

# The Temple in Heaven Opened

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In Revelation 10 we witness the seventh angel about to sound the final trump to complete or accomplish the work of God at the end of the age. Central to our understanding of this scripture is our understanding of the feast of Trumpets.

The feast of Trumpets is one of the seven feasts of the Lord that presented a prophetic calendar for the redemptive work of God. The feast of trumpets is the fifth in a series of seven feasts. It was observed on the first day of the seventh month in the Jewish calendar.

The spiritual significance of the seventh month is rest.

The whole prophetic drama comes into God's Sabbath, it was essentially finished! The first six trumpets ushered in the Great tribulation or Jacob's trouble. The seventh trumpet signified that the mystery was accomplished.

Rev 10:5-7.

5 Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. 6 And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay! 7 But in the days when ***the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished***, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

It is very important to connect the sounding of the last trumpet with the resurrection of the dead with scripture. !

Corinthians 15 is recognized as a classic example of the resurrection.

1 Cor. 15:52

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at **the last trump : for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised** incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

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### The Kingdom Becomes One

Israel rejected God as their king in the days of Samuel.

They desired an earthly king and got what they desired. The kingdom degenerated due to unwise leadership and ultimately lost favor with God.

The Lord allowed a heathen nation to destroy the Temple and Jerusalem.

For approximately 500 yrs. Israel had lost its sovereignty as a nation and was without a king.

God had a plan to restore the kingdom but not as before. This kingdom was to be a spiritual kingdom with God himself on the throne.

Included in this restored kingdom would be those outside of the commonwealth of Israel. Gentiles would become joint heirs with natural Israel.

The Lord never forgot the faithful. The old business of rewarding the saints of old and dealing out judgment to the wicked was also at hand. Indeed, all Israel would be saved.

Rev 11:15-12:1

15 And **the seventh angel sounded**; and there were great

voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord**, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, **and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great;**

**19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament:** and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

According to the scripture stated above, the temple was opened in heaven at the time of rewards/judgments. We will get to the opening of this temple later on in this study.

I would like to bolster my point on the mystery of God alluded to in our opening scripture: Rev. 10: 7

But in the days when ***the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished***, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

The mystery of God referred to below illuminates the fact that the kingdom would not be complete without all of its members, weather they be in heaven or on earth)

Eph 1:9-11

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in **the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.**

The resurrection gathered God's servants from one end of heaven to the other at the sound of a trumpet!

Matt 24:31

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and **they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

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This brings us to the feast of Atonement.

The seventh month of the prophetic calendar is considered a month of **ingathering**, the month of the great harvest. It contains three feasts, Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles or Ingathering.

It is the month that God rests from his prophetic works.

A question may present itself. Where did these saints end up that were gathered from the four winds? Scripture says that there is a temple of God in heaven. And that no man could enter it until the plagues (Wrath) of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Rev 15:7-16:1

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; **and no man was able to enter into the temple , till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.**

When the wrath was passed, the trumpet was blown and the resurrection occurred. The next feast (the sixth in the series) was called the feast of Atonement. It was celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the seventh month. (10 days after the feast of Trumpets).

On this feast the high priest would go into the temple with a blood sacrifice for himself and the sins of the people. This was to atone for the sins of THE NATION.

After the resurrection (the feast of Trumpets) in 70 A.D. the physical temple was not in existence. Not only was the temple non existent, the High Priest was killed in the siege in Jerusalem.

To complete the prophetic pattern of the feasts, there had to be a temple for the righteous dead and a high priest that was to offer the blood sacrifice.

We all know that the blood of Jesus was shed for all men.

1 John 2:2

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Knowing this truth, we must harmonize prophecy and exact fulfillment in the world.

The saints that awaited resurrection died without a savior. The curse of death kept them shut up in the grave. Although they died in faith, in their human condition sin was ever present. Job is a good example of this. Job was painfully aware of his sinful condition, but fully expected God to remember him.

Job 14:16-17

16 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

**17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag , and thou sewest up mine iniquity.**

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Job 14:12-14

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, **that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!**

14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time **will I wait, till my change come.**

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### **The Temple in Heaven was Opened**

The feast of Atonement was designed by God to reconcile the righteous dead after the general resurrection. They were ushered into the Temple and

the blood was applied by the High Priest, Jesus Christ. Thus, this gathered those in heaven and earth into the same family.

This I believe is part of the great marriage between the bridegroom and the bride, being **all** of Gods people.

Ps 50:4-5

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

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