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**V.15 - Victory Song of Great Voices –** *“And the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there came about great voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the cosmos has become our Lord’s and his Christ’s, and he will reign forever and ever.’”*

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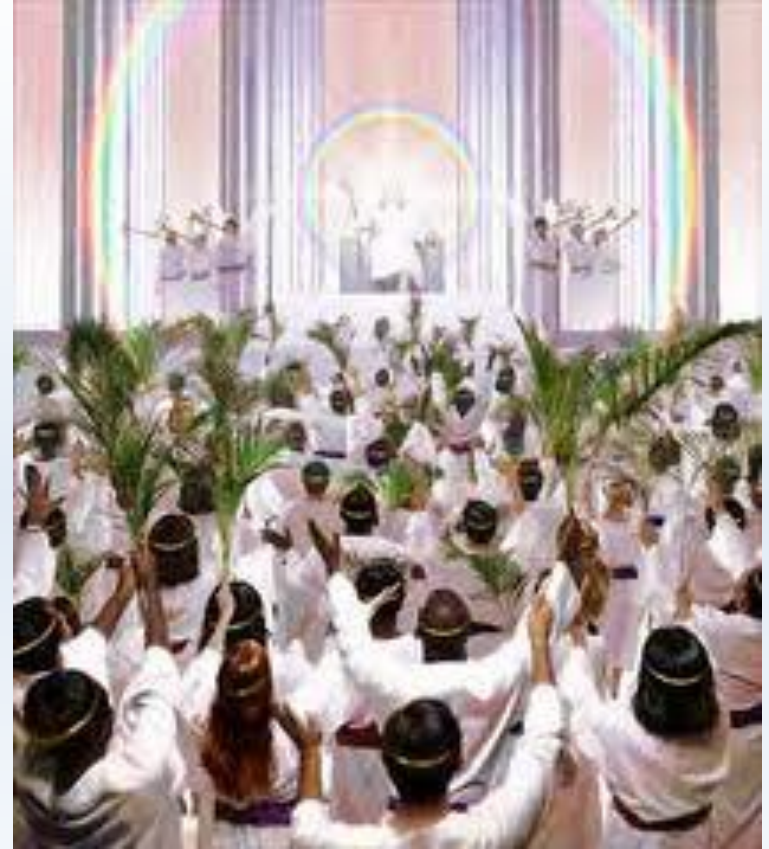
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Finally, the seventh trumpet-angel blows his trumpet and this begins the last scene of the second vision of events on earth. What John hears are *“great voices in heaven”* that pronounce or sing the glorious news that *“the kingdom of the cosmos has become our Lord’s and his Christ’s.”*

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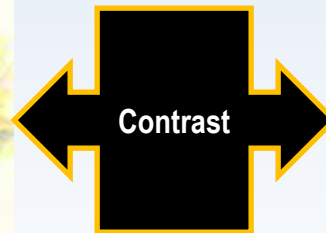
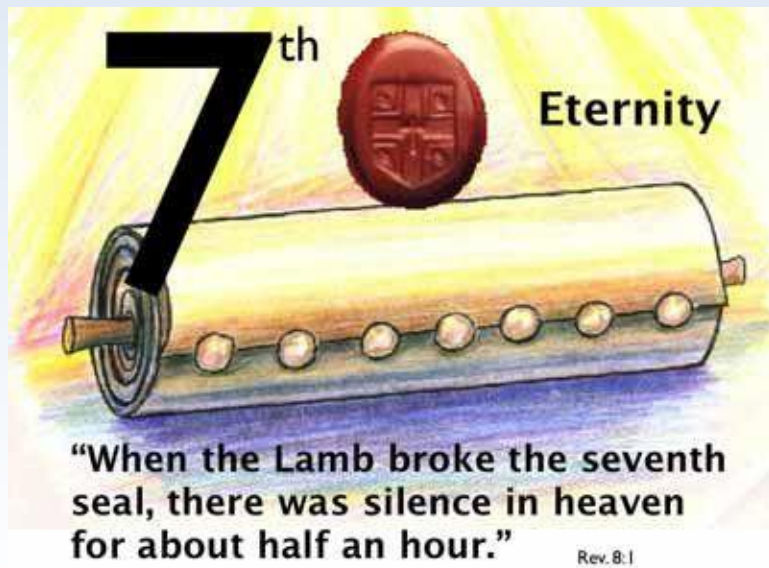
**Therefore, the  
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are celebrating  
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There is a contrast here, since, as you may remember, the opening of the seventh seal results in silence in heaven. Yet, the sounding of the seventh trumpet leads all of heaven to loudly proclaim or sing. **Why?**



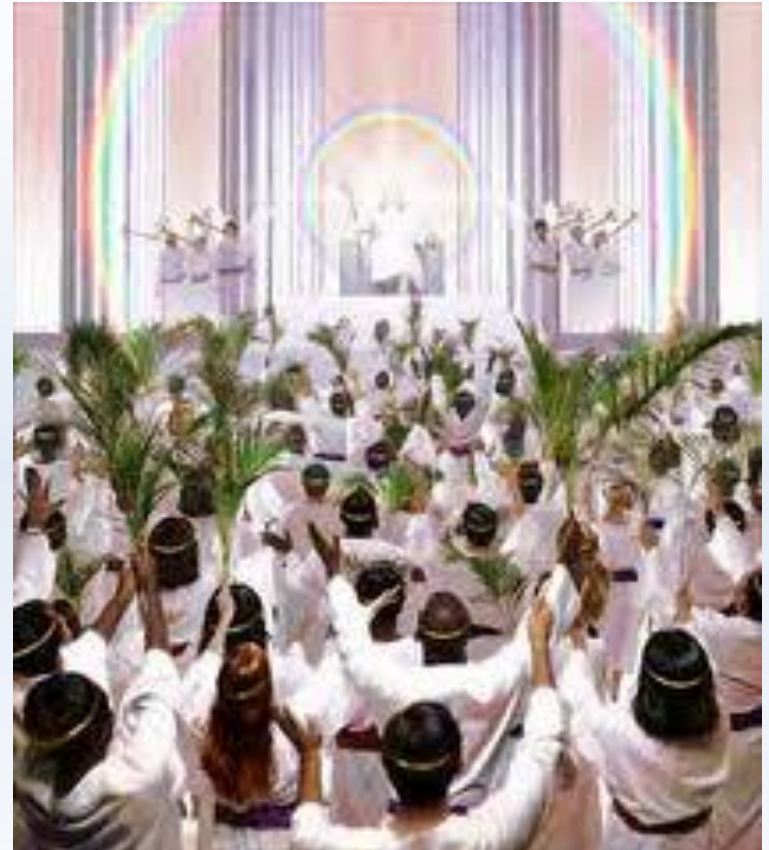
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**Because the mighty acts of God's judgment upon the unbelieving world, the devil, and his demons have been completed. God's martyred and persecuted saints are now vindicated at the very moment that God rightly takes back all that Satan has usurped and corrupted. Not only is this a great triumph for our Lord, but also for all His saints!**

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**Who or what are the great voices? They are not identified; although the context of God's reign over and through His saints points to the saints as the "great voices" of verse 15.**



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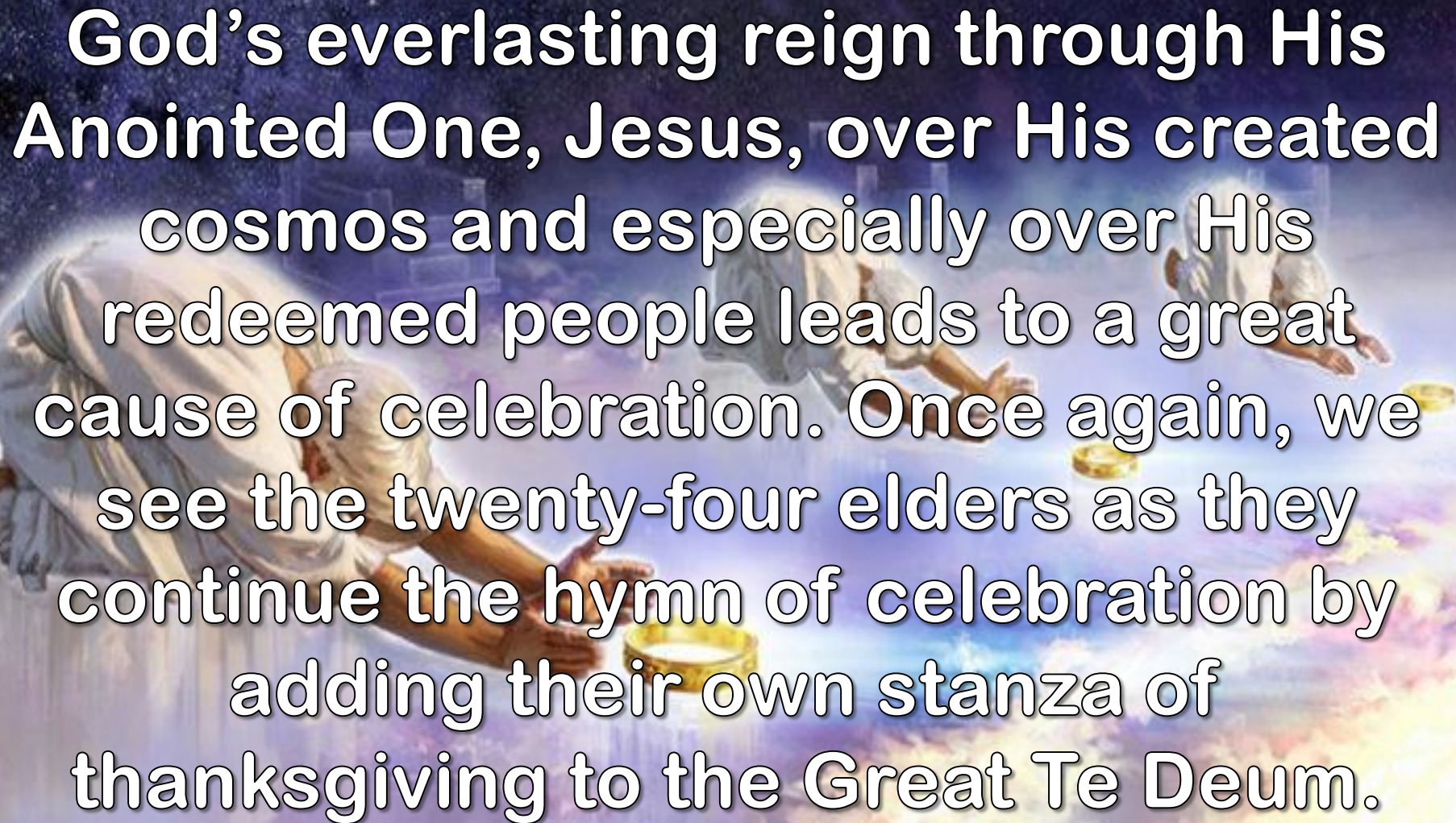
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***“...the kingdom of the cosmos...”*** – The Greek word (κόσμος) can refer to the universe or any part of it, though most frequently, the earth! This word appears three times in Revelation (here, 13:7; and 17:8) and each time the context is the earth and God’s redemptive work in the world. Here, God is taking back the world, which He created, and which Satan usurped. We will fully expound on this mighty act of God in Revelation 21:1.



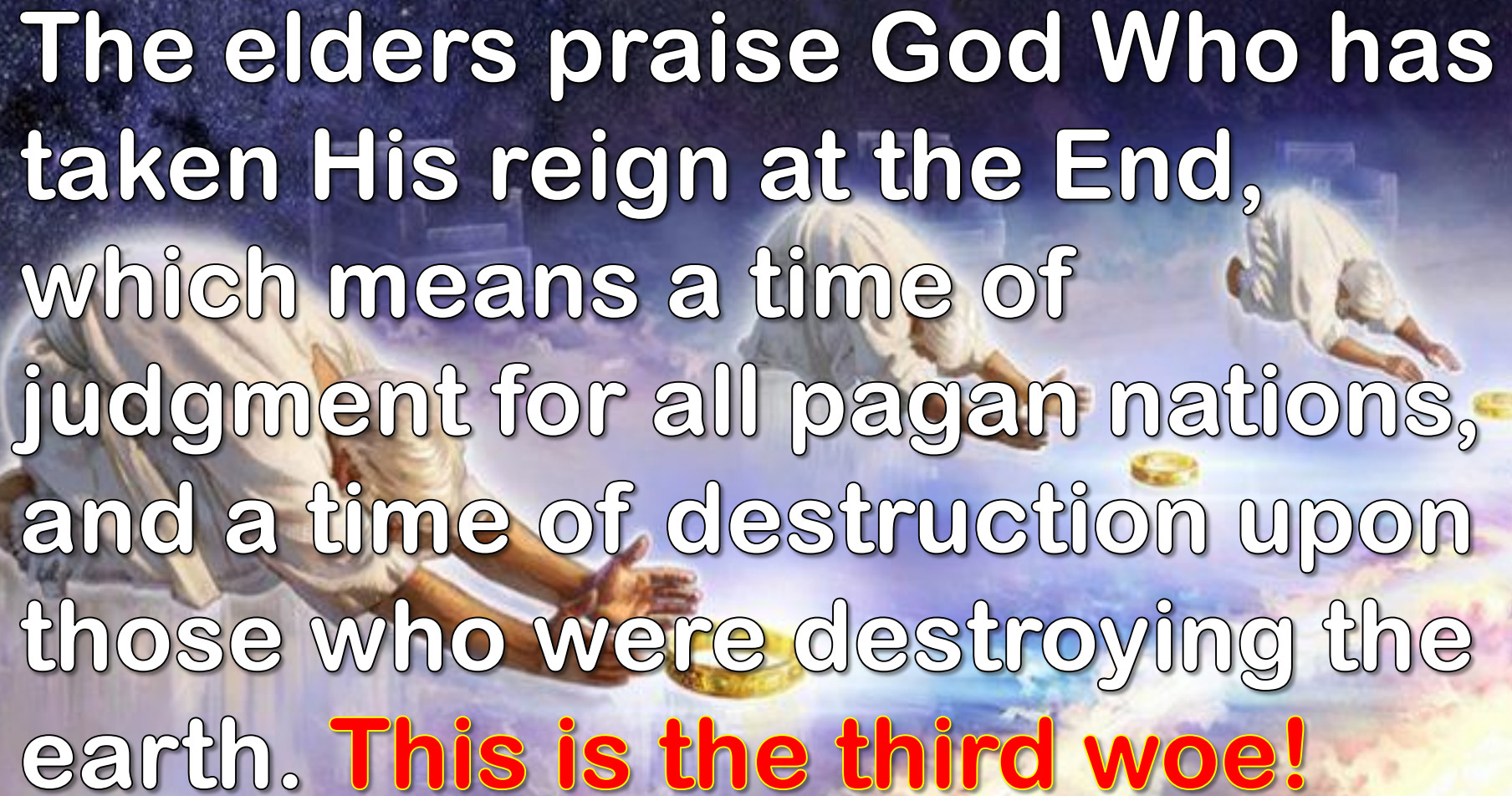
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God's everlasting reign through His Anointed One, Jesus, over His created cosmos and especially over His redeemed people leads to a great cause of celebration. Once again, we see the twenty-four elders as they continue the hymn of celebration by adding their own stanza of thanksgiving to the Great Te Deum.

An artistic illustration depicting twenty-four elders in white robes kneeling on a celestial, starry background. They are holding and offering golden vessels, likely chalices or censers, as part of a liturgical celebration. The scene is filled with light and a sense of divine glory.

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The elders praise God Who has taken His reign at the End, which means a time of judgment for all pagan nations, and a time of destruction upon those who were destroying the earth. **This is the third woe!**

The background of the slide features three figures in white robes, likely representing the elders mentioned in the text, who are prostrating in prayer. They are set against a celestial background with a blue and purple sky, a bright sun or star, and a rainbow. Several golden coins are scattered on the ground in the foreground.

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While all of God's saints will be celebrating and worship God, the unbelieving world will be suffering, for eternity, **their woe**, everlasting judgment (cf. 2 Thess. 1:6, 7).

The pagan nations were seen as destroying the earth due to their "uncleanness." All who helped Satan poison society were of a corrupted mind (1 Tim. 6:5), and their true character would be recognized and judged by the righteousness of God.

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The seething anger that unbeliever have toward God will suddenly be turned to terrified fear as God's wrath will overwhelm them and the Lord takes back His kingdom, then the *“dead will be judged”* the *“dead”* in this sense are those who are physically and spiritually dead!



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After all is made ready for the judgment; the appearance of the heavenly temple will appear and be opened in the plain view of all. You, His dear saints, will then see God in all His majestic glory; face-to-face (1 Jn 3:2), and you'll not die!

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Also making an appearance will be the Ark of the Covenant, which we know from the OT, was the symbol of God's covenantal presence with His people. Thusly, the promise of God's saving mercy, as represented by the ark, has come to its full and glorious conclusion before His heavenly presence. A complete discussion of this ark can be rendered as we read and understand Hebrews 9:3-28.

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