

## Revelation 11 – 25 April 2019

Purging of the Purchased Possession:

Preparing the Soil for Christ's Arrival

### Introduction –

Chapter 10-14 is the parenthesis between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgement.

Remember the parenthesis between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Seal was about people (144,000 & Trib Saints)...same here.

Chapter 10 – John and the Word

Chapter 11 – The Two Witnesses and the Temple

Chapter 12 – Israel and the Dragon

Chapter 13 – The Anti-Christ & the False Prophet

Chapter 14 – 144,000 and the everlasting gospel

**Today, we'll see a three-step process God takes to come into someone's life.**

## Read Chapter 11 Vs 1-2

### 1. The Tribulation Temple

#### a. History of the Temple Mount

##### i. Israeli History

1. David conquered the city circa 1000 BC (II Sam 5)

2. Give the history up til 70 AD.

3. Back and forth for centuries

a. Desolate: Mark Twain book

##### ii. Jerusalem Mosque sacred to Muslims?

1. Mecca –The Sacred Mosque –  
“Abraham” established this mosque.

2. Medina –The Mosque of the prophet  
– Over top where Mohammed’s house  
was.

3. Surah 17:1 – “Mohammed took  
journey to “farthest Mosque” where he  
ascended to heaven.

4. Islam says it’s Jerusalem but can’t be.

### iii. Further explanation

1. Mohammed died after a night journey (632 AD)
2. Muslims first conquered Jerusalem in 638 AD
3. No mosques in Jerusalem until the Dome of the Rock built in 691 AD.
4. Then how did Jerusalem begin to be 'special' to Muslims?
  - a. In 1917, Arafat's uncle, Amin Al-Husayni, FIRST declared that the D of the R was "Farthest Mosque".
    - i. Why? B/c Gen Allenby's British were kicking out the Muslims.
5. Muslims try to explain this away by saying; there was originally a Mosque of David.
  - a. This only causes further problems b/c they don't want Israel to have any rights to the land.

- b. Text of verses 1-2
  - i. Rebuilding Temple today
    - 1. Temple Mount Faithful Movement trying to rebuild today.
    - 2. Temple Institute is making implements for use of pure gold.
    - 3. Traditional View of temple placement at D of the R.
    - 4. Northern Conjecture - Asher Kauffman's group thinks temple should be just north of D of the R so to be shared w/ Muslims.
    - 5. Problems w/ Traditional & Northern based on Jewish writings & Josephus.
      - a. Agrippa could view the Azarah
      - b. Romans could surveil the Azarah
      - c. Water aqueduct couldn't have fed Traditional view, too high.
    - 6. Tuvia Sagiv's Research
      - a. Notices the centerline

- b. Romans sacked Jerusalem in 135AD, built Temple to Jupiter.
  - i. Statue over Holy of Holies.
- c. There is a Temple to Jupiter at Baalbek that can be studied.

7. Recap at 3 views.

ii. Anti-Christ and the Temple

- 1. He'll make arrangements to rebuild.
- 2. 7 yr treaty; break in middle. (Dan 9:27)
- 3. He'll sit it in as God (II Thes 2:3-4)
- 4. Jesus said; when Israel sees this to flee into the wilderness. (Matt 24:15)

iii. Ezekiel's Temple (Eze 40-48)

- 1. Talks about an outer court (40:17)
- 2. Talks about a wall (42:20)

2. God used the temple as a focus point, to focus Israel on the Lord and His holiness.

3. **1<sup>st</sup> step God takes to come into someone's life is that He prepares the place/soil.**

a. The Temple

- i. There will be a temple rebuilt by the beginning of the Tribulation.
- ii. God has used many easy and hard things to cause the Israelites to want to come back to Him, to focus on Him and His holiness.
  1. Easy – Have your own land without working for it.
  2. Hard – Getting rid of the idol-worshipping foreigners.
- b. The soil of the heart
  - i. For someone to be saved, God has to prepare the temple of their life to be holy.
  - ii. Rich young ruler wasn't satisfied with all that he had acquired.
    1. Easy – He has lots of money.
    2. Hard – He has lots of responsibility.
  - iii. Woman at the well wasn't satisfied with 'adult relationships'.
    1. Easy – She has lots of freedom.
    2. Hard – She has lots of heartache.

iv. *What did God do in your life to prepare you to accept Him?*

## Chapter 11 Vs 3-13

### 1. Read Vs 3

- a. They'll witness to Israel. Church age done.
- b. They're here for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Trib.
- c. Other examples of "two witnesses".
  - i. Joshua's two spies – what did they do besides get Rahab saved?
  - ii. Transfiguration, Resurrection, Ascension.
  - iii. Purpose of two – In the mouth of 2 or 3 is a thing established.
  - iv. Notice at tomb/ascension: 2 men not angels.

### 2. Read 4-5

- a. In face of great obstacles, they prophecy.  
(Zec 4:10 – Don't despise days of small things)
- b. They're powered by the H.S. (Zec 4:6 –  
Not by might, nor by power, but by My.....)

### 3. Read Vs 6

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> one's identity is Elijah
  - i. Read Mal 4:5
  - ii. Elijah called down fire fm heaven like vs 5.
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> one's identity
  - i. Could be Moses
    - 1. Turned water to blood
    - 2. Moses & Elijah; Mount of Transfiguration in Matt 17.
  - ii. Could be Enoch
    - 1. Appointed once to die (Heb 9:27)
- 4. Read Vs 7 – We have a set time.
- 5. Read Vs 8-10 – This was prophesied before cable/internet.
- 6. Read 11-13 – Men were changed b/c of them!!!
  - a. After the 6 Trumpet Judgements, men didn't repent.
  - b. After hearing God's Word; men acknowledge God!



**2<sup>nd</sup> step God takes to come into someone's life is that He brings powerful prophesiers.**

1. Blade of the plow went into the rich young ruler saying, "sell everything".
  - a. How will he react?
  - b. Is the soil moldable or rocky?
2. Blade of the plow went into the woman at the well saying, "men won't satisfy you".
  - a. How will she react?
  - b. Is the soil moldable or weedy?
3. *Who did the Lord use to speak His Word into your life?*

## Chapter 11 Vs 14-19

1. Read Vs 14-17
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Woe was the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet
  - b. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet is now introducing the next phase is coming.
  - c. The end is close enough to now proclaim!
2. Read Vs 18-19

- a. Veil in earthly temple ripping when Jesus died is a picture of the true Ark in Heaven being seen just after judgement is meted out.
  - i. Judgement on Jesus, now people have access to God in them (H.S.)
  - ii. Judgement on the earth (Rev), now earth has access to God's presence in it.
- b. The picture is that God is now standing up, preparing to come to the earth!!
  - i. Read Psalm 2
  - ii. Read Psalm 19:1-5
  - iii. Read Joel 2:15-18

**3<sup>rd</sup> step God takes to come into someone's life is that He Himself comes (not a substitute).**

1. Jesus offer to the Rich, young Ruler was to “come and follow [Him]”.
2. Jesus offer to the woman at the well was that “the Father seeketh those to worship Him in Spirit and in truth”.
3. Christianity isn't to know the prophets or to know the law.
  - a. It's to know God in the face of Jesus Christ!
4. The offer to us all is to know what He is like and continually learn more of Him.

## Conclusion –

**Today, as we've looked at:**

1. The Tribulation Temple
2. The Two Witnesses
3. The Ark being Revealed in heaven

**We've seen a three-step process God takes to come into someone's life:**

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**Song:**

**Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call, lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, out of Zion's hill salvation comes!**