

THE LULL BEFORE THE FINAL STORM

The Testimony of The Many Elders Revelation 11: 14-19

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets modifying the biblical text underlined with dots. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1199.

1. The is announced.

Revelation 11:15, NIV84 - 15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom [Plural in the GK: Kingdoms] of the world has become the kingdom [Singular in the GK: Kingdom] of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

2. Our ______ is awarded.

Revelation 11:16–17, NIV84 - ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, <u>fell on their faces and worshiped God</u>, ¹⁷ saying: "We give thanks to you, <u>Lord God Almighty</u>, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

3. Their ______ is assigned.

Revelation 11:18, NIV84 - ¹⁸ The nations were angry; and your wrath [Lit., "a righteous anger" – strong's] has come. <u>The time</u> [Gk: καιρός, kai-ROS, "season"—in this case, the establishing of God's Kingdom will be a sitting time for the dead in Christ to be judged] <u>has come for judging the dead</u>, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great— and for destroying those who destroy [Lit., "pollute in a moral sense" -ATR] the earth."

- God reigns supremely (v. 17)
- God judges righteously (v. 18)
- God rewards graciously (v. 18)

4. God's is assured.

Revelation 11:19, NIV84 - ¹⁹ Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant [the symbol of God's presence with His people; in the OT temple, the ark stood behind the veil, in the holy of holies. God's Glory rested on the ark, and God's Law was within the ark, beautifully illustrating that the two must never be separated]. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

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- 1. Victory
- 2. Praise
- 3. Doom
- 4. Faithfulness