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In our last podcast, we discussed the worship and the prayer of thanks given by the twenty-four-Elders. They honored **Yahweh** for what was and what will be, affirming that **NOTHING**, absolutely **NOTHING** in our lives has **EVER** been out of control!

Their prayer gave us a roadmap, so-to-speak, regarding the completion of all things, the **completion** of the mystery of God—the completion of His **Plan-A** for His own people and for mankind. They declared:

1. You have taken Your great power,
2. And have reigned,
3. And the nations were caused to be enraged,
4. And Your wrath came,
5. And the time for the dead to be caused to be judged,
6. And the time to reward (or give reward to) Your bondservants the prophets and the saints and those whom you caused to now be fearing Your name, the small and the great, and
7. To destroy those who are now destroying the earth.

The blowing of the 7th trumpet accomplishes multiple things simultaneously, including the removal of the bondservants of God from the earth in the rapture, while at the same time ushering in the time of **Yahweh's** wrath—the time in which He will destroy those who are now destroying the earth.

Make no mistake, the time of 7th Trumpet is for some a reckoning, a comeuppance, and a payback in unfathomable proportions—something to be avoided at all costs. Yet, for others, it will be a time of rest, reward, and unfathomable blessings, as God brings to pass the mystery which He has declared to His servants the prophets.

For some the **“Time is Up”** (it is time for judgment), and for others who have been waiting on **Yahweh** to enter their eternal **Sabbath**, **“The Time is Now!”**

Let's pick back up in the final verse of this chapter, **Revelation 11:19**.

The Temple & the Ark

Revelation 11:19

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

The Sanctuary in Heaven & The Holy of Holies

The Sanctuary was opened, the “holy of holies” was opened (where the Ark of the Covenant is kept), which means that some serious things are about to go down, and it is not going to be good.

Many translations say that the “temple” was opened. But as we have learned, the word “temple” (in the Greek “*hieron*”) is not utilized anywhere in **Revelation**. Rather the Greek word “*naos*” is used, which is a specific reference to the **Sanctuary** (which includes the holy place where the priests ministered and the holy of holies where the Ark of the Covenant was located)—the area that was measured off as belonging exclusively to **Yahweh**.

Why the Ark of His Covenant?

Suddenly, the Spirit moves our entire focus to the Ark, and this is the first time that the Ark has been unveiled and the holy of holies opened. According to some experts, like Dr. Brody, “*the Bible speaks of the Ark leveling mountains and laying waste to entire regions. An army which carries the Ark before it...is invincible.*”¹

Actually, according to the **Codex**, the Ark served two primary purposes: 1) The Ark was the symbol of God’s presence and power on the earth, and 2) the Ark was an image of life and death. In effect, the Ark was a reminder of the law of God, the covenant He made with His people, and the life that came from following the law, and death which came forth from violating the law. The law was exacting, unbendable, inscribed in stone, and the violators of that law were subject to death.

Thus, in this image, the Spirit is communicating that those who are alive and remain on the earth after the rapture will be judged according to the law, where every violation of the law is deserving of death. And since there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin to make amends for these violations, the inhabitants of the earth are left with a terrifying expectation of judgment. After all, “*It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*”²

Death

This image of the Ark brings to mind various stories rendered throughout the **Codex**. Let’s start with the story of Nadab and Abihu (sons of Aaron, the High Priest). Nadab and Abihu were literally fried by the flashes of lightning that came forth from the Ark. What did they do? They offered “*strange incense before Yahweh,*” or incense that was not made according to the requirements of the Law. And for that transgression, fire came out from the presence of **Yahweh** and consumed them. **Yahweh** spoke and said: “*By those who come near me, I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored.*”³

In a similar display of fire (perhaps lightning bolts), during the rebellion to the leadership of Moses by Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, not only did the earth open and swallow these rebels and their families (and then shut again over them—how horrifying is that), but fire came forth from the Ark and consumed 250

¹ Dr Brody quote, *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*, 1981

² See **Hebrews 10:26-31**

³ **Leviticus 10:1-3**

men who were offering incense.⁴ It was all an unfathomable display of power in judgment.

In the **Codex**, the Levites who assisted the priests in their temple duties were instructed to never even look upon the Ark or they would instantly die.⁵ They learned, tragically so, that God always means what He says. One time in Israelite history, the Ark was captured by a foreign nation, the Philistines. This was not a smart idea, and it did not work out for the Philistines as they had hoped. While the Ark was with them, **Yahweh** ravaged the Philistines and smote them with tumors, and those who did not die were suffering so bad that the cry of the city went up into the heavens.⁶

Eventually, the Ark was returned to Israel and came to the town of Beth-Shemesh where God struck down 50,070 men for looking into the Ark of **Yahweh**—it was a great slaughter.⁷

Years later when David tried to bring the Ark up to Jerusalem, the attendants were moving the Ark on a cart (instead of having the priests carry the Ark, as instructed by the Law), and when the cart became unstable, a man named Uzzah reached out to stabilize the Ark and was instantly killed.

Even the High Priest, Aaron, was only allowed to come before the Ark once a year. On the day of Atonement (the day of Judgment), He was authorized to approach the Ark. If he tried to approach it at any other time, he would die.⁸ Even then, he had to come with blood of the sacrifice to sprinkle on the **east** side of the mercy seat (the “east” being a symbol of severe judgment), and in so doing ward off the judgment of death.

It is even rumored (though some say it is not much more than mythology) that before the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies to anoint the Ark of the Covenant with blood, the other priests would tie a rope to his leg. The idea was that if he was struck dead by the power of the Ark, they needed a way to drag him out of the Holy of Holies without exposing themselves to the Ark and suffering a similar judgment of death.

THE ARK IS A SYMBOL OF DEATH STEMMING FROM THE EXACTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW. THE SUDDEN VISIBILITY OF THE ARK INDICATES THAT THIS IS THE DAY OF ATONEMENT, THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, WHERE THE FATE OF ALL HUMANITY IS LOCKED IN STONE!

⁴ *Numbers 16*

⁵ *Numbers 4:4*

⁶ *1 Samuel 5*

⁷ *1 Samuel 6:19*

⁸ *Leviticus 16:2*

Life



On-the-other-hand, the Ark was also a reminder of the mercy of God, and the restoration of life that flows forth from the forgiveness of God. Above the Ark was a mercy seat (a lid), with two cherubim at either end of the lid, facing each other turned inward toward the mercy seat, with their wings spread out over the mercy seat. This is where the visible presence of the glory of God rested in the form of a cloud. It is where God said that He would meet with Moses.⁹

As mentioned, once a year the High Priest would enter, on the day of Atonement, and sprinkle the blood of the Sacrifice on the **east** side of the mercy seat, seven times, and in so doing he would make complete (the number 7) atonement so that the people would be cleansed from all their sins and be clean before the Lord.¹⁰ **In other words, the Mercy Seat which sat over the Ark was the symbol of God's grace.**

By the way, the Hebrew word translated "Mercy Seat" is a word denoting the removal of wrath. And this is picked up in the New Testament in **Romans** when we are told that Jesus is the propitiation (or the appeasement) for our sins. In effect, Jesus is the **Mercy Seat** to whom we come to seek the grace of God and the presence of God.¹¹ How beautiful is that truth? Super beautiful!

The Announcement

The time for mercy, for grace, however, has passed. Now it is the time for wrath, hence the flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm. **The Ark is announcing the coming doom!**

In **Revelation 4:5**, when the 24-Elders and the Four worshiped **Yahweh**, there was seen flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder coming from the throne. In **8:5** when the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth, there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder, and an **earthquake** was added to the mix. And this was right before the 7-angels were released to blow their 7-Trumpets.

Now, there is the addition of a great **hailstorm**, a relentless devastating pummeling. And this occurs before the next 7-angels come out from the temple holding their 7-bowls of wrath. The great hailstorm speaks of the unrelenting pounding and terrible destruction that will take place. The judgment of **Yahweh** will come down upon the heads of those who dwell on the earth, and it will not just be crushing but pulverizing. And since four elements are involved in this announcement, we know that the lightning, thunder, earthquake, and the great hailstorm impacts all of creation – all the way to the four corners of the earth.¹²

⁹ **Exodus 25:17-22**

¹⁰ **See Leviticus 16**

¹¹ **Romans 3:21-26**

¹² According to the **Code**, 4 is the number related to all of God's creation.

As **Amos** said, it will be like when a man flees from a lion and a bear meets him, or goes home, leans his hand against the wall and a snake bites him. Yes, the day of **Yahweh** will be dark and hopeless, without a ray of joy or hope.¹³ It is all so hard to imagine, but it will be just as He has said.

By the way, we will see something similar in **Revelation 16:18-21**. As the 7th angel pours out his bowl, the final bowl of wrath, upon the earth, a loud voice will come from the temple saying, “*It is done.*” And there will be flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder, and a great earthquake, greater than has ever been since man came to be upon the earth. And huge hailstones, about 100 pounds each, will come down from heaven upon men.

The Standard of Judgment: The Law

The Ark being seen in the temple is a sign that now there will be **doom** and it will be relentless just like the pummeling hail, and it will be destructive like the earthquake, removing those things that can be shaken in heaven and on earth, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.¹⁴ This judgment will be sudden like the lightening which flashes across the sky, and terribly loud like the roaring thunders of heaven that frightens even the bravest soul.

The Ark held the sacred tablets of the Law of God.¹⁵ **Therefore, the standard of judgment will be the perfect, right, true, pure Law of God.**¹⁶ Those who have violated the law will suffer, as they are children of wrath.¹⁷

The judgment of God has finally come; a judgment where God will hold ALL who are **now** destroying the earth accountable for what they have done and are doing. They never thought this judgment would come, and so they continued in their rebellion; but now the time of His wrath has arrived. Yes, very soon **Yahweh** will pour out His anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, those who refuse to obey the truth, and those who continue to practice evil deeds.

Romans 1:18-32

For the wrath of God is **now** caused to be revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who are **now** suppressing the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is **now** evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, caused to **now** be clearly seen, caused to **now** being understood through what has been made, so that they are **now** without excuse.

For even though they had been knowing God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they were caused to become futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart were caused to be darkened. **Now** professing to **now** be wise, they were caused to become fools, and exchanged the glory of the

¹³ **Amos 5:19-20**

¹⁴ **Hebrews 12:26-27; Haggai 2:6, 20-22**

¹⁵ **Exodus 25:10-22**

¹⁶ **Psalm 19:7-9**

¹⁷ See **Ephesians 2:3**

incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Therefore, God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would **now** be caused to be dishonored and they would **now** choose to be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and were caused to worship and served the creature rather than the one Creating, who **now** is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason, God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men having been abandoning the natural function of the woman and were caused to burn in their desire toward one another, men with men **now** committing indecent acts and **now** receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

And just as they did not see fit to **now** acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to **now** do those things which are **now** not proper, having been caused to being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they have been knowing the ordinance of God, that those who **now** are practicing such things are worthy of death, they **now** not only do the same, but also **now** give hearty approval to those who are **now** practicing them.

Romans 2:5-11

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you **now** store up **wrath** for yourself in the **day of wrath** and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: to those who by perseverance in doing good are **now** seeking for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and are **NOT now believing** the truth, but are caused to now be agreeing with unrighteousness, **wrath and fierce anger**.

There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who is **now** choosing to be doing evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, but glory and honor and peace to everyone who is **now** choosing to be doing good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there **now** is no partiality with God.

The wrath of God which people have stored up for themselves is announced from the temple with flashes of lighting, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and by heavy pummeling hail. The standard of their judgment will be according to the perfect Law of God. And each person will receive according to their deeds, based on the way each person has been destroying this earth (which should be understood to be both a moral and practical act of destruction).

God is also clear that no one is a *victim* to this time of great wrath and fierce anger; there is no injustice in the judgment of God.¹⁸ Each person has made a choice for judgment. Each person has made a choice for wrath. In fact, each person has been storing up for themselves their own judgment, because they

¹⁸ ***Psalm 9:7-8, 96:13, 98:9***

refuse to now be believing the truth. They suppress the truth in unrighteousness. And even though they had been knowing God, for God has made Himself evident to all of humanity, they do not honor Him as God or even so much as give thanks for His constant provision.

It seems that people, the world over, do not think that this judgment will ever come, and so they continue in their unbelief and rebellion; but the time of His wrath has now arrived. Accordingly, God will hold ALL who are **now** destroying the earth accountable for what they have done and are doing.

The lightning and thunder make a pronouncement that no one on earth will be able to miss. It will be loud, bright, sudden, and shocking. The earthquake speaks of the upheaval that will now take place in every institution of man and throughout the heavenly realms. Nothing and no one will be protected, but all will be shaken and moved. And the hail will ensure that those destined for destruction are crushed and pulverized under this judgment.

And to top it all off, we will soon learn that during this time the devil will be cast down to the earth and he will be furious, for he knows he has little time—**woe to the inhabitants of the earth.**

Trumpet Number 7 Revisited

Given that according to the **Code** the number 7 is the number of completions, we have seen that with this 7th Trumpet, the voice of the 7th angel, God fulfills His promises and brings to fruition the beautiful plan (**Plan-A**) which He established for His true bondservants – all those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary. And He ushers in the destruction He has planned for the nations of the world.

And according to **Revelation 10:7**, the **mystery** of God, in all its 9-facets, as revealed to His servants the prophets, is brought to fruition.

1. **Christ—God’s mystery.**
2. **The unity of all things in Christ.**
3. **The hardening of the hearts of the Jews until the number of Gentiles that are appointed for salvation are saved.**
4. **The Gentiles are fellow heirs in Christ.**
5. **The **mystery** of the church, the 7-stars, and the 7-lampstands.**
6. **The rapture of the Church.**
7. **The mystery of the coming union of Christ and the church symbolized by the union of a husband and wife.**
8. **The mystery of lawlessness or the kingdom of the Beast.**
9. **The **mystery** of the woman who rides the Beast and **mystery** Babylon.**

“**Yahweh** announced all these 9-mysteries to His servants the prophets; and, as with everything which **Yahweh** speaks, it always comes to fruition. For a time, these mysteries were not understood though they had been revealed, but now the Spirit has unveiled their understanding to everyone who is now having ears to hear what the Spirit now says to the churches.

In short, for some the **"Time is Up"** (it is time for judgment), and for others who have been waiting on **Yahweh** to enter their eternal **Sabbath**, **"The Time is Now!"**

Revelation 11 was simply stunning, and on so many layers, it was very hard to swallow. It is a chapter of division and finality as God makes a final separation, from within His own household, of those He deems to be His bride (those who even now choose to live in the freedom of grace where their entire existence is based 100% on what He does and who He is) from those who are in His household but still choose to honor the work of their hands, those who still choose to worship demons and idols, simply because they are still so fixated on what they can do for God.

What are we to do with what we have learned?

Perhaps this is the time that everyone of us should dig down deep in our soul and choose to no longer be comfortable and complacent with our role in the religion of Christianity, and instead decide that we will live just like a little child who is dependent upon their parents for all things all the time. The name of **Yahweh**, by its definition, declares that He wants us to know Him and experience Him in this manner.

It is time to set aside our love and penchant for the law (whether that is "the law," my law, your law, your pastor's law, your denomination's law, or anyone else's law) and realize that we can choose to live in freedom where, although not all things are profitable for our lives, all things are lawful. We are free, and if the Son has set us free, we are free indeed. This is the best of news, for it means we no longer need to be obsessed on sin, we no longer need to be consumed with failure, and we no longer need to strive to do it right.

Yes, it is time to honor **Yahweh Yahsha** (**Yahweh** who sets us free) and invite Him into all those areas of our life where the law still binds us in guilt, shame, duty, judgement, and condemnation, and ask Him to destroy it all. Ask Him to remove everything in us that fights against Him being our one and only **"I AM."** And then be ready, because He will honor that prayer and He will go to war against you, for you.

It is time to no longer pervert the meanings of both grace and faith. Grace is not something that is additive to what we can do for God, rather, it is to be a substitute, in its entirety, for what we can do for God. By its definition, grace is about what God does for us, in us, and through us. We must remember the formula; grace is 100% God and 0% us. Our only job is to be **willing** to now be believing and then let the Spirit of God cause us to now be believing.

And faith, well, **it is a now thing!** It does not matter what you held to in the past, every moment of our now, we are to now be believing and now be betting our lives on the fact that everything that is good in our lives (anything that means anything to God) comes by grace through faith, flowing from the one who is the **I AM**, and who is our **I AM**. And our **I AM** is truly a rewarder of those who seek Him.

As we have learned, God does everything He says; it all just a matter of time. And this final measurement of the Sanctuary is happening, and each of us must therefore decide if we will be found to be among those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary of God, or those who are very busy in the temple of God serving others, sacrificing for God, sacrificing to God, and worshipping from afar.

The time is up! The time is now!

