

Revelation 70 Ark of Whose Covenant?

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REVELATION 11:14-19



Three Woes: Judgment Will Come

(Hab 2:2-3)

- Three Woes: warnings which fulfill John Baptist's prophecy of Christ's ministry (Lk 3:16-17; Re 8:13)



Fifth
Shofar

- First Woe: Granting their wish, world without Christ; ruled by Satan {Hermetic Dialectic} (Ro 1:18-28; Re 9:1-11)

- Reality of Satan's Rule does not live up to the Utopian hype; Degradation, violence and death



Sixth
Shofar

- Second Woe: Satan strategically prepares world for Armageddon (2Th 2:3-12; Re 9:13-21)

- Develops hostile regimes {East; North; South} to advance his regime: West – Iron and Clay (Da 2)



Seventh
Shofar

- Third Woe: Announces annexation of Kosmos {κόσμος}, World System, by Christ

- Seventh Trumpet signals completion signified by Father's Heavenly Temple being opened

Law of Identity

What is the Kosmos?

- Kosmos found two other times in Revelation which defines it: Context
 - Kosmos: All peoples who worship the Antichrist/False Prophet politico-religious sys (Re 13:1-8)
 - Kosmos: All governments since sin entered the World as all are founded on Satan; especially Judaism which rejected Father; yet it will be betrayed: There can be only one! (1Sa 8:4-20; Re 17:1-14)
- Twenty-Four Elders {Saved *True* Jews and *True* Christians} {Greek Chorus motif}
 - Present at Tribulation's beginning, worshipping Paschal Lamb of salvation: Jesus (Re 4:4-11)
 - Singing *new song* as Jesus' asserts His earthly Kingdom claim: Seals and Trumpets (Re 5:6-14)
 - They announce His imminent Return, Armageddon and Millennial Kingdom (Re 19:1-5)

Twenty-Four Elders: Theme of Their Chorus

- The Elders give context for what follows in Revelation
 - Thankfulness that Christ will begin His visible reign; overthrowing Satan's asebeia reigns
 - Christ to mete out judgment on those who reject Him: Governments and Peoples (Ps 2:1-3; Mt 25:31-46)
 - Praise Christ who rewards those who had patient, humble faith awaiting Father's Time (Mt 24:45-51)
 - True destroyers of Earth are the Lost who think only of themselves at every level (Ro 8:18-23)
- Christ long-sufferingly warns of coming judgment presaged by biblical historicity
 - Relationship between Satan and *True* Jews
 - Rise of Antichrist-False Prophet focusing Kosmos to worship Satan as god (Is 14:13-14; Ez 28:15-16)
 - Chorus of Three Angels final warning of Judgment: Repent and Be Saved (Jn 3:14-19)

Father's Temple in Heaven: Ark of the Covenant

- This Ark predates Noah's/Moses' Ark: Not linked to Aaronic priesthood (Ex 25:40; He 8:1-7)
- Moses' Ark contained three articles denoting eternal purpose of The Covenant (He 9:1-4)
 - Ten Words – Defined *new nature* vs old nature {Moral Unchangeable Law} (De 10:1-2; Ja 1:13-18)
 - Aaron's Rod – Dead rod budded indicating life; salvation brings life to the dead (Nu 17:8-11)
 - Manna Pot – Wilderness bread called, *What is it* {Manna}; foolishness to them (Ex 16:32-35; Jn 6:31-36)
- That this Temple existed in Heaven since its creation but before physical creation shows Father-Son-Spirit **always** intended to *create Man in their Image; New Creation*
(2Co 5:17; Ep 1:3-14; Col 1:15-20)
 - Melchizedek priesthood always predated Aaronic was designed to be temporary; but rejected its purpose to become Satan's emissary; this is basis for their judgment (Mal 2:7-9; He 5:1-10)

Today Builds Toward That Day: Are You Ready? (He 4:5-10)

- Temple opened with manifestations of the Father's approval: Lightning, Thunders, etc. (Ex 19:16-20; 1Ki 19:8-13)
- Revelation consistently ties past and future into a coherent tapestry of Logic (Is 1:18)
 - Ministry of Two Witnesses covered final 3.5 years of Great Tribulation
 - Bible gives summary of Satan's involvement against His people: Past to Future {*True Jews*}
 - Bible gives true heritage Antichrist and False Prophet and the basis of their government
 - Faithful are not forgotten nor discarded; Revelation picks up narration of 144,000 encouraging all who have and will endure persecution from the Kosmos' system; no one left behind (Mk 10:28-31)
- Are You resting in faith *waiting* for His city yet to come like Abraham? (Ga 4:26-29; He 11:6, 9-10)