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The Seventh Trumpet

¹⁵Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the cosmos has become our Lord's and of his Christ's, and he shall reign forever and ever."

¹⁶And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

¹⁸The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your slaves, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

¹⁹Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.



Let's review the first 6 trumpets since it's been a few weeks!

Trumpet 1 _____	Rev 8:7
Trumpet 2 _____	Rev 8:8-9
Trumpet 3 _____	Rev 8:10-11
Trumpet 4 _____	Rev 8:12
Trumpet 5 _____	Rev 9:1-12
Trumpet 6 _____	Rev 9:13-21

15 "The kingdom of the cosmos"- John 12:31

What is a kingdom?

"has become our Lord's"- if God created it, hasn't it always been His?

"he shall reign forever"- 2 Sam 7:12-16 = the purest understanding of "Messiah/Christ"

16 REVIEW! Who are the 24 elders? What do they represent?

17-18 their worship is a heavenly *Te Deum*- Just like Matins!

"begun to reign"- all one verb in Greek... the word for what a king does. If a cook cooks, a king kings? Nope, he reigns. It's a problem with the English language

“and the time for the dead to be judged”- Judgment day is announced.
“rewarding your slaves”- why slaves not “servants”? and what is the reward?
“prophets and saints and those who fear your name”- who is this and why fear God’s name?
“destroying the destroyers of the earth”- different Greek word than Apollyon (9:11) who are they?

- 19 “God’s temple in heaven”- TLSB goofs it up partly.
LOADS of information on the heavenly temple from Ezekiel 40 – 44
“the ark of the covenant” – 2 Kings 25:8-9, Ark was destroyed with the Temple most likely

Jewish legend: (2 Macc 2:1-8) The Ark was rescued by Jeremiah along with the incense altar and they were hidden in Mt. Nebo. The cave was blocked up and Jeremiah prophesied that the ark would not be seen again until the Lord God would regather his people. Keeping this tradition in mind, what does it mean for the readers to see the Ark at this juncture in Revelation?

“lightning, thunder, earthquake, hail”- commonly accompany OT theophanies
Theophany- God’s self-manifestation or appearance before mankind

Next Week We Begin:
-The Third Scene of the End Times-
The Battle between the Trinity and the Anti-Trinity
We’ll start with Revelation 12- The Dragon Assails Mother Church