.

A COLLECTIVE STATEMENT OF ALL THE RESURRECTIONS THROUGHOUT HISTORY

1 Corinthians 15:23-24

But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, **(2,000 years ago)** afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming **(any day now baby!)**. :24 Then *comes* the end, **(at the end of the millennial reign of Christ)** when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father,

Revelation 20:5

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

Revelation 20:11

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. :12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. :13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. :14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. :15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

WHO ARE THESE THAT ARE LOST?

Matthew 25:14-32

"For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. :15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. :16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. :17 And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. :18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. :19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. :20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' :21 His lord said to him, "Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' :22 He also who had received two talents came and said, "Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' :23 His lord said to him, "Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' :24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. :25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.' :26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. :27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. :28 So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents. :29 ¶ "For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. :30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' :31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. :32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

THE LOST ARE THOSE WHO NEVER DID WHAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THE LIFE GIVEN THEM.

The nations were angry, and **(they rejected God)** = so Your wrath has come,

And the time of the dead, **(because they never lived)** = that they should *must* be judged,

And that You should reward Your servants **(because they served god)** = the prophets and the saints, And all those who fear *reverence* Your name, small and great,

And that God should destroy those **(because they followed satan the destroyer)** = who destroy the earth."

Psalm 1:6,2:1-5

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish. 2:1 Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? :2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, :3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." :4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. :5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

The World Hates the Biblical God, The Real God.

The Nations shall "Rage" argue and mock and war against God
(hebrew Rage is spelled ACLU)

"And the people plot a vain thing"
the liberal courts are out of control. The judges in America, will have to give an answer to Almighty God at the End - - and He will Judge them!

And I saw the dead, **small and great**, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

In the end - it's the LORD who will judge

2nd His judgment will usher in righteousness v.19

Then the temple of God was opened in heaven...
...and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.

Thank God that there is a temple that is safe and secure in heaven forever.

God does not honor any earthly temple or shrine or palace that claims his name.

Not the temple of Bahai in Haifa.

Not the Taj Mahal in India

Not the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City.

Not the Vatican in Rome.

It's Not Even a Newly Rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem

Acts 7:48

"However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: **:49** *"Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the LORD, Or what is the place of My rest?"*

Hebrews 9:11

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. **:12** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption... **:14** how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Your Offering for Sin, was Jesus Christ
Your House of Worship, Is The Throne Room of Heaven
Your Eternal Security, is in the Heaven Temple where God is.

In the end - it's the LORD who will judge

3rd His judgment will terrify the world

v.19

And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

This is what will be happening on earth
Unusual Lightening Storms that Kill People.
Noises (phone') voices that can be heard but not understood.
Unusual thunderings that causes great fear.
an unusual earthquake that shakes the world.
Unusual hail that's both frozen but burning

Luke 21:25

“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; :26 men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. :27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Isaiah 13:11

I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the arrogant and will humble the pride of the ruthless cutthroat. :12 I will make a human being more scarce on the earth than pure gold, more rare than the gold of Ophir. :13 Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble uncontrollable; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the LORD Almighty, in that day of my burning anger.

This Will Be...

GOD’S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

But what about you, What will be God’s final witness to you?

Matthew 24:37

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will it be at my coming. - - **the end!**