

Revelation 11:15-19

The 7th Trumpet: Christ's Kingdom Foreseen
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From Last Week

Revelation 9:20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent** of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone...

Revelation 11:13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and **gave glory to the God of heaven.**

What accounts for the difference?

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The Pronouncement of Christ's Kingdom

Revelation 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world **has become** the *kingdom* of our **Lord and of His Christ**; and He will reign forever and ever."

"**has become**" = proleptic aorist
"**our Lord and of His Christ**" = echoes Psalm 2:2

Psalm 2:2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against **the LORD and against His Anointed...**

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Christ Becomes King of the World

- World 1: Universe – all that was created**
- World 2: The realm of human affairs**
- World 3: Humanity in rebellion against God**

Daniel 2:35 ...But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and **filled the whole earth**.
Zechariah 14:9 And the **LORD will be king over all the earth**; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.
Revelation 5:10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and **they will reign upon the earth**."

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Problems for Amillennialism

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| Amillennial: | Premillennial: |
| 1. This age | 1. This age |
| 2. Eternal states | 2. 1,000 year earthly reign |
| | 3. Eternal states |

Zechariah 14:16-17 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. 17 **And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.**

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God's Power Overcomes the Usurpers

Revelation 11:16-17 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and **have begun to reign**"

- "have taken Your great power" = (perfect) contrasts the new and eternal state of affairs versus the old age where sinful human power dominated.
- "Have begun to reign" = ingressive proleptic aorist

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The Nations Fight Against Yahweh

Revelation 11:18 and the nations were enraged, and **Your wrath came**, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.

“Your wrath came” = another proleptic aorist

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7th Trumpet Storm Theophany

Revelation 11:19 And **the temple of God which is in heaven** was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, **a mere copy of the true one**, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us...

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Storm Theophany

Throne Room: Revelation 4:5 Out from the throne come **flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder...**

7th Seal: Revelation 8:5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed **peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.**

7th Bowl: Revelation 16:8 And there were **flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake**, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

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