

INTRODUCTION

1. Rv11:15 in the future, on the brink of eternity
2. Review last LD: two celebratory events in heaven: v15 & v16-18 [v19] Christ's Redemptive Kingdom & The Kingdom of God [Creator/Judge].
 - i. Surveyed Gen 1-3
 - ii. Redemptive Religion: 1] Gn 3:15 Promised Seed who wld defeat Satan; 2] Gn 3:21 Provision of Sac'al atonement for sin; 3] Gn 3:22-24 Prospect of Sacred Soil - cast out w/ hope of garden; 4] Gn 4:3 Privilege of Sab - every 7th day: access & oriented to Sab Rest
 - iii. OT & NT rev: promise/prophesy; type/ antitype; shadow/substance.

1st: Daniel's Prophecy of Christ's Redemptive Kingdom

1. God's covenant w/ Abraham - tribal nation of OCov Israel: apostasy. Cov curse - exile in Babylon: Daniel.
2. Nebuchadnezzar's nightmare - Dan interps: Dan 2. Statue symbolizes empires until coming of Messiah's kingdom - stone - v44-45
3. Dan 7 - Dan's vision [progressive parallelism - same as Dan 2 but includes revelation re: Jesus' enthronement & Church-Age]. Overview
 - i. v18 - *saints* receive *the kingdom*
 - ii. 4th beast & more detail - v21-22.
 - iii. v23-28 v27 parallels Rv 11:15
4. Dan 8 = vision of conflict & desecration of temple [168BC] - 8:27
5. Dan 9 = Dan's prayer [Jer 25:11-12 - 70yr exile]. Gabriel interps chpt 8. Chpt 10's vision ; chpt 11 re-focus on *the Beautiful Land & end of sacrifice* [*abomination of desolation* -11:31]. God's purposes concerns His people.
6. Dan 12 - prophesy of resurrection [v1ff]; *the end of time* [v4] wh/ requires passing of *a time, times, & 1/2 a time* [v7]. Dan not understand & told to seal up prophesy - 12:13.

2nd: Jesus' Establishment of His Redemptive Kingdom

1. Mat 4:17,23 arrival of *Kingdom* in person & work of the King - Rv 12:5
2. A1:3 post-res & pre-ascension [Lk 24:44f]. Kingdom of forgiveness
 - i. A1:6 - not a earthly kingdom like David/Solomon
 - ii. A8:12 - kingdom proclaimed in gospel & entered by faith [baptism]
 - iii. A28:31 - *Kingdom of God* = salvation [v28]

3rd: The Apostle's Proclamation of Christ's Redemptive Kingdom

1. Jesus' resurrection proclaimed in Acts; *kingdom* [8x] a synonym of gospel wh/ summons hearers to faith in Christ & to enter His kingdom. See ref's to *kingdom* in Epistles & Revelation.
2. 1C15 rlt's to Rv 11:15-17.
 - i. 1C15:20-23 Jesus, *last Adam* [v45], is Promised seed of Gn3:15 who brings His resurrected people into the glory of God's Sabbath Rest.
 - ii. 1C15:24-26 = conclusion of Christ's mediatorial redemptive reign when last enemy, death, is defeated [Rv 20:14 - lake of fire].
 - iii. Jesus reigns redemptively now & is building His church.
 - iv. We will be completely conformed to Jesus [Rm 8:29] - 1C15:27-28 Creation, by the obedience of last Adam, enters God's Sabbath Rest
3. Rv 11:15-18 = 2 hymns of praise for 2 kingdoms: *reign*. v19 commencement of Final Judgment. End of 1st 1/2 of Rv.
4. v15 in context of 4 pts of ref: 1] Provisions given to Adam at Fall; 2] Dan's visions; 3] Jesus' ministry; 4] Paul's prophesy in 1 Cor 15.

Applic #1: We Must Understand How the OT and NT Relate to Each Other

1. Rv10:7 - God's revelation will serve God's purposes
2. We need to understand how God has revealed His saving grace over the course of Redemptive History; from OT to NT - fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Applic #2: Christ's Redemptive Kingdom Surpasses All Other Kingdoms

1. We are part of the reign of Christ that reaches back to the Fall & forward to the glory of God's eternal Sabbath Rest!
2. *Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me* [Lk7:23]
3. This celebration in Rv11:15 is 'already & not yet' - a celebration in wh/ we participate in worship; a victory to wh/ we witness. There is no greater blessing or privilege. He is worthy.