

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near. —  
Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

A man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a simple brown robe, is seated in a rocky, arid landscape. He is holding a scroll in his left hand and a quill pen in his right, writing on it. The scroll has some text written on it, including the words 'KAAACBIAITY' and 'TONTICPAPAYIX'. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky.

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- The **imagery** and **symbols** in Revelation are necessary in comprehending the **BIG PICTURE** - but if we focus too much on the imagery and symbols we can easily **MISS** the **BIG PICTURE**.
- The **BIG PICTURE** in chapters 8:2-11:19 is clearly **GOD WILL BRING CALAMITY** upon those who persecute His people.



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### Revelation 8:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

- A series of three “7's” — 7 seals (6:1-8:5); 7 trumpets (8:6-9:21); and 7 bowls of wrath (15:1-16:21).
- John describes them one after the other by revealing from different viewpoints the judging and restraining action of God.
- Those who prayed for help in their distress CAN know that God HEARS - it would be their prayers that initiate divine judgment.



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### ■ 7 ANGELS & 7 TRUMPETS (8:2-6)

- ▶ The natural calamities symbolized by the first 4 trumpets have weakened the Empire (8:1-13)
- ▶ The 5th and 6th trumpets introduce the last two factors that contributed to the demise of the Roman Empire. (9:1-21)



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### ■ THE 5TH & 6TH TRUMPETS (9:1-21)

- ▶ Before the 7th trumpet we see one of John's interlude visions, much like we saw in ch. 7 (10:1-11:14)
- ▶ Before proceeding with the 7th trumpet, John speaks to the mission of believers to a lost and dying world.



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### A Chronological Summary of Revelation 11

11:1, Temple is measured

God's property protected (Zech. 2:1-5)

11:2, Holy City trodden

Church is persecuted (Heb. 12:22-23)

11:3, Two witnesses prophesy

Gospel is preached (John 15:26-27)

11:7, Work completed / beast kills them

Satan apparent victor (Rev. 13:7, 15-17)

11:8-10, Earth rejoices / their dead  
bodies lie in street 3 1/2 days

Apparent defeat of the Lord's people

11:11-14, Witnesses raised, ascend, tenth  
part of city fell

Christ's cause vindicated (Rev. 20; Dan. 7)

11:15-19, 7th trumpet sounds, kingdoms  
of world become the Lord's

Christ reigns as King of Kings (Rev. 17:14;  
Eph. 1:20-23; 1 Cor. 15:23-26)

## Revelation 11:15–19 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” <sup>16</sup> And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup> saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.



## **Revelation 11:15–19 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.” <sup>19</sup> Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.



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- 7TH TRUMPET SOUNDS (11:15)
  - ▶ The previous 6 trumpets sounded an alarm calling for men to repent in the face of imminent judgment.
  - ▶ When the seventh trumpet is sounded, great voices are heard in heaven praising God.
  - ▶ The 7th trumpet announces the climax of the book: Christ Reigns! (Rev. 12:10; Dan. 2:44; 7:14, 27)

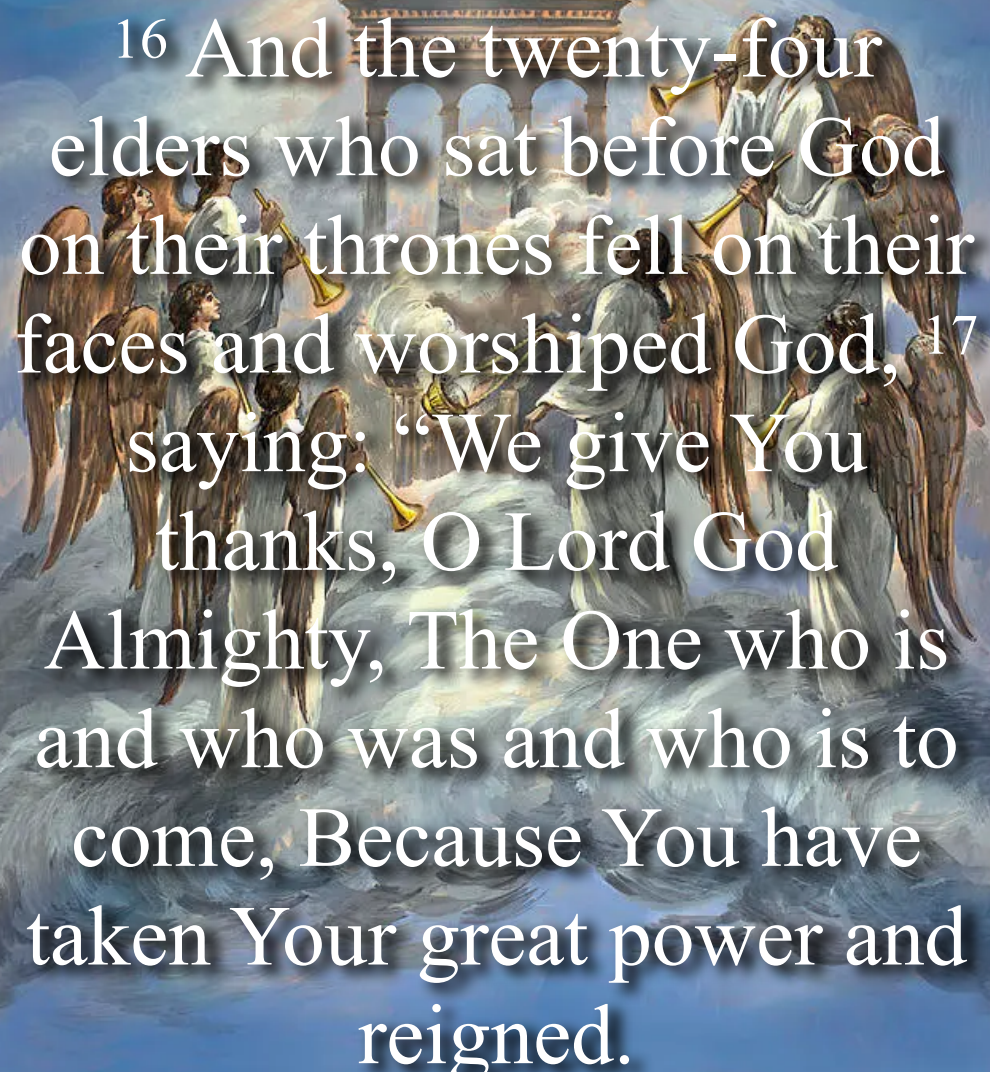


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- 7TH TRUMPET SOUNDS (11:15)
  - ▶ The twenty-four elders prostrate themselves and with bowed heads worship God and give Him thanks.
  - ▶ Their obeisance (proskunēsis) is described almost verbatim as it is pictured in 4:10.(1:8; 4:8-10).
  - ▶ God has accomplished the ultimate victory over His enemies.

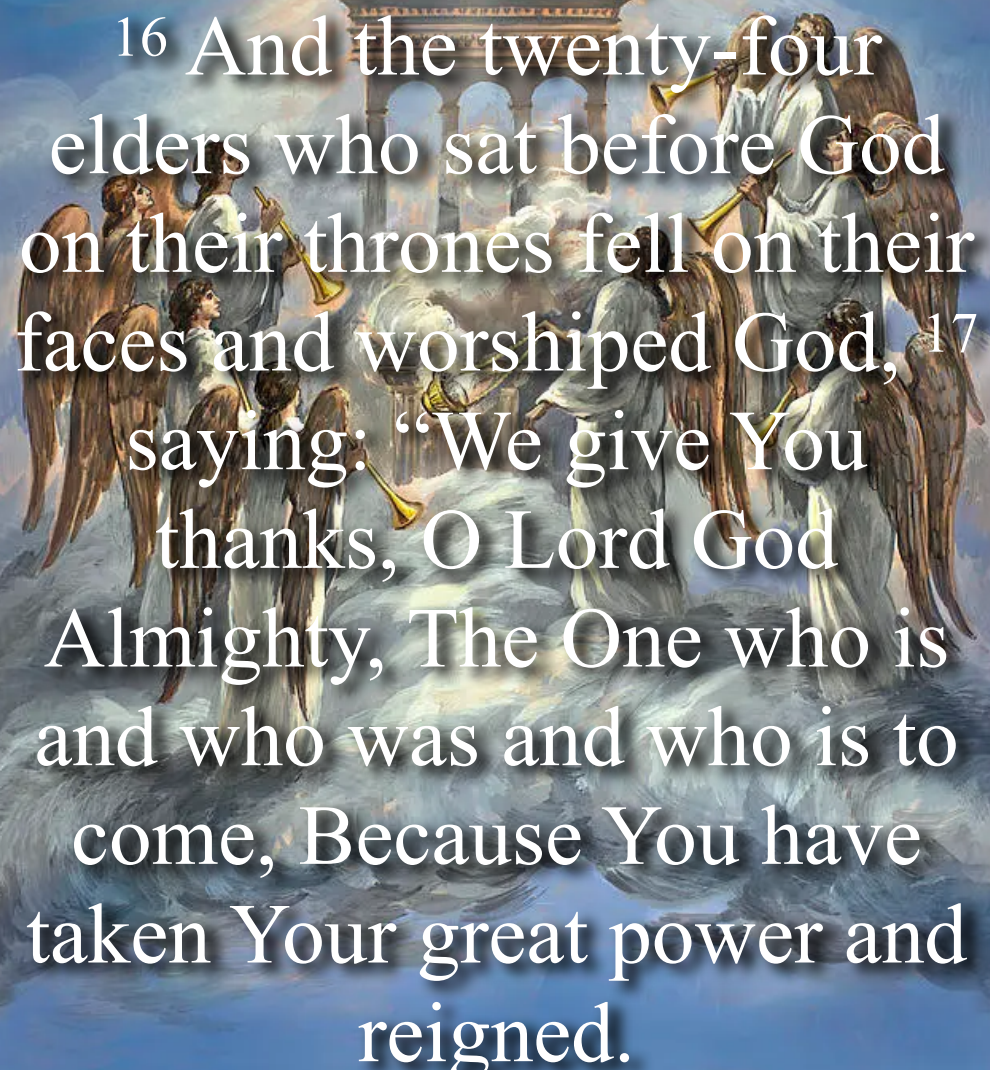


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### ■ 7TH TRUMPET SOUNDS (11:15)

- ▶ The reign of God is in one sense eternal (cf. Psa. 93:1-4).
- ▶ God has ruled throughout human history by commanding men and angels to obey His laws and worship Him, but He has reigned over a rebellious world.
- ▶ The day would come when God would “TAKE” what is rightfully His! (Phili. 2:8-10)

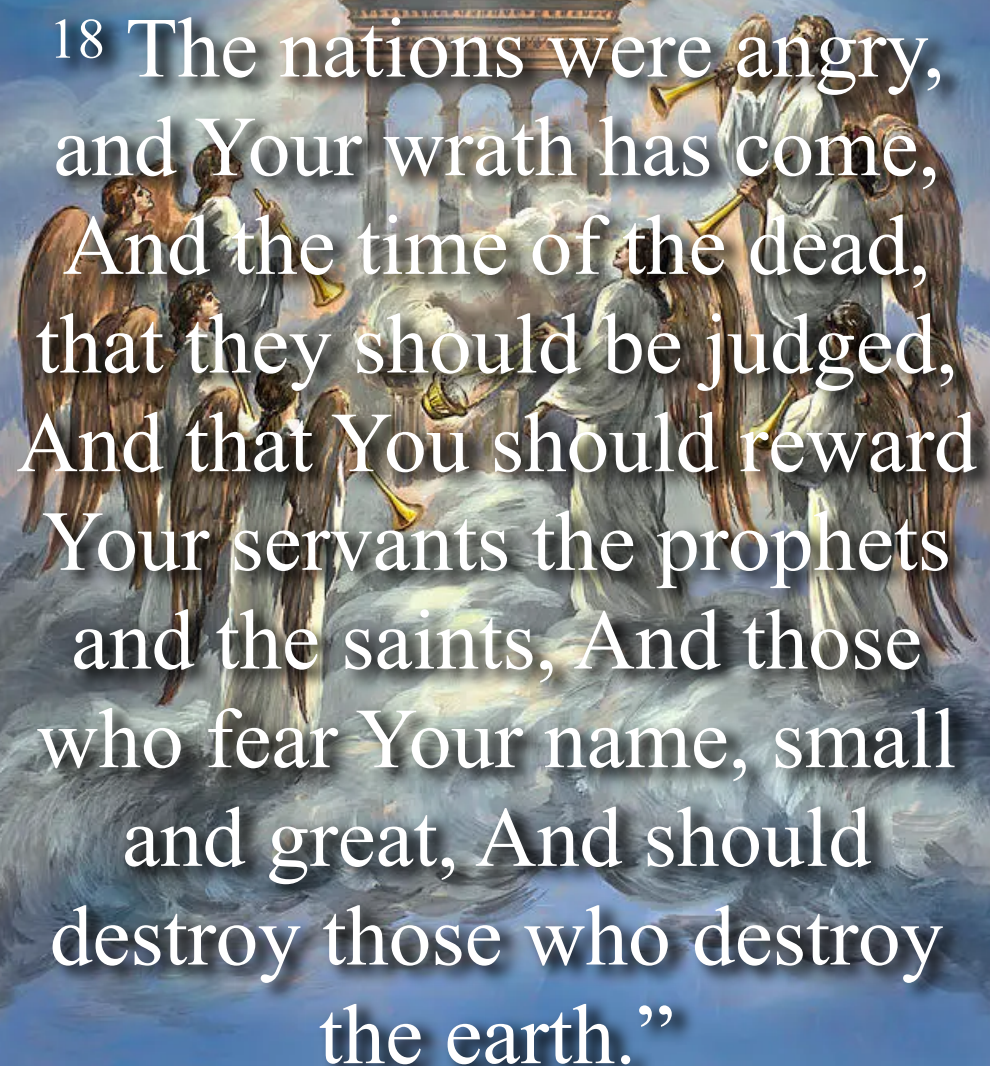


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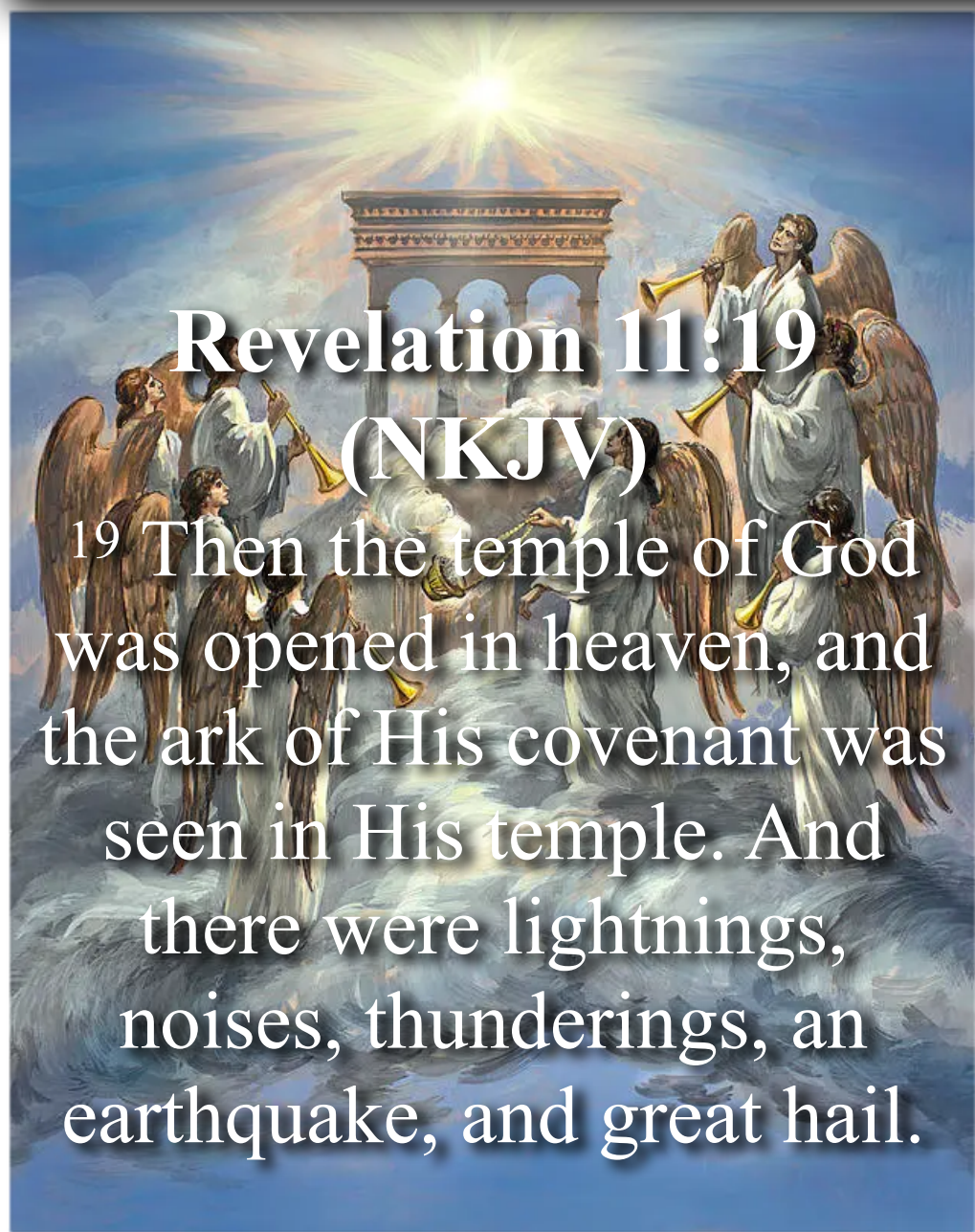
- ▶ The conflict will be described in greater detail in future visions, but the church is assured what will be the final outcome. (2 Thes. 1:7-10)
- ▶ The saints shall be rewarded, whereas those who have tried to extinguish the kingdom of God from the earth shall themselves be crushed and destroyed.



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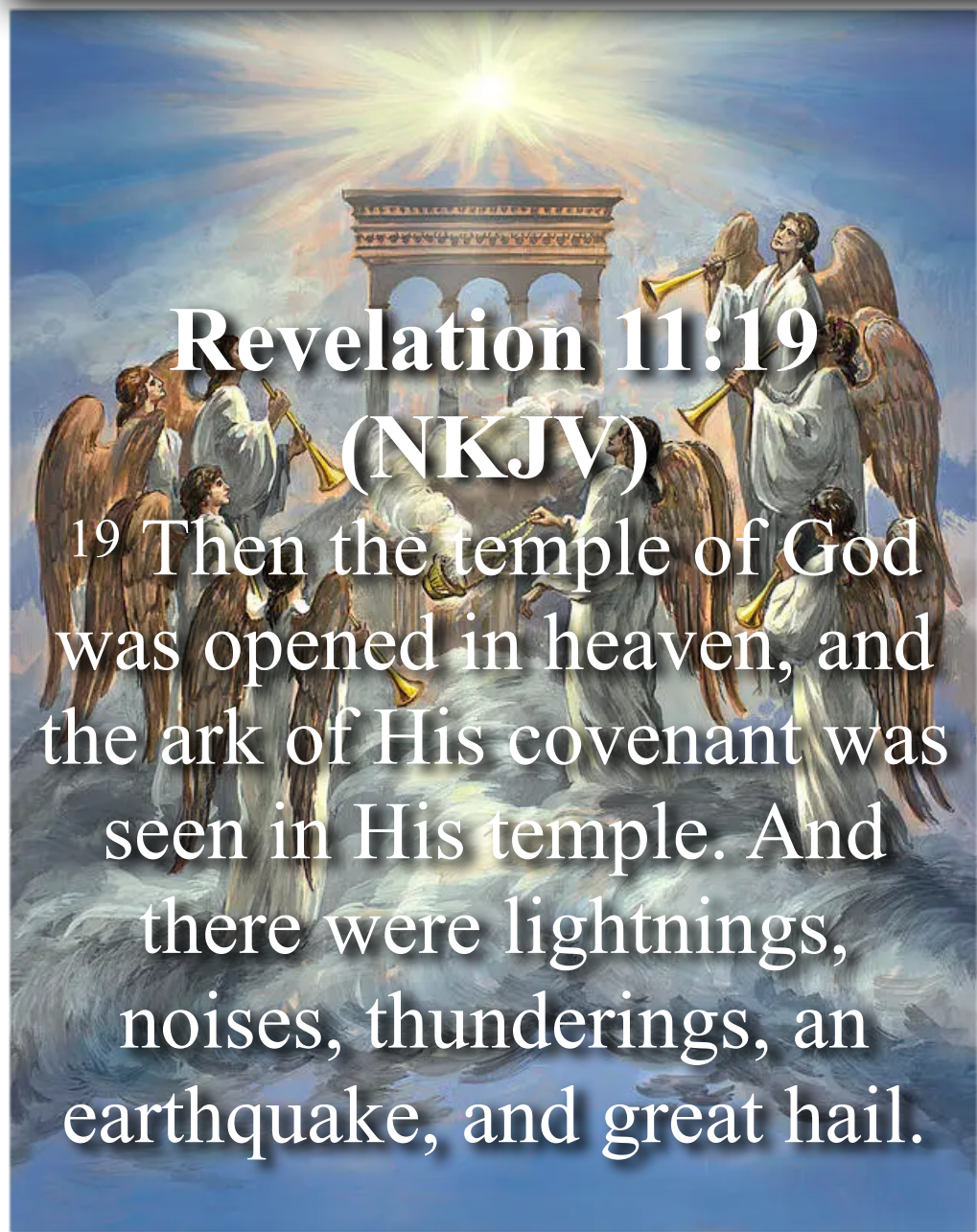
- ▶ In 4:1 the door of heaven was opened, and here the temple is opened in heaven, the two terms are meant to be equivalent.
- ▶ Here he sees in his vision the heavenly archetype of which the original physical ark was but a pathetic copy (Exod. 25:40; cf. Heb. 8:5; 9:7-10,).



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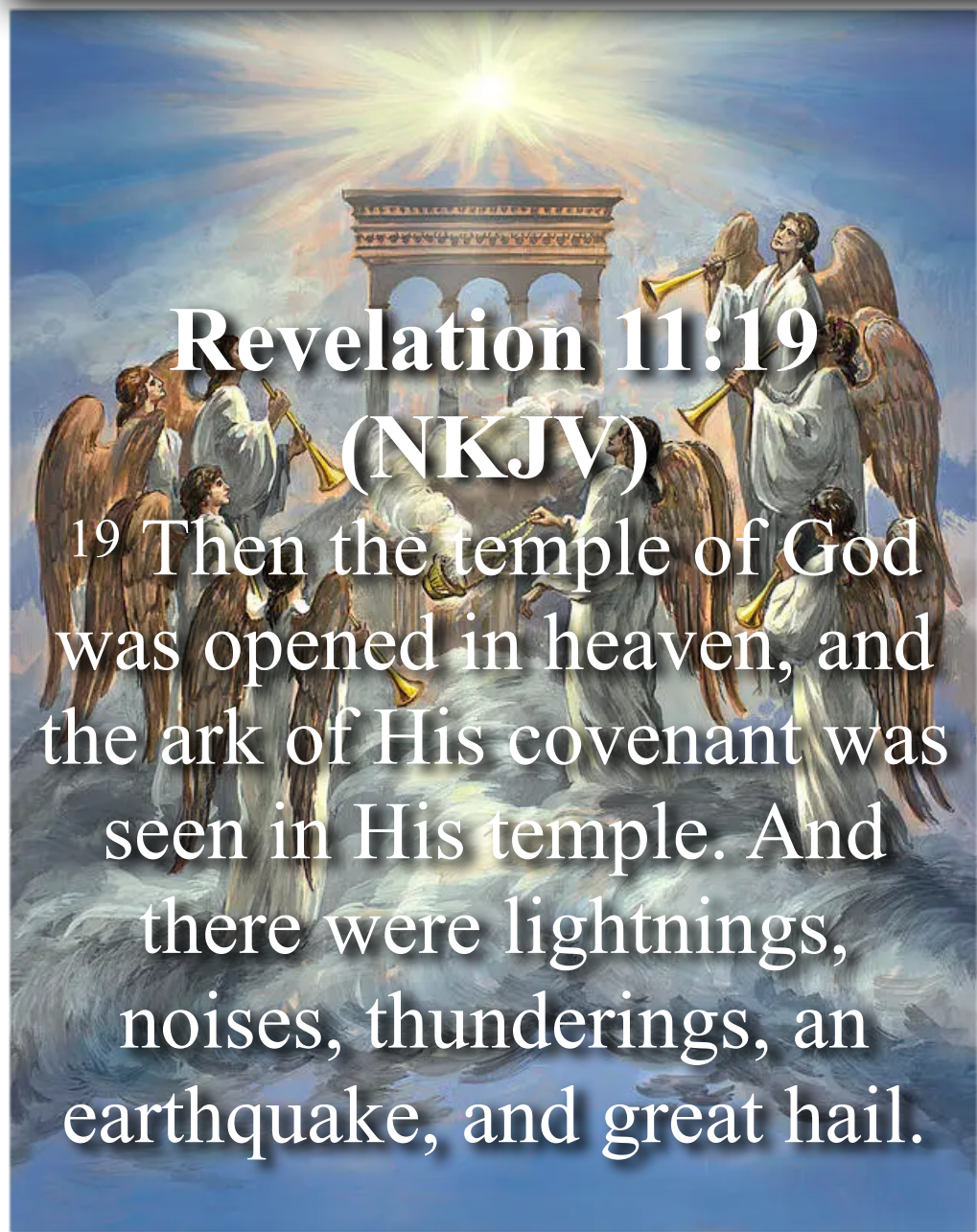
- ▶ Under the Mosaic dispensation, the ark of the covenant was kept in the Holy of Holies where the high priest would enter only one time annually to appear before God (Exod. 25:22).
- ▶ Christians have boldness to enter into the Holy of Holies through the blood of Christ (Heb. 9:12,19-28).



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### ■ 7TH TRUMPET SOUNDS (11:15)

- ▶ Just as the Ark of the Covenant was a symbol to old Israel of God's abiding presence, God reveals these things to John to assure and strengthen His people in the face of what is to come.
- ▶ God intends to console, comfort, reassure and embolden the frightened Christians of Asia Minor in the face of the ominous coming judgments that are directed against the wicked in the chapters that are to follow.



This world has repeatedly brought suffering to the people of God, but the day will come when God will avenge His saints, and glorify His people.

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God would, by His sovereign power and might, would preserve the gospel and His people in spite of terrifying odds which seemed at the moment to be so unassailable.

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The gospel is the only message that can save men from eternal ruin — It MUST continue to be PROCLAIMED! (2 Timothy 4:1-3)

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**HEAVENS DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED  
FOR YOU - WILL YOU ENTER?**

**Believe — John 3:16;**

**Repent — Acts 17:30;**

**Confess — Romans 10:9,10;**

**Be baptized — Acts 2:38;**

**Endure by faith — I Corinthians 15:58**







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# Daniel 7:11–14 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. <sup>12</sup> As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. <sup>13</sup> “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. <sup>14</sup> Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.