

Revelation 11:15 (A proclamation is made in heaven!) (49)

Here we are taken to the throne room when all things are redeemed. The statement "The kingdom of the world (sin nature ruled by the prince of the power of the air) has become the Kingdom of God ruled by Christ.

Revelation 11:16-18 (A snapshot of some of the saints present.)

The 24 elders are present and "seated on their thrones" which means that the millennial reign is at hand and ready to begin. This of course doesn't happen until the end of the Tribulation but might be placed here to give John, and therefore us, a glimpse of the glory that awaits. Remember we have been bombarded by scenes of desolation and destruction and up until now half of the earth's population has been wiped out. Not to mention that for a time of 5 months non-sealed peoples of every nation were ~~allowed~~ to get a glimpse of hell on earth. And since God wants His Scripture to be a warning and not a Book without hope, that no one would like to read, He always inserts hope. Inserts the happy ending, so that we can endure knowing that in the end we will win. This speaks to today! When we see that the world is falling apart and mankind is getting more and more perverse and more and more hates God's chosen (the church and the nation of Israel) and we see evil things called good and good things called evil we see that all things are not falling apart they are falling in place! A perfect example is last week, The Tribulation period can not begin till Israel is at peace! Iran's power has been stripped (by God's intervention). This may or may not be what will lead the peace treaty being reaffirmed, as God said it would be, but it sure is the impossible being made possible!

verses 17 and 18 are also pointing to this throne room (50) rejoicing as being immediately prior to the millenium. Thanks are being poured out that God's wrath has had its completion. He has "taken [His] great power and begun to reign". The raging nations have been subdued. The time has come for the dead (in Christ) to be judged and for the righteous to be rewarded. And most importantly for the destroyers of the earth (the Antichrist, false prophet, and all the wicked, great and small) being destroyed.

Revelation 11:19 "Gods temple in heaven was opened" is possibly a declaration that the throne room is open for business and all will be able to see the glory of God without fear. Since all things have been made right (washed clean by the blood of the Lamb) mankind can possibly once again walk in peace with God as Adam and Eve once did. Also, the Ark of the Covenant is on display which tells me that God has it up there in heaven and it is not down here on earth hidden away somewhere. Which would mean that its contents are on display.

The tablets of stone (representing Gods Word), a pot of Manna (representing Gods provision) and Aarons budded rod (representing Gods eternal life giving power) are available to all: "The temple was opened" speaks to this.

Gods wrath: "flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail" were all released concluding Gods wrath and resulting in the throne room being opened.

Chapters 12 and 13 are chapters that describe Israel (5!) and Satan. They are designed to give John, and as such us, insight on the goings on over the centuries, culminating with time that we know as the Tribulation. We must however understand that the crisis of God's wrath is continuing without interruption. Revelation 12: 1-2 This "woman" is the nation of Israel and the child (Child capitalized in verses 5 on in many translations) is indeed Jesus the Christ. She is clothed in glory (sun, moon and stars which are possibly angelic hosts). Notice how in verse 2 "she" is in agony with birth pains, this is one of the first side effects of the fall of man that was given in the garden. I believe that this too will vanish when Jesus reigns and rules in the millenium (just my opinion based on the fact that the earth will be made righteous again as it was in the beginning, I claim this because we are told that people will once again live to be 800-900 years old, the lamb will lie down with the lion, a child can stick its hand in the viper's den, the reaper will catch up to the sower, the anti-Christ and false prophet will be forever in the lake of fire and Satan will be bound in the pit for 1,000 years. Sorry, this is leading to another rabbit hole: And of course that would make total sense wouldn't it? After all, people that have lived through, survived the tribulation, will be having children and multiplying (just as God has always commanded!). They will be living in what I believe is a redo of the Garden of Eden (minus the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil). We will be there carrying on in ministry, "reigning and ruling with Christ" and helping those who are alive to accept Jesus as their savior. After all those who live during Jesus' 1,000 year reign will still

have to make a choice on where they will spend ⁽⁵²⁾ eternity. And I believe that God will once again make it as it was in the garden, but this time without temptation. I believe work will be a pleasure (no sweat of the brow, no thorns and thistles) nature will flourish, the animal kingdom will be a tame petting zoo and the people of that day will be given the truth daily by the Truth Maker Himself and also by His saints (who have been made like Him and see Him as He is!). We will continue to use our talents, that we used while alive, but this time they will be flawless. That is why I claim (my opinion only) that child birth will also be pleasant. Unfortunately, even though everything is as perfect as God would have it to be, and without temptation, and with millions upon millions of saints proclaiming His glory, still some will reject it! I pray that it not be many!

Revelation 12:3-4 (Satan's eternal mode of operation: kill or destroy God's loved ones, Especially His Son!): This is of course a representation of Satan who has been given many awful powers (dragon, seven heads (seven in this case is not complete power), ten horns and on his heads seven diadems (a jeweled crown or headband worn as a symbol of sovereignty). Verse 4 tells us that at some point, when Satan was cast out of heaven or when he will be cast out of heaven (we know that he was in heaven trying to make Job look bad and that he does try and make us look bad before God so was he cast out to the second heaven or will he be permanently cast down to earth during the Tribulation I don't know. I do know that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the angels deserted their Creator and followed Satan (verse 4).

Revelation 12:5 This verse spans about 2,000 years: The

"Child is born" (about 4 A.D.), "One who is to rule" (During the Millennium on through eternity), "but her child was caught up to God and to His throne" (His ascension after 40 days following His crucifixion around 30 A.D.).

Revelation 12:6 This will take place in the last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of the Tribulation ($360 + 360 + 360 + 180$ days = 1,260 days). We will see in verse 14 why I claim it to be the last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. Jesus foretold this also in Matthew 24: 15-21 (see printout)

Revelation 12:7-12 (The devil and his minions are cast down to earth): This is why I think that Satan and $\frac{1}{3}$ of Heavens angels who mutated are not cast down until the tribulation period. (paraphrasing): Michael the Archangel and Satan the fallen angel fought in heaven. Michael defeated Satan and thus he was no longer allowed in heaven. One of Satan's daily pleasures was to accuse God's believers before God (verse 10). Verse 11 points to our prayers and testimonies are also powerful in that they helped in the defeat of Satan and his fallen angels. The casting out of the devil causes great rejoicing in heaven and for all who are there but it also spells double trouble for those who dwell on earth during the Tribulation!

Why? Because not only do the nonbelievers have to deal with the wrath of God on fallen man for the slaughter of His One and only Son but now they are burdened by Satan's wrath now that he knows he has less than 7 years left! And of course we read about his 7 heads with 7 crowns and his 10 horns which are expanded powers that he will be allowed to use to vent his anger.