

## A SERIES THROUGH THE REVELATION

### Revelation 11—The Kingdom of the World has Become the Kingdom of Our Lord and of His Christ | 6.16.22

#### I. Introduction (Revelation 11)

- a. Precursor: The Revelation of Jesus Christ is filled with glorious mystery... Why? Because none of us have ever seen anything like it and never will again.
  - i. That is why John is constantly saying things are “like” this or that.
- b. Therefore, many of things we will not know fully until they have happened. However, while we may not be certain of the details, we can be certain of what the result is!
- c. We now need to recall where we are in the revelation.
  - i. Starting in chapter 6 we see the Lamb beginning to open the 7 seals on the scroll.
  - ii. They progress from 7 seals to 7 trumpets then to 7 bowls for a total of 21 heavenly judgments.
- d. Here we need to pause and note that while these show us the justice of God, they also show us His great Mercy!
  - i. These trumpets are warnings. God is giving the wicked a precursor of where all of this is headed.
- e. Three things to keep in mind from Chapter 10:
  - i. **Revelation 10:4** “And when the seven thunders had sounded I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.”
  - ii. **Revelation 10:6-7** “There would be no more delay, but that the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”
  - iii. **Eat the scroll, both the bitter and the sweet and then prophesy!**
- f. The start of 11 is parenthetical or essentially going back and seeing another angle of the plot that has been going on since the beginning of the great tribulation. Before the story continues and we hear the seventh trumpet.

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#### II. Measuring the Temple (Revelation 11:1-2)

- a. John is to measure the temple but not its dimensions... but its worship.
  - i. I believe this last days temple will be built by mosaic Jews looking to resurrect the mosaic economy.

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- b. This is who we are called to proclaim the true messiah to! Jews living without Christ being persecuted that have finally gotten back what they think they have been missing!
  - i. And we are to preach the Gospel to them... not the one they want... but the one they need.
- c. Friends this kind of Spiritual measurement is what we all need, and it is what will be done at the end of the age before the final trumpet is blown.
  - i. Mike Bickle often says “Shock me know not then!”
- d. This trampling and trading we see in verse 3 is the level of persecution and hatred the nations will have against the Jewish people as well as all of those who have not taken the mark of the beast and his lordship over their lives.

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### III. The Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:3-10)

- a. **Revelation 11:3-4** *“I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.”*
  - i. We do not know who these two witnesses are. But what we do know is that through the whole of the great tribulation we will have the church... believers preaching and prophesying God’s word!
    - 1. Doing the very work spoken of to John. To eat the scroll and then to proclaim it!
    - 2. The 3.5 year time frame is given to us for 4 things in the revelation which I believe are all happening simultaneously.
      - a. It’s the time of the oppression of the holy city (**Rev. 11:2**)
      - b. Of the mission of the 2 witnesses (**Rev. 11:3**)
      - c. The time of the preservation of the women in the wilderness (**Rev. 12:6**)
      - d. And the time the beast is allowed to exercise his authority (**13:5**)
  - ii. It is possible that there is more than two people... They are described as lampstands just as the seven churches were.

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1. The beautiful image of the lampstands that are plugged into the olive tree comes from Zechariah 4:1-3.
- b. We also see that they are given power to call down plagues similar to Moses during the exodus from Egypt.
- c. The beast (Antichrist) kills the two witnesses, and sickeningly the people on the earth celebrate!
  - i. Why?
    1. Because they hate the message and the messenger!
  - ii. They are put on display for three and a half days while the celebration and gift giving continues. Because they had been a torment for those that lived on the earth.
  - iii. They are killed in Jerusalem.
    1. It is called Sodom as it is rampant with sexual immorality.
    2. And Egypt because it is a place of oppression for God's people.

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#### IV. "Come up her!" (Revelation 11:11-14)

- a. As the breath of God enters them and they stand up fear fell on the people.
  - i. Can you imagine! You were just celebrating that they are finally gone... and now they are alive again!
- b. **Revelation 11:12** *"Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, 'Come up here!' and they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them."*
  - i. This is such a similar path that Jesus took!
    1. Ministering for roughly three years.
    2. Hated by the people because they do not want to be saved from their sin and accept someone other than themselves as God.
    3. Killed for no wrongdoing.
    4. Humiliated and put on display.
    5. Raised up on the third.
    6. And ascending into heaven.
  - ii. Friends if we endure the sufferings of Christ, we will also receive the rewards of Christ!!

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- c. I believe this earthquake is simply an aftershock, a groining of earth of the sons of man to rule rightly again. I ripple from that might voice calling “Come up here!”
    - i. This is not judgment, it is residual impact!
  - d. Revelation 11:13 “The rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.”
    - i. There is a lot of debate around this but here is what I know for certain.
      - 1. This the first time we see any sign of repentance... people turning to God and giving glory so at minimum it is a crackk in the hard heart of mankind.
    - ii. What this is not is universal salvation.
    - iii. I believe this is a great conversion specifically of many Jews that are witnessing these things.
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#### V. “The Kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.” (Revelation 11:15-19)

- a. The Seventh trumpet is long victory blast, not a warning like the others but the sound of the “all clear”.
- b. “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”
  - i. This is announcing that the Lord is taking over and replacing all the governments of the earth.
- c. The response of the elders is how we all should respond... Fall on our faces and worship!
  - i. From them we clearly see 4 things.
    - 1. The nations are raging that God has taken the reigns of the earth.
    - 2. The time for the wicked dead to be judged.
    - 3. For rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great.
    - 4. Destroying the destroyers of the earth.
- d. This is when the “rapture” will actually take place!
  - i. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:51-52 “Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an**

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**eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.**

1. Revelation 10:6-7 **“There would be no more delay, but that the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”**
- ii. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18
- iii. Mathew 24:29-31
- e. Some believe that this trumpet blast may last days for all eyes to see Jesus in the air with the dead that have been raised and the raptured saints.
  - i. Revelation 1:7 **“Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen”**
  - ii. For us what a glorious reunion this will be.
- f. Friends there will come a day when all the hardships of the earth will be like a bad dream! And we shall be worshiping in full beholding of God!
  - i. It is through tribulation that we enter Glory! It is through the crown of thorns that we receive the crown of glory!

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