VI. The Proclamation of the Kingdom

"The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.'" (Rev. 11:15)

The proclamation in Revelation 11:15 is what God's people have been anticipated for thousands of years — the proclamation of victory of the Kingdom counterattack! The theme is the Kingdom, including Christ's (The Millennium) and God's (The Eternal Kingdom)!

This proclamation signals the restoration of the rule of nations from the hands of the usurper Satan to the hands of Christ, the rightful owner. This is an important declaration! Yet Satan's loss of control will not occur until the Second Coming of Christ and after the final battle on earth (Rev. 20:10).

The proclamation fulfilled the vision of Daniel (Dan. 2:31-45). The rock, which represents the Kingdom of God, will smash all human kingdoms and fill the whole world. God will finally reign forever and ever.

The proclamation also echoes the longing of Prophet Zechariah, "*The Lord will be King over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and His name the only name.*" (Zech. 14:9)

While in the world, Christ rejected Satan's offer of the kingdom of the world (Matt. 4:8-9). Now the time will have come. Having accomplished salvation, He will have received back His Kingdom legally, rightfully and ethically. Angels in heaven made this proclamation ahead of time as a *fait accompli*. They knew that these things would certainly be realized.

Paul said to the Corinthian church, "For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet...when He has done this, then the Son Himself will be made subject to Him who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all." (I Corin. 15:25-28)