

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## Praise for God's Eternal Reign Revelation 11:15-19

## Section Review

Theme: Celebrating God

Visions of Praise

- 11/7 – Revelation 7:9-17, John gives us a vision of what true, united praise and worship looks like in Heaven and the promise of relief to those who were persecuted for their faith

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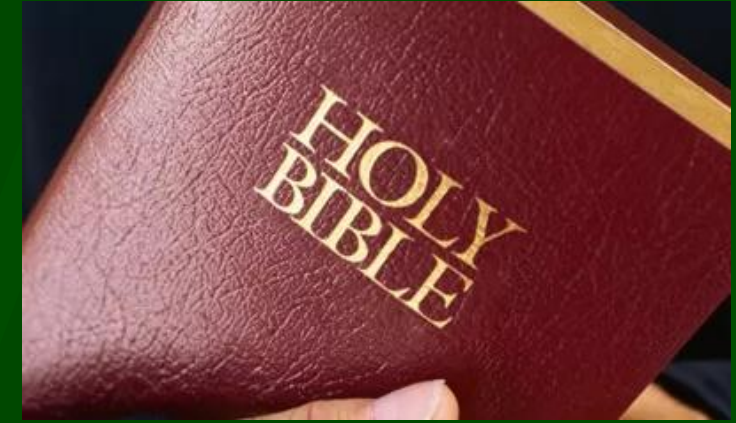
# Background

- Rather than viewing the Book of Revelation as a “book of doom”, it is a triumphant portrayal of how God and man’s relationship will be restored and the evil that divided us will be done away with.
- God’s way of dealing with evil is through judgement. Judgement in Revelations comes through 3 “7’s” of judgements against the Earth and the enemies of God:
- **7 Seals** – which are opened by Jesus ([Revelation 6:1–17; 8:1–5](#))
- **7 Trumpets** (initiated with the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal ([Revelation 8:6–9:21; 11:15–19](#)))
- **7 Bowls** (initiated with the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet ([Revelation 11:15–19; 15:1–8](#)))
- At the end of each reveal, there is a similar pattern of lightening and earthquakes prior to the next type of judgement
- We do not know with certainty who the 24 Elders are. Some have posited that they represent the 12 Tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles. Others have opined that they represent the raptured Church

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# Lesson Text

Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed



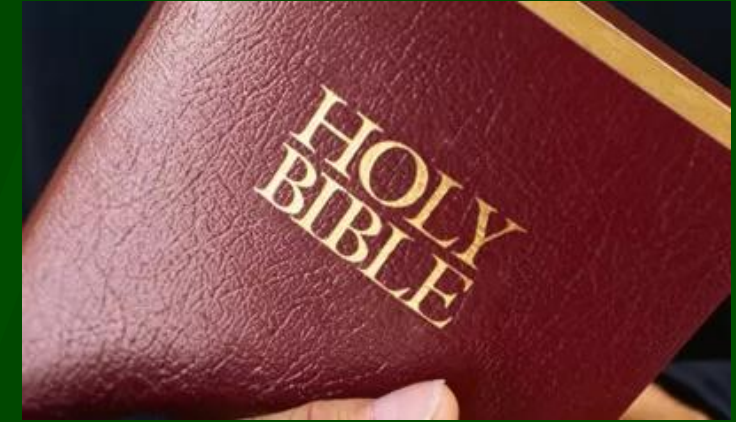
## REVELATION 11:15 –17a (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The <sup>[a]</sup>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:

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## REVELATION 11:17b –18 (NKJV)

“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was <sup>[b]</sup>and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. <sup>18</sup> The nations were angry, and Your <sup>[c]</sup>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.”**

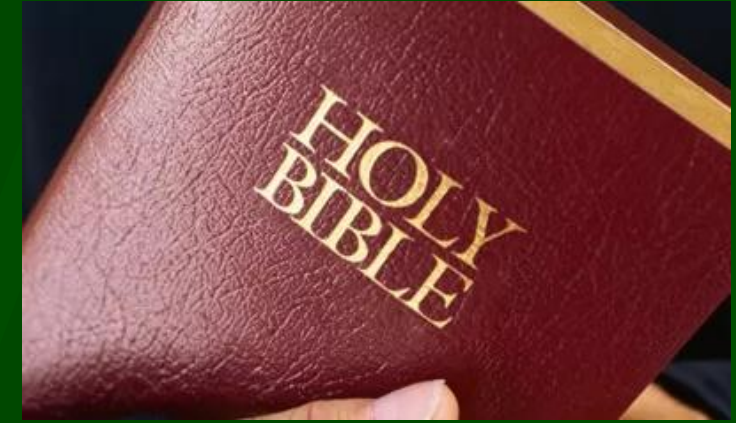
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## REVELATION 11:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of <sup>[d]</sup>His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.



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# Commentary: Heaven, Hades & Hell

- There are many terms used to describe Heaven, Hades and Hell
- In the Jewish Talmud 'Abraham's Bosom' (Luke 16:19–31) and 'Paradise' (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 12:3–4; Revelation 2:7) are terms that refer to Heaven – the place where God dwells and where there is comfort, rest and joy for those who've put their trust in Him
- In Abraham's Bosom, it is described as having 2 areas – one for those who put their trust in God, and the other for the departed who have not. There is a great divide between the 2 that cannot be breached (v. 26)

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- In Hebrew, the term 'Sheol' is used to describe the realm of the dead. It simply means "the place of the dead" or "the place of departed souls/spirits."
- The Greek term for Sheol is 'Hades', which is why you find the term used throughout the New Testament
- Both refer to that compartment of Abraham's Bosom where there is torment... but it is not the final destination nor judgement for those who've rejected God



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- The Greek term for ultimate Hell is “Gahenna”. The ‘Lake of Fire’ in the Book of Revelation is the final judgement for the enemies of God – both men and fallen angels. Hades will give up it’s dead – those who are not in Abraham’s Bosom and they will be placed in the ‘Lake of Fire’ – the final place of torment, i.e. ‘The Second Death’ ([Matthew 25:41](#); [Revelation 19:20. 20:10, 14-15](#))
- Despite such punishment, God does not annihilate his enemies – perhaps due to the fact they were created in His image ([Genesis 1:26](#); [Hebrews 2:7](#))
- There is no evidence for purgatory from the Scriptures



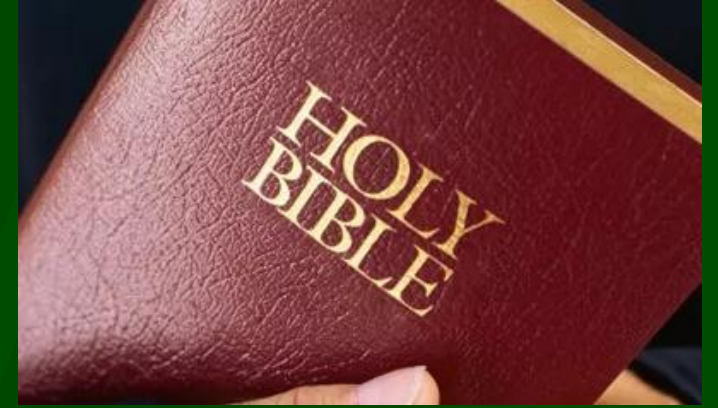
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# Commentary: God's Justice is Praised

- With each of the judgements, it is accompanied by the 24 Elders praise and worship of God for His justice and righteousness.
- While the thought of such judgement may seem harsh to us the Elder's have total trust in God to know what is right and fair.
- It is not God's desire that anyone should perish (2 Peter 3:9) and He gives several ways to know that He is present and can be found (Acts 17:24-31; Romans 1 – 3)
  - Romans 1 – Light of Creation
  - Romans 2 – Light of Conscience
  - Romans 3 – Light of Christ

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# Scripture References



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# Church School Creed & Benediction

## CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow  
And we must help to make it so  
Every member a **Christian**  
Every Christian a **worker**  
Every worker **trained**  
A worker that **will not be ashamed**  
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

## BENEDICTION

We have come  
We have studied  
We have learned  
So until our next coming together  
To study God's word  
May His rich blessings reside with you  
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN