

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE STUDY  
LESSON 598

*Revelation 11.15-19*

*Intro to Chapter 11. 15-19*

**What happened when Adam & Eve  
sinned in the garden?**

**The world was infected with Satan**

**Humanity was given 'free will'**

**God can not be in charge if we do  
allow Him**

## *Intro to Chapter 7*

- **C – 1 → Overview of Revelation**
- **C's 2 & 3 → are present tense - a status report on 7 churches**
- **C – 4 → Future Tense – John to the throne room of God**
- **C – 5 → Focus – Scroll in God's hand – 7 seals**
- **C – 6 → 6/7 seals are opened – something bad happens**
- **C – 7 → Can any be saved – 2 groups**
- **C – 8 & 9 → Back to destruction → Angels & Trumpets**
- **C – 10 & 11 → Angels – Scroll & Witnesses**
- **The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet sounds following the 2<sup>nd</sup> woe**

1. *What happened when the 7th angel sounded the trumpet?*

- “The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,”
- **Loud voices came from heaven**
- **24 Elders fell on faces and worshiped God**
- **God’s temple in heave was opened**
- **Flashes of lightning, thunder & hailstones**

2. *How does Daniel 7: 26-27 relate to this? [You may want to read all of Daniel 7]*

- **““But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.””**
- **This prediction seems to be coming true here**
- **Everlasting kingdom**
- **Kingdom of our Lord – Jesus**
- **Is this the end of the end?**

3. *What did the 24 elders do at the sounding of the 7th trumpet?*

- They were seated on their thrones
- Fell to their faces and worshiped God
- These Elders were the reps for the universal
- **Saying**
  - **“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. <sup>18</sup> The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small— and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”**

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- **We = all of the Elders**
- **Gave thanks to God**
- **The Infinite God**
- **The time has come to reign**
- **Focus is not on destruction – but that Christ shall reign**

## Question 4 - 5 - 6

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- **Elders praise God for destroying those who destroy the earth**
- **That is the demonic forces – Satan**
- **Nations were angry → Did they know that their time had come?**
- **Followers will be revered**
- **Vengeance is mine saith The Lord**
- **Judging the dead – dead in The Lord - faithful**

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- **Servants = Those faithful unto death**
- **Prophets = The faithful teachers in the Church & Saints**
- **Them that revere God’s name = Sincere followers**
- **They who destroy the earth = those who caused the destruction**
- **Who are the above?**

*7. What is said that shows that this part is not about destruction, but that The Lord will rule?*

- **The earth is filled with sin**
- **Jesus is coming back to avenge**
- **This is the final call to those unbelievers**
- **These verses speak about both the unbelievers and believers**

## 8. *When the Temple opened – what was seen?*

- **“Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.”**
- ***The Ark of the Covenant***
- ***Had been captured in approx. 586 B. C. when Jerusalem was captured***
- ***It was not in the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple***

Can you find out why this is significant? [Hint: think A.D. 70]

- **The Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.**
- **There had been a Jewish belief that the Ark was hidden somewhere – that it had not been destroyed**
- **The ark disappeared when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem**
- **All the vessels of the temple were taken as well**
- **No mention is made of the Ark**
- **Nor was there mention in Ezra when Cyrus allowed the rebuilding of the temple and all vessels were returned**

Can you find out why this is significant? [Hint: think A.D. 70]

- **Many thoughts on the location of the Ark**
- **Shishak took it to Egypt [1 Kings & 2 Chronicles]**
- **Nebuchadnezzar took it to Babylon [Kings, Chronicles, Ezra]**
- **Jeremiah hid it in a cave [2 Maccabees 2 & Ezra 1]**
- **Antiochus took it to Syria [1 Maccabees 1]**
- **Titus took it to Rome**
- **The Ark is hidden below the temple mount [Rabbinical ???]**
- **Son of the Queen of Sheba took it to Ethiopia**
- **The Ark no longer exists [Jeremiah 3]**
- **The Ark was taken to heaven by God**

Check in the Apocrypha— what is said about question # 9?

- **2 Maccabees 2. 4-8**

- “<sup>4</sup>It was also contained in the same writing, that the prophet, being warned of God, commanded the tabernacle and the ark to go with him, as he went forth into the mountain, where Moses climbed up, and saw the heritage of God. <sup>5</sup>And when Jeremy came thither, he found an hollow cave, wherein he laid the tabernacle, and the ark, and the altar of incense, and so stopped the door. <sup>6</sup>And some of those that followed him came to mark the way, but they could not find it. <sup>7</sup>Which when Jeremy perceived, he blamed them, saying, As for that place, it shall be unknown until the time that God gather his people again together, and receive them unto mercy. <sup>8</sup>Then shall the Lord shew them these things, and the glory of the Lord shall appear, and the cloud also, as it was shewed under Moses, and as when Solomon desired that the place might be honourably sanctified.”

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- **2 Baruch 6. 7-10**

- **“<sup>7</sup> And I saw him descend into the Holy of Holies, and take from there the veil, and holy ark, and the mercy-seat, and the two tables, and the holy raiment of the priests, and the altar of incense, and the forty-eight precious stones, wherewith the priest was adorned and all the holy vessels of the tabernacle. <sup>8</sup> And he spoke to the earth with a loud voice: 'Earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the mighty God, And receive what I commit to you, And guard them until the last times, So that, when you are ordered, you may restore them, So that strangers may not get possession of them. <sup>9</sup> For the time comes when Jerusalem also will be delivered for a time, Until it is said, that it is again restored for ever.' <sup>10</sup> And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up.”**

## 11. Check the following – what was in the Ark of The Covenant

- Exodus 18. 34

- **“As the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna with the tablets of the covenant law, so that it might be preserved.”**

- Exodus 25.16-21

- **“<sup>10</sup> “Have them make an ark of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. <sup>11</sup> Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. <sup>12</sup> Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. <sup>13</sup> Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup> Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it. <sup>15</sup> The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. <sup>16</sup> Then put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law, which I will give you. <sup>17</sup> “Make an atonement cover of pure gold—two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide. <sup>18</sup> And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. <sup>19</sup> Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. <sup>20</sup> The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover. <sup>21</sup> Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law that I will give you.”**

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- Exodus 40. 20-21

- **“<sup>20</sup>He took the tablets of the covenant law and placed them in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it.<sup>21</sup> Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the covenant law, as the LORD commanded him.”**

- Numbers 17. 10

- **“The Lord said to Moses, “Put back Aaron’s staff in front of the ark of the covenant law, to be kept as a sign to the rebellious. This will put an end to their grumbling against me, so that they will not die.””**

## 11. Check the following – what was in the Ark of The Covenant

- Deuteronomy 10. 2-5

- **“At that time the LORD said to me, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones and come up to me on the mountain. Also make a wooden ark. <sup>2</sup> I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Then you are to put them in the ark.””**

- Deuteronomy 31.24-26

- **“<sup>24</sup> After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end, <sup>25</sup> he gave this command to the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD: <sup>26</sup> “Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God. There it will remain as a witness against you.”**

## 11. Check the following – what was in the Ark of The Covenant

- 1 Kings 8. 9 & 21

- **“<sup>9</sup> There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt.”**
- **“<sup>21</sup> I have provided a place there for the ark, in which is the covenant of the Lord that he made with our ancestors when he brought them out of Egypt.”**

- 2 Chronicles 5. 10

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- 2 Chronicles 6. 10-11

- **“<sup>10</sup> The Lord has kept the promise he made. I have succeeded David my father and now I sit on the throne of Israel, just as the Lord promised, and I have built the temple for the Name of the Lord, the God of Israel. <sup>11</sup> There I have placed the ark, in which is the covenant of the Lord that he made with the people of Israel.”**

- Hebrews 9. 4

- **“Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. 2 A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. 3 Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, 4 which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron’s staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. 5 Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.”**

## *A Few Closing Thoughts*

- **There is more to come**
- **Why is more judgment and destruction needed?**