

The Book of Revelation

Class 6

Revelation 7 - 11

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Two Visions and Seven Trumpets

Introduction

Acts 1:6-11

- Focus on the opportunity, and
- The empowerment for that opportunity and responsibility to be witnesses

Matt. 24:3-8

I. Two visions of the followers of Christ (7:1-17)

A. The purposes of the interlude

1. The calamities inflicted by the wrath of the lamb on rebellious humanity cannot sever us from God's protective care.
2. The interlude creates suspense.

B. Some important details of the two visions

1. The first vision emphasizes the Israelite history of the church (7:1-4).
2. The second vision emphasizes the international character of the church (7:9-10).
3. Only those who have the Lamb's seal of ownership can withstand the Lamb's wrath.
4. The first vision emphasizes an ordered people in battle formation braced for war.
5. The second vision emphasizes a countless, international crowd celebrating.

II. Seventh Seal (8:1)

III. Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)

A. Opening scene (8:2-5)

1. The Shadow
2. The Reality

B. Six Trumpets

1. The purpose of the trumpets.
2. Points to note about the first four calamities they warn of.
3. Points to note about the next two calamities.

C. The promise for the church (10:1-11:14)

1. Confirmation of the message (10:1-11).
2. Confirmation of the witnesses (11:1-14).
 - a. The Temple measured (11:1-2)
 - b. The two witnesses (11:3-13)
 1. Their identity: the church
 - Fits the parallel interlude between 6th and 7th seal
 - Fits the immediate context of the beast making war against the church
 - Fits the time frame
 2. Their importance

D. The Seventh Trumpet (11:15-19)

Conclusion

1. Witness. Focus on the opportunity. Focus on the responsibility.
2. Rest. God will protect us spiritually.
3. Rejoice. God will snatch the victory out of the jaws of defeat.
4. Repent. Judgment will come on sin.