

"Praise for God's Eternal Reign"

Introduction

Knowing about the future can help us live in the present. The prophecies written in the book of Revelation are intended to give us both hope and admonition regarding future things to come. Jesus Christ will one day come back for His church. Will you be spiritually awake and morally prepared for this great day?

Today's Lesson Objectives

- **Define** the nature of God's reign for eternity
- **Reflect** on how God's eternal reign affects our faith
- **Engage** in activities that reflect the sovereignty of God in healthy, powerful, and transforming ways

Scripture

Revelation 11:15-19 (KJV)

Devotional Reading:
Revelation 1:9-17

About Today's Lesson...

As we continue our study in the book of Revelation this week, our vision of praise for God's eternal reign will become further enhanced. As we delve a bit deeper into the predictions and proclamations of this apocalyptic writing, we become astutely aware of God's future plans for mankind during end times. For it is during the closing chapter of human history that our Lord and savior Jesus Christ comes into the fullness of His Kingdom. At last, the infinite love, power, and justice of Christ will come to fruition. All evil and death will be defeated and all of God's people will receive their just rewards.

As we enter today's scriptural passage, several key events have already occurred as part of John's vision. Letters have been written to the seven churches in Asia minor; judgement has begun with the opening of seven seals on a scroll; 144,000 have been sealed with the seal of God; and the second phase of judgement is underway via the blowing of seven trumpets by seven angels. Six of the trumpets have already been blown. And now it is time for the seventh trumpet to sound...

At the blowing of the seventh trumpet, praise and worship by the heavenly host began. For the reign of the true, eternal King had begun. Revelation 11:15 (KJV) says it this way: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." The beginning of this new kingdom also signaled that it was time for God's wrath to be unleashed, for judgement of the dead to occur, for God's faithful servants to be rewarded, and for destruction of those who have caused earthly destruction.

Praise God for His eternal reign. There is victory in His truth.

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