

***The book of Revelation gives us a divine outline of the things to come... the History of the Future ...today we will examine the seven trumpets given to the seven angels before the throne of God... **First four trumpet blasts introduce devastations of nature that one third of the earth, sea and fresh water is destroyed or contaminated with the accompanying loss of animal and human life....** the next three trumpets reveals what takes next **these target men rather than natural systems.** God allows the unbelieving world to see and experience the real the nature of demons ...and their intent... It is a divine command which prevents them from stinging their victims to death...

- *They will will want to die but cant...even if they try. The pain of the locusts is so intense that their continual desire will be to find release through death. But they will not find relief because death will flee ...Why?*

God ultimately desires to keep these people alive so that they have the opportunity to repent and turn to Him:

- At this point chronologically we are approximately half way through the seven year tribulation...

The Spirit of God gives us in Chapters 10 and most of Chapter 11 an intermission, between the judgments of the sixth and seventh trumpets. **This interlude also shows mercy in allowing more opportunity for repentance. It is as if God brought things to the brink, then pulled back a little to grant mankind more time to repent ...**

ESV REV 10:1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. ² He had a

little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, ³ and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring ³ and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. 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."

- **Another mighty angel like the ones who blew the first six trumpets.. He set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land: The angel's stance shows that he had the command authority over both land and sea. complete authority over the entire earthly situation as it is under his feet"**
- **To the roar of this Angel, seven great peals of thunder reply. Thunder is always a symbol of the judgment of God, so it is something to do with judgment.**
- **John was about to write it down what he heard, when another voice that said, "Do not write it, but seal it up."**
- **The only part of Revelation which still remains sealed. I do not know why it was sealed. . He simply obeyed**
- **God has a habit of not revealing everything.... Why? Keeps the enemy off balance...keeps us in faith...**
- **Among many other places, Moses, Daniel, Ezekiel and the other prophets God freely acknowledges that life today is full of mysteries; but it will not always be so. A day will come when all questions of this age will be answered.**

Then the Angel proclaims his mission and what is about to happen, he swears by him who gave the mission to him.

⁵ And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, **that there would be no more delay,**

- **The mighty angel gave a solemn oath declaring that the end is irrevocably set in motion,** that there should be delay no longer. The end of the Tribulation is in sight...
- **When Jesus will come and begin to reign.**

The Apostle John is also given a new assignment at this point.

ESV Rev 10:8 Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” ⁹ So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, “Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” ¹⁰ And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹ And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

- **John is commanded to take the little book from the *mighty angel* and actually eat it.**
- **This book is both sweet and bitter,** and suggests the soul is fed on the Word of God.”
- **In [Ezekiel 3:1-3](#),** the prophet was also commanded to eat a scroll, the revelation of God to Israel then share it with the people...
- **John moves from observer to participant...**

- *ESV REV 11: Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ² but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.*
- **It is clear that this is an earthly temple in Jerusalem.** The last earthly temple was destroyed when General Titus, the son of the Emperor Vespasian, came in 70 A. D. and surrounded the city
- When the Romans broke through the defenses of the Jews they completely demolished the temple. **There has never been a temple there since. Only the western wall still survives.**
- At the moment there are two buildings on that mountain top (Mt. Moriah). **One is the Islamic Al-Aksa mosque, and the other, the most prominently visible building, is called the Dome of the Rock.**
- **According to this passage, there will be some non-Jewish control allowed for part of the temple mount for 42 months/ 3-1/2 years, as he is told to exclude measuring the outer court**
- **So there appears to be a restored Jewish temple on the top of Mount Moriah.**
- **Right now, several Jewish organizations in the Holy Land mainly the Temple Institute.. who are dedicated to an almost fanatical degree to reconstruct the temple.**
- **They are, for instance, training a great host of young men to be priests in that temple. They are teaching them the ancient rituals and are preparing priestly garments for them to wear. I have seen some of these garments with my own eyes. They are getting ready, in other words, to put a functioning temple back on the holy mount.**

- **In the prophecies of Ezekiel and Zechariah, and even later on in Revelation, there are instances of measuring that occur. It is, of course, a sign of God's ownership. He is claiming the measured object as his to use, either for blessing or for judgment. That is the way we use measurement today. If you have a dispute with your neighbor over a property line, what do you do? You hire a surveyor who measures the property and establishes the boundaries. So here God has given the prophet a measuring rod with**
- This is why the eyes of the world are constantly focused upon the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. These two verses mark the fact that God himself is focusing upon that.

From Verse 3 through Verse 14 we zoom in for a close view of two important people who move in almost totally unannounced:

The great Angel says, Rev 11:³ *And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.* ⁴ *These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.* ⁵ *And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed.* ⁶ *They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire.* ⁷ *And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them,* ⁸ *and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.*

- ***They will give testimony exercise great power ...3 1/2 years...***

- **And will be murdered and in three days rise and ascend to heaven**

⁹ For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, ¹⁰ and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 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.

- **As soon as that happens...the third woe and last trumpet blast takes place...**

¹⁴ The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come. ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. ¹⁸ The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

**Chapter 12 is the explanation and a look back in the to the one who is opposed to that plan of God the destroyer of the earth..
...Satan and Jesus plan to restore and make it bountiful**

John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

- and closes with the dragon ...Satan losing his battle of rebellion first in heaven and losing his access there...at the midpoint of the great tribulation...and being limited to the earthly domain... while heaven rejoices ...the battles turns to the earth with the greatest intensity...
- where he will continue his attack on the woman (Israel) and her offspring Jewish believers their nation and on those Gentiles who believe...

ESV Rev 12:7 **Now** war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

- **Heaven rejoices..watch out world**

ESV REV 12:12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, **because he knows that his time is short!**¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place *where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.*

- God's future miraculous of God ... echoes two OT passages that describe God's protection of Israel during the Exodus...God literally protecting them....:

****Ex 19:3....Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.*

****And Deut 32:11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions...*

- ***As they flee during this time... this time... the dragon turns his attention to every other believer***

*Rev 12:¹⁷ **Then** the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.*

1. This is the preview of who the Dragon is and what the dragon is is up too.... to destroy the woman...Israel...he wants to exterminate them...and all God’s people...

Satan knows he has a short time...he is well aware of Scripture....and the 70th week of Daniel...

As we move to chapters 13 we see get introduced to how he is going to **do oppose the plan of God to restore his planet unto himself ...**

Next week ...In Revelation 13 we are introduced to The beast and the false prophet under the control of Satan... and the one world government and religion which will be instituted in the last half of the seven year Tribulation....This one world government is terrifying and powerful;

*ESVREV 13:7 Also **it** was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship*

it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear: ¹⁰ Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

They like us must learn to wait as their salvation draws near...and this is how to wait...

ESV Romans13: ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime....

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