

THE LAST TRUMPET: WHAT ARE YOU REALLY LOOKING FOR?

Revelation 11:15-19

Introduction:

- A. Every generation of Christians has hoped for Christ's return _____ in their lifetime.
1. Opponents of Christianity must _____ the teaching of Christ's return (2 Pet 3:3,4)
 2. Jesus cannot return until certain conditions _____ are met.
 3. What are you really looking for?
- B. A review of the releasing of the seven seals
1. The first five seals have already occurred or are occurring
 - a. First seal – governments _____ conquering evil (e.g. the gospel conquering people's hearts)
 - b. Second seal – world peace _____ taken away
 - c. Third seal – severe drought _____ that brings economic hardship.
 - d. Fourth seal – death to 1/4 of the world by _____ (the rise of Islam), famines, and plagues by wild animals (e.g. bubonic plague).
 - e. Fifth seal – believers dying for the faith _____
 2. The sixth seal is yet future _____ from our standpoint - this is when the unbelieving world will realize that the Day of _____ (God's and the Lamb's) has come.
 3. The seventh seal is the final _____ seal and reveals the details of how terrible that day is going to be for unbelievers and is divided into seven trumpets _____.
 - a. The first four trumpets
 - 1) Occurs after God is done saving _____ (i.e. saving) all that He is going to seal (7:1-3; 8:7).
 - 2) One-tenth _____ of the earth is affected.
 - b. The last three trumpets are three woes.
 - 1) The fifth trumpet (the first woe) – those who do not have God's seal are tortured for _____ months.
 - 2) The sixth trumpet (the second woe)
 - a) Plagues are put on the unbelieving world and kill 1/3 of them, but no one returns _____.

- b) Believers are persecuted for _____ months by the world while the unbelieving world is terrorized by t_____ prophets for 1260 days.
- c) Unbelievers finally give glory to God in t_____.

3) The seventh trumpet (the third woe) – today’s study)

- a) This is when the body of dead believers will be r_____ up first (1Thess 4:15,16)
- b) Then the alive believers will be r_____ up to Jesus who is in the air (1Thess 4:17)
- c) Paul taught that the “change” of all believers (dead and alive) will occur at the 1_____ trumpet.

C. Believers are commanded in various parts of scripture to look for Christ’s coming – What are you really looking for?

The event of Christ’s coming – He r_____ (15-17)

A. The announced changes

- 1. Christ’s k_____ is what reigns over the world (before the beastly empire ruled the world – chapter 13)
- 2. The Lord is called *who was and who is*
 - a. He is no longer described as *who is to come* as He was in Rev 1:4,8; 4:8.
 - b. The KJV follows a 12th century copy of Revelation that has *who is to come*. All copies prior to the 10th century only read *who is and who was*. Some scribe mistakenly thought it was an oversight and added *who is to come*. This error was then duplicated by other copyists.
 - c. When Christ finally comes, He will no longer be *who is to come*. But He will always be *who was and who is*.

B. What we can look forward to

- 1. No more in _____
- 2. No more p_____
- 3. No more corrupt p_____
- 4. One perfect K_____

The events following Christ’s coming – He r_____ (18)

A. Rev 11:18a – *the nations were enraged and your wrath came* (this is detailed in Rev 20)

1. Christ reigns unopposed for 1000 years because Satan is b_____ so he CANNOT deceive the nations.
 2. At the end of the 1000 years Satan is r_____ and deceives the nations into trying to takeover Christ's kingdom but the nations are consumed.
- B. Revelation 11:18b – *the time came for the dead to be judged and to reward...saints.*
1. The judging of the dead is detailed in Rev 20:11-15 – the Lake of F_____
 2. The rewarding of the saints is detailed in Rev 21,22
- C. The rewards that await us are unimaginable (see 1Cor 2:9)

Our actions up to Christ's coming – be r_____

- A. 2 Pet 3:11,12 – we are to look for and hurry on Christ's coming by living:
1. H_____ lives (living out your relationship with Jesus)
 2. G_____ lives (living in a way that shows you are a good worshipper of God).
- B. Matt 24:44,45 – we are to be ready for His coming by being faithful and sensible s_____.
- C. 1 Thess 5:6,11 – we are to be alert in relationship to His coming by b_____ one another up.
1. Diligently g_____ your encouragement, help, and prayers to the people of this church
 2. Humbly r_____ encouragement, help, and prayers from the people of this church.

Conclusion:

- A. The sanctuary is o_____ up for all to see
1. It contains the ark of H_____ covenant
 - a. This is not the O_____ Covenant which was constantly broken.
 - b. This is the N_____ Covenant which Christ put into effect by fulfilling the Old Covenant (Heb 8:6,7; 9:15)
 2. The scene ends with mighty phenomenon of lightning, thunder, a shaking, and a great hailstorm – picture of God's awesome presence which we all will be able to stand before.
- B. What are you really looking for?