

Sunday Bible Study, Session 1 – December 21, 2014

"7th Trumpet, 3rd Woe – The Kingdom" – (Revelation 11:15)

Read [Revelation 11:1-15](#).

We've seen in our previous studies the three great waves of evangelism to come in the Tribulation; the 144,000 Jews of the first wave will produce converts to become the second wave, which will be followed by the third wave, the two great witnesses Moses and Elijah, who will be resuscitated to evangelize the world. Then, because the two great witnesses will cause so much distress to the evil people who oppose them, the people will be celebrating and exchanging gifts (Christmas becomes "satan-mas") after they are killed (when their work is finished, and God removes their protection). Then we see the unpleasant surprise to these evil people, when the two witnesses are resurrected after 3 ½ days ([Revelation 11:7-12](#)). This is all during the Tribulation; what follows is the Millennium, the 1,000-year reign of Christ. Not all of Chapters 6-19 involve the Tribulation; some involves the Millennium, as in our next verse 15. Review again the [Biblical Timeline](#).

[REVELATION 11:15](#) – In this verse we come to the 7th Trumpet, which is also the Third Woe. Here we have the Millennial Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the events which surround it.

PRINCIPLES OF INTRODUCTION

1. Satan is the ruler of this world, and as the ruler, he has the right to give to those who do his will. Satan made to Christ this offer in [Matthew 4:8-10](#); this was a real, authentic, bona fide offer. Satan desires for man, by man's efforts, to have a perfect world – this would head off the millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. Had Jesus accepted that offer, the *work of the cross would have been bypassed*.
2. When Satan is confined to the world in the Tribulation, once again he will offer the Kingdoms of the world to one person – the dictator in Rome – and this person will accept (and Satan himself will indwell this individual [Revelation 13](#)).
3. The Kingdom is the millennial reign of Jesus Christ, and the prayer of [Matthew 6:9, 10](#) *does not relate to NOW time*. It is a *millennial passage* – "¹⁰Thy kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Before that, there must be the following: the Judgment Seat of Christ, the Tribulation, the Battle of Armageddon, 2nd Advent, *and then* the Millennium. The Matthew passage will be fulfilled at the 2nd Advent.

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KINGDOM

I. Defined:

1. THE KINGDOM is 1,000 years of the reign of Christ, after His 2nd Advent – this will be on the earth ([Biblical Timeline](#)).
2. At the end of the 1,000 years, there will be the 2nd Advent of *Satan*, and the destruction of the old earth – followed by the rest of the eternal reign of Christ, which will be on the earth (New Heavens, New Jerusalem).

II. Introduced:

1. The Kingdom is promised in [II Samuel 7:8-17](#) and [Psalm 89:20-33](#). It is promised in the Old Testament, as a part of the Davidic Covenant.
2. The Kingdom was prophesized in [Isaiah 2:1-5; 2:11, 12](#) and [Isaiah 35:1-10](#).
3. The Kingdom is presented in Matthew, Mark, and Luke (Synoptic Gospels). The Gospels emphasize the Age of Israel, and *not* the Church Age. There is one prophecy of the Church in [Matthew 16](#). In John there are four chapters prophesying the Church Age. *BUT THE GOSPELS PRIMARILY PRESENT THE DISPENSATION OF THE KING OF ISRAEL.*
4. The Kingdom Postponed – found in the Epistles of the New Testament – *postponed for the Age of Grace*.
5. The Kingdom Proclaimed – first by the Angelic herald of Revelation 10 – secondly, by the human heralds of [Revelation 11:1-14](#) (Moses and Elijah).
6. The Kingdom Plagiarized (to take and use as one's own – as a thief or kidnapper – [Revelation 13](#)) – the Devil's two witnesses (thoughts, writings, and inventions – stolen and used as one's own).
7. The Kingdom Perfected – [Revelation 11:15-19](#).

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What is the [Abrahamic Covenant](#)?

ANSWER: A covenant is an agreement between two parties. There are two types of covenants: conditional and unconditional. A conditional or bilateral covenant is an agreement that is binding on both parties for its fulfillment. Both parties agree to fulfill certain conditions. If either party fails to meet their responsibilities, the covenant is broken and neither party has to fulfill the expectations of the covenant. An unconditional or unilateral covenant is an agreement between two parties, but only one of the two parties has to do something. Nothing is required of the other party.

The Abrahamic Covenant is an unconditional covenant. God made promises to Abraham that required nothing of Abraham. [Genesis 15:18-21](#) describes a part of the Abrahamic Covenant, specifically dealing with the dimensions of the land God promised to Abraham and his descendants.

The actual Abrahamic Covenant is found in [Genesis 12:1-3](#). The ceremony recorded in [Genesis 15](#) indicates the unconditional nature of the covenant. The only time that both parties of a covenant would pass between the pieces of animals was when the fulfillment of the covenant was dependent upon both parties keeping commitments. Concerning the significance of God alone moving between the halves of the animals, it is to be noted that it is a smoking furnace and a flaming torch, representing God, not Abraham, which passed between the pieces. Such an act, it would seem, should be shared by both parties, but in this case it is doubtless to be explained by the fact that the covenant is principally a promise by God. He is the One who binds Himself. God caused a sleep to fall upon Abraham so that he would not be able to pass between the two halves of the animals. Fulfillment of the covenant fell to God alone.