

REVELATION



Let's Talk

Take a few minutes to review what we've learned so far: 1) The end times began at Jesus' resurrection. 2) We are living in the time of the four horsemen. 3) The seals are being broken and trumpets sounded. 4) Things are not getting better; small 't' tribulation is growing to capital 'T' tribulation. 5) Revelation 10 reminds us of the urgent call to share the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

As you think back about our studies in the book of Revelation, what has surprised you the most, and/or challenged you the most?

Let's Study

1. According to the sermon, what were a couple of reasons we were given the book of Revelation? (*Hints: see below.*)
 - What lessons were given to the seven churches? (Remember those lessons are for us today, too.)
 - How are we to handle persecution, the growing hostility towards us as the people of God?
2. **Read Revelation 11:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:16b; 1 Peter 2:5.** Who did Jon say the temple represents – is it the temple in Jerusalem, or the church between the first and second coming of Jesus? Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
3. **Read Revelation 11:3-4; Deuteronomy 19:15; 1 Peter 2:9.** What is the major Old Testament rule that the Deuteronomy passage refers to?
 - Often the two witnesses are thought to be Moses and Elijah. Look again at the 1 Peter passage; according to these verses, who do you think the two witnesses represent?
4. **Read Revelation 11:5-6; 2 Corinthians 2:15-16; Acts 9:3-5.** The result of the attack on the two witnesses is death.
 - What does Paul say in the 2 Corinthians passage about the message of the gospel?
 - What does the passage in Acts tell us about who is really being persecuted?

Let's Study (cont'd)

Read Revelation 11:7-19. What is the beast a symbol for in the book of Revelation?

- The phrase “people from every tribe, language, and nation” is used in a couple of different contexts in these passages. When it is all narrowed down, there are only two communities – to whom do you think they belong?
- Describe resurrection, vindication and judgment as seen in Revelation 11:11-19.

Let's Apply

Now that we've learned that there are other witnesses besides Moses and Elijah – how can we, the church, stand in the gap for the world?

Pastor Jon talked about us living in the “in-between” or “middle” when all these things are happening around us: the pandemic, persecution, wars, natural disasters, etc. How do we live as Christians in the midst of this?

Let's Pray

Dear Father, hear our prayer. Holy Spirit, come.

Lord, in these turbulent times it is comforting to know that this is not new and there have been many similar times before us. God, we are thankful that in all these situations You are with us. While suffering and persecution will be present, we have You to walk beside us.

We are thankful for the book of Revelation as it reminds us of the urgent call to share the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and the hope of salvation and eternal life. Amen.

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