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In our last podcast, we completed the **2nd WOE**, which included the ministry, death, resurrection, and rapture of the two witnesses, all in preparation for the coming **3rd WOE** and the terrible wrath of God which will be unleashed in the great tribulation.

The Third WOE!

The third **WOE** now chooses to come quickly.¹

Revelation 11:15-19: The 7th (the Last) Trumpet

Given that according to the **Code** the number 7 is the number of completions, we should expect this 7th trumpet to wrap up or complete something significant in God's plan not just for His people, but for all the peoples of the world.

Revelation 11:15-19

And the **seventh angel sounded**; and there arose loud voices in heaven, now saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who are now sitting on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, now saying,

"We now give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who is now being and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. And the nations were caused to be enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be caused to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who are now caused to be fearing Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who are now destroying the earth."

And the Sanctuary of God which is in heaven was caused to be opened; and the Ark of His covenant was caused to be seen in His Sanctuary, and there arose to be flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

Let's keep in mind that we are still addressing the events associated with the blowing of the 7th Trumpet. In this part of the narrative, however, there is an overlap with the events detailed in the **3.5 days** which were in the **3.5 months** that separated the first and second **3.5 years** of the tribulation. Thus, this passage is not communicating a sequential order of events, but it is still exploring and explaining all that transpires with the blowing of the 7th Trumpet.

This layered view of events is a picture of what the blowing of the 7th Trumpet means in terms of God taking not just the possession of those in the *Holy City* (the two witnesses, those who are now worshipping

¹ "coming" is in the *present middle indicative*, thus, "now comes" is the better translation.

in the Sanctuary), but His taking up His rule over the world. Therefore, this passage steps us back to the time immediately before the rapture when the witnesses are slayed, and their dead bodies are left lying on the ground, and everyone is watching, and some are celebrating their apparent demise.²

Many translators' choice of using "Then" at the beginning of **11:15** instead of "And" can be a bit confusing for it makes it seem that the trumpet blows after the events of **11:1-14**. But since this part is not sequential, but an overlap, "And" is a more appropriate translation choice for the Greek word "Kai".

7th Trumpet

Outside of the book of **Revelation**, the **Codex** addresses this 7th Trumpet, which is also the **last** trumpet in the series of seven.

First, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the **trumpet of God**."³ Second, "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."⁴

To be clear, the "**last**" does not mean the "final." Those are different Greek words. The Greek word "eschatos" (translated here as "last") carries with it a sense of **continuity**, the farthest from the beginning, or the final event in a series of events. In contrast, the Greek word for "final" ("peras") speaks of a limit and another Greek word for "final" ("telos") speaks of an end or the termination of something. For example, when Jesus was on the cross and finished His work, He cried out "Tetelestai," or it is caused to be finished or terminated.

With that said, the 7th Trumpet is NOT the **final** trumpet to be blown, but it is the **last** in the series of trumpets. **Matthew** informs us that after the tribulation, there will be a final trumpet blown which is called the "Great Trumpet."⁵ This Great Trumpet is a signal for the angels to gather the elect of God—those who had to traverse through the entire tribulation period and refused to take the mark of the Beast or to worship him (we have referred to them as the **Righteous**).

The 7th and the Last Trumpet

But this nomenclature of the "**last**" trumpet is prophetically a stake in the ground, a prophetic marker that ties the rapture of the church, the two witnesses, the 144,000, to this **last** trumpet in a series of trumpets. We will do a detailed study of the **last trumpet** after **Revelation 14**. But for now, keep in mind that the **7th Trumpet is the last trumpet** (it is just not the final trumpet)!

We will find that this 7th Trumpet is also prophetically connected to one of the key festivals of Israel, Rosh-Hashanah, which itself is a spiritual picture connected to the rapture of the church. The way the

² Note: 2 other passages later in the text also fall into this time horizon. **14:1-16** which speaks of those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes (foreshadowing their death), and **20:4** which references the resurrection (the first resurrection) of those who were slaughtered, or beheaded, for their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God.

³ **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

⁴ **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

⁵ **Matthew 24:29-31**

Spirit layers and connects all this stuff is mind-boggling and beyond beautiful. It makes me rejoice.

Rosh-Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, and it is a festival of celebration and blasting, the blowing of (as you might guess) seven trumpets. It is the first of the Jewish “High Holy Days” set forth in the **Codex**.⁶ And it just so happens that when this celebration is completed, Yom Kippur begins, which is the holiest day of the year in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is a time for the judgment of sin, both personally and nationally, just as we will see occur with all the people who were left behind after the rapture. Yes, it is a time for unbelievable judgment.

By the way, Rosh-Hashanah is celebrated with a series of blasts from the shofar (the trumpet) as a signal to wake up from the dead those who are spiritually sleeping. Yom Kippur (also known as the Day of Judgment) is thought to be a time where God opens the books of life and death which are then sealed or fixed, and people’s fates determined, based on how they lived in the past year. As you might imagine, Rosh-Hashanah ushers in a time of deep reflection and repentance.

Sticking with the prophetic imagery, with the **last** blast of the trumpet (signified by the blowing of the 7th trumpet judgment), it is too late, the judgment has been sealed.

Who Rules the World

Revelation 11:15

And the **seventh angel sounded**; and there chose to be loud voices in heaven, now saying, "The kingdom of the world have chosen to become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; "

This passage pulls from **Psalm 2** where we find that the nations are enraged that the Father has installed His King upon Mount Zion and promises to give the Son the nations as His inheritance and the very ends of the earth as His possession. We are told that the Son will break them with a rod of iron and shatter the nations like earthenware. Then the rulers of the world are warned to worship the Son, for His wrath will soon be unleashed.

The idea that the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of the Son who will reign forever and ever implies that it previously did not belong to the Son. Please, do not make the mistake of thinking it belonged to Satan, for Satan only has a temporary leasehold. Satan has never been and never will be its owner. Rather, the kingdom of the world has always belonged to the Father. *“The earth is **Yahweh’s** and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.” “The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours. The world and all it contains, You have founded them.”*⁷

And the kingdom of this world is the inheritance that belongs to the Son, for His Son was appointed heir of all things; after all, it was through the Son that the Father made the world.⁸ He was promised it

⁶ **Leviticus 23:23-32**

⁷ **Psalm 24:1; 89:11**. See also **Exodus 9:29, 19:5; 1 Corinthians 10:26**

⁸ **Hebrews 1:2**

and He will receive it from the Father.

Psalms 2:7-9

I will surely tell of the decree of **Yahweh**: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"

By the way, in the **Codex**, the Spirit explains to us that even though a child has rights to their inheritance, they do not take operative ownership of their inheritance until the specific date set forth by the father.⁹ We also see this in the book of **Hebrews** where the Spirit tells us: "*You have crowned Him with glory and honor and have appointed Him over the works of Your hands; You have put all things in subjection under His feet. For in subjecting all things to Him, He left nothing that is not subject to Him. But now we do not yet see all things having been caused to being subject to Him.*"¹⁰

If you have read this section before, it might have been a bit confusing. But in short, the Spirit is conveying that this inheritance grant of the world and all the nations to the Son is a done deal, it is just a matter of time for the Son, Jesus, to be given *operative* control over His inheritance. And that is what happens at the blowing of the 7th Trumpet; He takes *operative* control over His inheritance.

In addition to the grant of His inheritance, the Father also promised the Son a bride.¹¹ It just so happens that the acquisition of His bride, and her entrance into the heavenlies at the rapture, coincide with the events of the blowing of the 7th Trumpet. The Father has set a date for the marriage which will be consummated in what is known as the marriage supper of the Lamb (which occurs while the bride is hidden away in her rooms, or the dwelling places in the Father's house, during the time of the Lord's indignation—the time of His wrath).¹² But first, the Son takes *operative* control over His inheritance and begins to rule and reign over the earth.

By the way, it is mind-blowing that the Bride of Christ (the raptured church) is referred to in the **Codex** as "*joint heirs*" with Jesus Christ. This is a legal term that means they will share in the same inheritance which the Father gives to the Son.¹³ But that should not surprise us since in His letter to the church at Thyatira, Jesus promised that those who are **now** believing and **now** overcoming—**those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary**—will have authority over the nations and shall rule them with a rod of iron as the vessels of a potter are broken to pieces.¹⁴

Loud Voices Saying

"... and there chose to be loud voices in heaven, now saying..." The Spirit does not tell us whose voices

⁹ **Galatians 4:1-2**

¹⁰ **Hebrews 2:8**, quoting **Psalm 8:6**. See also **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

¹¹ **Ephesians 5:22-33; John 3:29-30; 2 Corinthians 11:1-3; Revelation 21:2, 9**

¹² **Revelation 19:7-10**. See also **Isaiah 26:19-21; John 14:2**

¹³ **Romans 8:17; Titus 3:7**

¹⁴ **Revelation 2:26-27; James 2:5**

are heard, but we know they are mega, or loud, and that they are volitionally making their declaration. No one is forcing them; they choose to express themselves with loud voices. Presumably, all those in the heavenly Sanctuary are making this proclamation. "*The kingdom of the world has chosen to become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ...*"

The Kingdom Has Chosen to Become

Note, the Spirit did not say the "kingdoms" (*plural*), but "kingdom" (*singular*). In the eyes of the Father, the world is one kingdom regardless of how the angelic entities or man has divided up their territories. In addition, what is translated in most Bibles as "has become" is rendered in the *aorist middle indicative*, indicating a volitional choice, hence, "*has chosen to become.*" That is a dynamic that is hard for us to understand in terms of the kingdom of the world having a choice.

We must always remember that the **Revelation** narrative is told from the perspective of God, as He sees things from the heavenly realms. And the Spirit gives us insight as to His view of creation—or better said, His relationship with creation. Therefore, this is not just some poetic anthropomorphic expression; rather, there is a real connection of thought and purpose between the word (or the *Logos*) of God (the Son who holds all things together), and the creation of God.¹⁵ It is a spiritual reality of which the **Codex** is clear.

Romans 8:19-23

For the *anxious longing* of the creation **now** chooses to *wait eagerly* for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who has been subjecting it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation **now** *groans and now suffers the pains of childbirth* together until now.

When the Spirit attributes choice, purpose, experience, emotion even, to creation, we can be assured that it is not just some colorful expression; rather, He reveals that there is a real connection of thought and purpose, or union, between the word (or the *Logos*) of God, Jesus, the one who holds all things together, and the creation of God.¹⁶ It is a spiritual truism reflecting some level of sentient relationship between the Creator and all Creation.

This type of connection between the Creator and creation should not surprise us. **Yahweh** did not just create all things and then let it go into some random trajectory of happenstance. The Spirit tells us that Jesus is not only **now** *before all things* (in front of, superior to, prior to), but *all things by Him have been held together*, which speaks of a union with or togetherness that causes all things to remain or endure.¹⁷

¹⁵ **Colossians 1:15-17; John 1:1**

¹⁶ **John 1:1; Colossians 1:17**

¹⁷ See **Colossians 1:17**, "is before all things" is rendered in the *present active indicative*, and "held together" is rendered in the *perfect active indicative*, and is a compound Greek word of "*sun*" meaning "union with or together", and "*histemi*" meaning "to stand"

In other words, there is a relationship; and if there is a relationship, it makes sense that *"The kingdom of the world **has chosen** to become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ..."*

Forever & Ever

"... and He will reign forever and ever." This promise that He, Jesus, will reign forever and ever comes from the Song of Moses, which is a prophetic passage that on the surface deals with the exodus of God's people and their deliverance out of Egypt, but it is a passage that is filled with so much more truth.

The passage indulges in typology and the connections to this passage and the events surrounding the blowing of the 7th Trumpet are clearly evident. It speaks of the redemption of God's people from Egypt, (with Egypt being a **type** of the "world" and the world's system), of the nations that will be gripped in fear as terror falls upon them, and of the planting of God's people in Mount Zion, the **Sanctuary** of **Yahweh** (which as we know is filled with the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** of God who are **now** worshipping Him). And this passage proclaims that **Yahweh** will reign forever and ever!

Exodus 15:11-18

Who is like You among the gods, O **Yahweh**? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders? You stretched out Your right hand, the earth swallowed them. In Your lovingkindness **You have led the people whom You have redeemed; in Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation.** The peoples have heard, they tremble; anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia. Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; the leaders of Moab, trembling grips them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; by the greatness of Your arm, they are motionless as stone; until Your people pass over, O **Yahweh**, until the people pass over whom You have purchased.

You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place, O **Yahweh**, which You have made for Your dwelling, the **Sanctuary**, O **Adoni** (Lord), which Your hands have established. **Yahweh shall reign forever and ever."**

The Spirit confirmed this to the prophet Daniel three (3) different times, so we know this is a perfect promise.¹⁸ In a series of visions, the Spirit told Daniel, *"In the days of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will **not** be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, **but it will itself endure forever.**"*¹⁹

*"I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will***

¹⁸ According to the **Code**, 3 is the number of perfection.

¹⁹ **Daniel 2:44**

not be destroyed."²⁰

*"As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a **time, times, and half a time**. But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated, and destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; **His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom**, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him."*²¹

The Spirit similarly confirmed this truth to the prophet Samuel as **Yahweh** promised King David that his kingdom would exist forever and ever. He said, *"He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever...Your house and **your kingdom shall endure before me forever; your throne shall be established forever**."* And since the *literal* Davidic kingdom and throne have not existed for thousands of years, we know this was a spiritual promise pertaining to Jesus the Messiah, the Son of David, the son of Abraham.²²

And, of course, the Spirit also confirms this truth in the New Testament though an angel, Gabriel, who promised Mary, the mother of Jesus, in regards to her son, *"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and **He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end**."*²³

*"Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. The scepter of justice is the scepter of Your rule."*²⁴

Joint Heirs Forever & Ever

And since **Christ will reign forever and ever**, those raptured will similarly reign forever and ever with Him. Repeating the promise made through the prophet's Daniel, *"Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; **His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom**, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him."*

This is a firm promise made to those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary. Yes, many will be offered up as a sacrifice, and though they will die, they will live and join Jesus in His reign over the nations. And according to the words of **Yahweh**, this is a firm unbending promise. *"My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. His descendants shall endure forever and his throne as the sun before Me. It shall be established forever like the moon, and the witness in the sky is faithful."*²⁵

All of this fulfills the promise that the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** will inherit all that Jesus inherits, as they are His joint heirs. This is a legal phrase that means that His **Called and Chosen and Faithful** have

²⁰ **Daniel 7:13-14**

²¹ **Daniel 7:24-27**

²² **2 Samuel 7:13, 16; Matthew 1:1-17**

²³ **Luke 1:32-33**

²⁴ **Psalm 45:6**

²⁵ **Psalm 89:34-37**

a “*joint tenancy*” with Jesus and are 100% owners in full of all that Jesus owns. “*The Spirit Himself now testifies with our spirit that we now are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow (joint) heirs with Christ, if indeed we now suffer with Him so that we may also be caused to be glorified with Him.*”²⁶

Who Will They Rule & for How Long?

This is fascinating. The **Called and Chosen and Faithful** will be handed the kingdom of God, and because of their unity with Jesus, they too will *rule forever and ever*. But this begs two questions. 1) Over whom will they reign, and 2) how will this reign be forever and ever?

What we are going to discuss next will be addressed in later parts of the **Revelation** narrative, but let’s touch on it so that way we are not left with lingering questions that will ultimately leave us confused. And by the way, this question, “over whom will they reign?” is what the Spirit used to break me out of the **fiction** that there are just 2-groups of people, those who have said the “sinner’s prayer” and have their ticket to heaven and everyone else who is going to hell.

But this topic of over who the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** will reign is a pivotal concept, is super intense, and therefore it requires us to dig in deep to the **Codex**. As a result, we are going to wait until we get to our next podcast where we can deal with it all in one setting and not break it up into pieces. It is important to keep the train of thought all the way through this topic. And with that, we will end here. I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”

²⁶ **Romans 8:16-17**