

Intro:

The 7th trumpet announces both the final bowl judgments and the coronation of Christ.

This trumpet is not the same as that of 1 Cor. 15:52, but is a parallel to Joel 2:1-2.

We will not see the affects of the bowl judgments until ch. 16.

I. The Kingdom of this World

It is ruled by Satan and is simply the way it works.

1 Jn. 2:15-16 defines the world as the cravings of sinful man.

This world and its systems are in rebellion against God.

Satan is the one that defines and shapes and reigns in this world.

II. The Kingdom of God

Three views:

- 1. The Ethical view. A sermon on the mount.
- 2. The Experiential view. About what's in your heart.
- The Eschatological view. The Last Things view.

While each one, in and of themselves are correct, by themselves they are an incomplete view of the Kingdom of God.

III. The Already and Not Yet of the Kingdom

The kingdom of God is present and also a future reality.

Our lives work the same way: they are not a straight line of achievement.

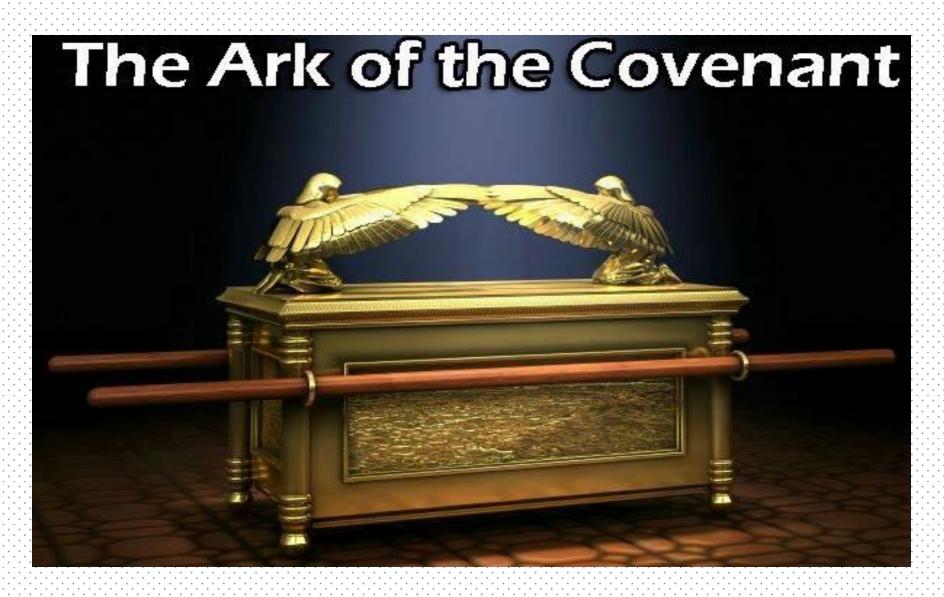
Who we are positionally is not who we are in actuality.

New Testament ethics are based on who we are in Christ.

Three Reasons for Praise

Vs. 16-18

- A. Christ reigns supremely. Rev. 1:5-6, 11:17
- **B.** He judges righteously. The Lamb of God is also the Lion of Judah.
 - 1. The nations, vs. 18a
 - **2.** The dead, vs. 18b
 - 3. The destroyers of the earth. Vs. 18c
- C. He rewards His servants graciously. Rev. 22:12



Unbroken Fellowship with God

The Ark of the Covenant speaks of God's promise to:

- A. Have eternal communion with the redeemed,
- B. Make an eternal covenant with His people,

The Ark was the symbol of God's presence in OT.