

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 4/25-26/2022 *Revelation Chapter 11*

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OPENING PRAYER

Revelation Chapter 11 – The Temple – (vs. 1-2); The Two Witnesses – (vs. 3-6); The Witnesses Killed - (vs. 7-10); The Witnesses Resurrected - (vs. 11-14); Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed! - (vs. 15-19).

- Jerusalem is the place. The first half of the 70th week of Daniel is the time. Israel has a restored Temple. John is to prophesy again concerning many people, nations, tongues and kings. We will note the distinction between the Jews and the Gentiles. This chapter begins on earth but ends in heaven.

The Temple – (vs. 1-2)

Rev 11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring reed. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God (the temple itself, not the temple area as a whole), the altar, and those who worship there (the Jews).

(2Th 2:4) who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

- **Then I was given a reed like a measuring reed.** A reed was a measuring stick. It was about nine feet long. A reed was six cubits; a cubit, the distance between your elbow and your middle finger, being about 17 to 18 inches. Six cubits made up a reed. They would take these straight bamboo sticks, cutting them at the six cubits, which made the measuring reeds, nine feet. They were used much like our measuring tapes today. But they were just the sticks, and they would lay them out. They did not have the Stanley measuring tapes in those days. They made do with what they had.
- **And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.** The temple is to be rebuilt in Jerusalem. In the ninth chapter of the Book of Daniel, he prophesied that from the time the commandment would go forth to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah, the Prince, would be 69 weeks of years, or 483 years. But the angel had told Daniel there were seventy sevens that were determined upon the nation of Israel. Sixty-nine sevens were fulfilled from the time the commandment went forth to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah, the Prince. There is one seven-year period that was not fulfilled. It is yet future. Jesus made mention of this in the prophesies concerning His return, *(Mar 13:14) "So when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.* Jesus was talking to the disciples about the signs of His coming and the end of the age. It is still yet future, the seventieth week of Daniel. There has been an interval of time between the end of the 69-week when he said the Messiah would be cut off, the people would be dispersed. And that is exactly what happened. Jesus was cut off! He did not receive the kingdom. The people were dispersed. We have now a time gap, which is known as the Times of the Gentiles. It is the time in which God has opened the door of salvation to the Gentiles, and the main thrust of the Spirit is among the gentile nations today. But the times of the Gentiles are about fulfilled. God has a seven-year covenant yet to complete with the nation of Israel.
- **In the end of Daniel, chapter 9, he talks about the prince of the people that shall come,** the Antichrist, the beast, the man of sin. He will make a covenant with the nation of Israel for the one-week, or the seven-year period. But in the middle of that week, he will break the covenant, coming into the temple that has been built. He will stand in the holy of holies! He will proclaim that he is God! He will demand that they worship him as God. That will occur in the middle of the final seven-year period.
- **Now this man of sin cannot be revealed until the church is taken out** of the way. So, looking at the sequence of events, when the Lord raptures the church, which is the hindering force that is keeping him from taking over the world right now. When the church is removed, then the man of sin comes on the scene. He will rise up out of the European community. He will begin to gain power over the whole earth. He will be a man of just phenomenal powers, as he is able to demonstrate all of the powers of darkness.
- **During his time there will be, of course, at the beginning a great period of prosperity.** He will be able to bring solutions to problems that seemed to be insolvable. The problem of the nation of Israel's existence with the Arab neighbors, the Moslems. The problem of the desire of the Jews to rebuild their temple but the fact that the Moslems have declared the Temple Mount, a holy site to the Moslems and have built the Al Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock monuments on the Temple Mount. But the man of sin, the Antichrist, will make a covenant with the nation of Israel. No doubt in that covenant he will bring the solution to the problem of the Jews rebuilding their temple. They would not think of rebuilding their temple anywhere but the Temple Mount. How can that problem be resolved? It seems impossible today, yet the Bible tells us exactly what is going to happen. And he makes the covenant with the nation of Israel. No doubt, according to *(Eze 42:20) He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, five hundred cubits long and five hundred wide, to separate the holy areas from the common.* He speaks of the wall that is built. It is to separate, it says, the Holy Place from the profane.
- **Possibly, he will offer the solution that just north of the Dome of the Rock mosque,** of putting up a wall of separation that will separate the southern portion of the Temple Mount area, giving the Jews the northern area of the Temple Mount area to build their temple. Actually, the Moslem Dome of the Rock is about the middle of the Temple Mount, and of course, the Al Aqsa is on the southern end of the Temple Mount area.

- **That leaves a large area of about twelve acres, north of the Dome of the Rock mount**, which is plenty of room to rebuild the temple on which many scholars believe is the original temple site. Right now, on that northern portion is a little cupola, which is called the Dome of the Spirits, also known as the Dome of the Tablets. It is built over a flat bedrock area. Many believe that is where the holy of holies, existed in the temple of Solomon, as well as the temple that was rebuilt by the Jews and completed by Herod, the great. It is directly in from the east gate of the old wall. It lines up with where the temple once stood. That is in the area that is north. It is about 322 feet north of the Dome of the Rock mosque. They could rebuild their temple there.
- **The only thing, there would not be room for the outer court.** Now, you actually had the outer court of the temple where the Gentiles could come. It was known as the court of the Gentiles. Within that was the court of the women. The Gentiles were not allowed to go beyond the court of the Gentiles. There was a railing held up by supporting posts, separating the next court, where only the Jews could come. It was called the court of the women. Within that was the court of the men, and the women could not come into that. Within that was the Holy Place where only the priests could go. And of course, within the Holy Place was the holy of holies where only the high priest could go. If the temple were to be rebuilt on this site, the Dome of the Rock would stand in what would be the outer court.

Rev 11:2 But leave out (throw out, cast out) **the court which is outside the temple** (referred to as the third temple. This is not the millennial temple), **and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city** (Jerusalem, no other city so designated) **underfoot for forty-two months** (half of the seventieth week of years, *Dan 9:27, Rev 12:14*).

- **John is commanded to leave out the outer court.** It is interesting that the Lord tells John not to measure the outer court. As mentioned, Ezekiel speaks of the wall to separate the Holy Place from the profane.

The Two Witnesses – (vs. 3-6):

Rev 11:3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days clothed in sackcloth." (The context and circumstances cause this like to occur during the first half of the seventieth week of years, *Dan 9:27, Rev 12:14*)

- **The prophecies in the Bible are predicated on the Babylonian calendar** which was a 360-day year calendar. The prophecies are in accord with the Babylonian calendar; so, three-and-a-half years would be 1,260 days on the Babylonian calendar. These two witnesses prophesy for 1,260 days clothed in sackcloth, the time that Jerusalem is given over to the Gentiles.

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

(*Zec 4:3, 11*) *Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.*"[11] *Then I answered and said to him, "What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?" "*

- **This takes us back to the book of Zachariah when the Jews came back** to rebuild the temple. Two of the leaders were Zerubbabel and Joshua, the priest. They were leading the people in the rebuilding of the temple. There was great discouragement because the walls of the city were still in rubble, and as they would build at night, the enemies would come in and tear down what they were building. It was a very demoralizing experience. The rubble was so great from the temple of Solomon, which was a huge edifice. When the Babylonians destroyed it, it was such a huge pile of rubble that with the people that they had, it just seemed like it was a mountain of rubble, that they would never be able to put the temple together again.
- **There was the dream that Zachariah had.** It was a dream of sort of a contraption, having the lampstand with the Holy Place bowls that were daily filled with oil by the priests in order that there might be light within the Holy Place. He saw these olive trees and pipes were coming out of the olive trees and filling the cups automatically with oil, directly from the olive trees. It was sort of an interesting looking kind of a contraption. And the Lord said what are these? Zachariah did not know. This is the word of the Lord to Zachariah. (*Zec 4:5-7*) *Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."* [6] *So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. [7] 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall*

become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' This mountain of old temple rubble shall be moved. The temple will be built but not by the might or power of man but by the help of the Spirit of God. So, these are the two witnesses that stood before the earth. It is a reference to Zerubbabel and Joshua. These are the two olive trees, he said. That takes you back to that. But who are the two witnesses?

- **The Lord said in the very end of the Old Testament, in (Mal 4:5-6) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. [6] And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.** The promise that Elijah would return before the great Day of the Lord.
- **Now, the Jews today even to the present time** when they observe Passover over always set an extra place at the table, and it is for Elijah. They keep the door open, and they are hoping that this will be the year that Elijah comes to prepare the way for the Messiah. Elijah will no doubt be one of the two witnesses.
- **When John the Baptist came as the forerunner of Jesus**, the angel who announced to his father, Zacharias, that he was to have a son, told Zachariah that he would go in the Spirit and in the power of Elijah to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers. When John the Baptist began his ministry, they asked him who are you? Are you the Messiah? John said no. They said are you Elijah? And John said no. They said who are you then? John said I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare ye the ways of the Lord, make straight His paths. In other words, I am preparing for the King to come.
- **Later on, Jesus said to His disciples after the martyrdom, or the death, of John the Baptist** by Herod, Jesus said of all of the men born of women, there has not been a greater than John the Baptist. Yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he! The privileges that we have as the church, greater than any of the privileges that the Old Testament saints enjoyed!
- **The disciples said how is it then that the scriptures say that Elijah must come first?** Because he was considered one of the great men of the Old Testament. Jesus said Elijah shall come first. In other words, John the Baptist was already dead, but he predicted that Elijah would come first. But if you are able to receive it, this was Elijah, if you are able to grasp this. But He affirmed that Elijah would again come first before He would come back again.
- **Surely one of the two witnesses is Elijah.** John the Baptist came in the spirit and the power of Elijah. They were similar in character. They were rugged men. They were rough men. They were a man's man. A man of the outdoors--just really a man's man, tough, rugged, similar in nature, similar in spirit. They did not mince words. They told it straight. John the Baptist came in the Spirit and the power. When they said are you Elijah and he answered no, he was actually declaring I am not the fulfillment of Malachi 4. That is future, but I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the ways of the Lord. In a sense he was. In a sense he was not. That is what Jesus meant when He said, if you are able to receive this, this was Elijah of whom the prophet spoke, but it was not the complete fulfillment. That remains to when Elijah returns with another witness.
- **But who is the other witness?** If the Lord wanted us to know, he would have told us. But there has been a lot of speculation, and it is interesting to speculate as to who the other might be. A lot of people believe it will be Enoch for the reason that Enoch did not die, and the Bible says it is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment. And Enoch indeed was a prophet. Jude quotes from the prophesy of Enoch concerning the Lord's coming. So, Enoch makes a great candidate. Elijah and Enoch were two men of the Old Testament that did not die natural deaths, and thus he makes a good candidate. However, by this time the church will have been raptured, and thus as Paul said, I will tell you a mystery, not all are going to die but we are all going to be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. Therefore, it does not make Enoch exclusive in not dying because the whole church will have been raptured by this time.
- **Others have surmised that it will be Moses because it was Moses that appeared with Jesus** on the Mount of Transfiguration. And it seems like they are sort of buddies and many look at Moses as a possible second witness. That would be very interesting because in the Old Testament it is really divided between the law and the prophets. And when you think of the law, you think of Moses. In the minds of the Jews, he is representative of God's word to man. Thus, Moses makes a very likely candidate because you would have the law and the prophets who are coming. Elijah is sort of the head of the prophets, Moses, the head of the law. You have the great lawgiver, and you have Elijah the head of the prophets. And they would make a great combination to the Jew as the representatives of

the law and the prophets. Jesus, when He showed Himself to be the Messiah and how He would have to suffer, He went through the law, and He went through the prophets showing them all of the scriptures that referred to the suffering and the death of the Messiah. So, they would be great representatives, the representative of the law, the representative of the prophets coming to the people in these last days prior to the return of the Messiah.

- **There is another feature with Moses in that the two witnesses bring the plagues** upon the people. And, of course, it was through Moses that the plagues were brought upon the Egyptians. There are others who believe that it is John the Baptist. As I said, these two guys were similar in character they would make a powerful dynamic duo. You get the two together, and that would dynamite.
- **Others who believe that it could be Zechariah or Zerubbabel** because of the statement that these are the two witnesses than stand before the Lord before the whole earth. And going back to the Book of Zechariah. (**Zec 4:9, 14**) *"The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. [14] So he said, "These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."*
- **While others believe that it will be John the beloved, the writer of the Book of Revelation** because in the last verse of chapter ten, the Lord said to John, "You must prophesy again concerning many people and nations and tongues and kings." Those are the various people who are suggested, but again if God wanted us to know for certain He would have told us. You can take your pick. We really do not know.

Rev 11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

- **This takes us back to Elijah when the king had ordered a captain** with a hundred men to go and bring Elijah as a captive. When the man came to Elijah where he was sitting there in the hillside, he said oh, thou man of God, the king has sent me here to arrest you. He said, if I am a man of God, let fire come from heaven and consume you and your men. And fire came from heaven and consumed him with his men. The king sent out another captain with a hundred men and he said oh, man of God, the king has ordered me to arrest you. He said, if I am a man of God, let fire come from heaven and consume you and your men. And it did. The third fellow was sent out to bring him in, and he said have mercy upon me, I have a wife and children and they need me. I have been dispatched, but would you mind, please, you know? And Elijah went with him. But the calling down fire to consume the enemy. You have this identity with Elijah and his ministry in the Old Testament.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

- **These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy;** which is three-and-a-half years, 1,260 days. We remember that when Elijah was ministering, saying, "Let it not rain again until I say it. And God shut up the heavens during the time that Elijah was prophesying so that there came a tremendous drought during that time." James tells us (**Jas 5:17**) *Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.* He prayed again, and it did rain. Surely the finger points to Elijah as one of the two. The power to shut up heavens that it would not rain.
- **And they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.** One of the plagues of Egypt was the waters were turned to blood, the Nile River, and it began to smell. They have power as Moses with the plagues. That is one of the reasons why some people do believe that Moses is the other witness.

The Witnesses Killed - (vs. 7-10):

Rev 11:7 When they finish their testimony, the beast (first mention in Rev.) that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

- **When they have finished their testimony**, but notice, **until they have finished their testimony**, they are indestructible! God preserves them! I believe that God has a purpose for each of our lives. I believe as we are pursuing that purpose of God for our lives that God is going to watch over, protect, and keep us until we have completed God's purposes for our lives. Once we have completed God's purposes for our lives, I believe the Lord is going to take us home. Why would He want to leave us here on this rotten earth any longer than necessary to fulfill the purposes that He has for us? It is

interesting to me that until they had finished their witness, they were indestructible! But once their ministry was complete, then God gave power to the Antichrist, to the beast, who ascends out of the abusso, making war against the witnesses, overcoming them and killing them.

Rev 11:8 *And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified* (Jerusalem!)

- **And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom, which is a reference to Jerusalem in the Old Testament by several prophets.**
- **And Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified, which is to be thought of as the place of the flesh.** To make it perfectly clear, the place is fully identified as Jerusalem! The Antichrist kills them, and their bodies lie in the streets of Jerusalem.

Rev 11:9 *Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see* (this only could occur recently) *their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.*

- **How interesting! The world will see their bodies lying there in the streets of Jerusalem.** Prior to satellite television, that could not have been possible? You see two men lying dead in the streets of Jerusalem and the whole world looking at them. Fox News, CNN, and all of the news channels will be there with their cameras, showing their bodies on television, around the world people, seeing their bodies lying there. It will be quite a show, quite a spectacle.
- **The custom in Israel is to bury a person the same day that they die.** It is just a tradition and custom. They do not embalm the bodies. But they immediately bury them when they die; the same day that they die, they are buried. Not so, these two. They leave the bodies just lying there as the whole world looks on. And they of the people and the families and tongues and nations will see the dead bodies for three and a half days will not allow them to be buried or put into graves.

Rev 11:10 *And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.*

- **We need to take notice that the earth has been suffering.** They have shut up heaven that it did not rain. They have brought plagues upon the earth. They have turned the water to blood. Therefore, these men will be public enemies, number one. When the people see their bodies lying there dead, they are going to just rejoice. It will be party time., like a Christmas celebration or the Mardi Gras. This is the only time we see celebration among the earth dwellers.

The Witnesses Resurrected - (vs. 11-14):

Rev 11:11 *Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.*

Rev 11:12 *And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.*

- **I am sure that they will be saying, "Cut the cameras. Cut the cameras!"** They will not want the world to see this. The news is always trying to just hide a lot of truth from you. They show you only parts of the story. But the media today is designed to frame opinions and to control people by distorting the news and only telling you a part of the story in order to cause you to be upset and to have a certain opinion on particular things. There is this spin by the media and the controlling of the news, only reporting what they want you to hear to cause you to get strong opinions. though it will be too late. The world will watch as their bodies ascend up into a cloud and God receives them into heaven. The voice saying come up here. Those are the same words that were said to John back in chapter four when he was taken into the heavenly scene.

Rev 11:13 *In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake (the names of men that die!) seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

(Mat 28:2) And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

- **In the same hour there was a great earthquake:** An earthquake brings judgment, causing many to give glory to the God of heaven, recognizing His power, not necessarily in their salvation.

Rev 11:14 *The second woe (sixth trumpet) is past. Behold, the third woe (seventh trumpet) is*

coming (it is already on its way) *quickly* (soon).

- **We need to remember there were three woes** that were to come. This is the end of the second woe, or of the sixth trumpet. *Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.*

Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed! - The last woe! (vs. 15-19).

(Possibly the greatest victory in the Bible – seeing the light at the end of the tunnel – Everything is brought into context of Him and His Kingdom at this point in time!)

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded (This is announcement of what is going to happen, which doesn't occur until chapter 19, a prophetic past tense, which rumbles on for a longer time, looking beyond the seven bowl judgments. Behind these scenes, God is sovereign!): ***And there were loud voices (of praise!) in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms (basileia -singular – Satan's kingdom) of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"***

- ***Then the seventh angel sounded:*** Now during the time of this seventh angel will be the third woe. But it is woe to the inhabitants of the earth who have rebelled against the authority of God. Within the seventh trumpet will bring the final culmination of the rule of man, and it will bring the establishing of the Kingdom of God which will be a definite woe to the men and women who are not a part of that Kingdom! They are to be cut off and thus a great woe when Jesus returns.
- ***Some have made the mistake of identifying this seventh trumpet (the trumpet of an angel, not with the trump of God, which signals the rapture of the church in (1Th 4:16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Also, the last trumpet in (1Co 15:52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed, where we will all be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. But here in Chapter 15, this is the Second Coming. This is not the rapture of the church, but this signals the Second Coming of Jesus and the establishing of God's kingdom upon the earth.***
- ***And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"*** That takes you on through. It is taking you on out to the glorious time when Jesus returns to establish the kingdom. There are still other events that will transpire between this and the nineteenth chapter when He comes to claim that which He purchased by His death upon the cross. But this is now covering in the sounding of the days, it said, of the seventh trumpet. It takes place over a period of time.

Rev 11:16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

Rev 11:17 saying: "We give (and continue to give) You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned (have begun to reign. We see there is worship in heaven, while there is anger on earth).

- ***Jesus came to redeem the world back to God.*** The world originally belonged to God. He created it. When God created man and placed him on the earth He gave the earth to man to have dominion over the earth, the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air. Adam, in turn, forfeited the earth over to Satan. So that at the present time Satan is the ruler over the earth. Notice it is not the kingdoms of this world. It is the kingdom. This is Satan's kingdom now. It was forfeited to Satan by Adam. But Jesus came to redeem the earth back to God. That was the purpose of His coming.
- ***He said, I have come to seek and to save that which was lost.*** He spoke about how that the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man going through a field and discovering a treasure. Who, for the joy thereof sells everything in order to buy the field so he can have the treasure. In the parables, Jesus said, now, the field is the world, and the church has been called His peculiar treasure. Who is it that gave everything to buy the world? Jesus gave His life to redeem the world from the power of sin and the power of darkness in order that He might take the treasure, which is you, His church, out of this world.
- ***When Jesus came after His baptism at the beginning of His ministry, Satan came to Him*** after His forty-day fast in the wilderness, suggesting that now He use His divine powers to satisfy His own lust or desire for food. He was hungry after forty days of fasting. Turn this stone into bread, Satan suggested. Jesus responded, "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone."
- ***Then Satan took Him up to a high mountain, showing Him all of the kingdoms of the world and***

the glory of them. Satan boasted to Jesus. All of these are mine. I can give them to whomever I will, and I will give them to You if You just bow down and worship me.

- **Now Jesus had come to redeem the world back to God, but the price of redemption was His blood.** We are told in *(1Pe 1:18-19)* *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.* Satan is basically suggesting the cross is not necessary. God's path is not necessary. We can short cut that. All You have to do is bow down and worship me. I will give You the kingdoms now. Jesus answered and said, it is written that you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve. But Satan was bragging that the kingdom was his. Jesus acknowledged it. He called him the prince of this world. Paul calls him the prince of the power of the air.
- **But in the seventh trumpet, "The kingdom (singular – Satan's kingdom) of this world has become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"** He shall reign for ever and ever. In response the elders on these twenty-four on these thrones fall and they worship God giving thanks, *(Rev 11:17)* *saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The time has come for Him to claim His purchased possession. He purchased the world almost two thousand years ago and yet He has not yet laid claim.*
- **In the Book of Hebrews, we are told concerning Jesus that He was made a little lower than the angels** for the suffering of death. As God, He could not die. He was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death. In other words, He took upon Himself the human nature. He did remain God but took on the human nature that that side might die. For the suffering of death. But we see Him crowned with glory and honor. And God has put all things in subjection unto Him. But the writer went on to say; we do not yet see all things in subjection to Him. Satan is still the ruler of this dark world in which we live. But this is the time when Jesus comes to claim that which He purchased.

Rev 11:18 The nations were angry* (they wanted to have their own way), ***and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy (He will be corrupting those who have corrupted, like a moth corrupting a garment!) ***those who destroy the earth.***"**

(Psa 2:1-5) Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? [2] The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, [3] "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." [4] He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. [5] Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

- **Matthew speaks of when Jesus comes again. Jesus is actually speaking. (Mat 25:31)** *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. We have it here in Revelation 11. (Mat 25:32-46) All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. [33] And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. [34] Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: [35] for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; [36] I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' [37] "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? [38] When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? [39] Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' [40] And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' [41] "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: [42] for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; [43] I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' [44] "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' [45] Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say*

to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' [46] And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- **Life eternal or everlasting punishment. These are the two destinies.** You are in one of the two crowds. *And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, that You should give a reward to your servants, the prophets, and to the saints and to those that fear Your name, small and great; and You should destroy them which destroy the earth."*
- **As we saw a couple of weeks ago, one of the names of Satan is destroyer.** He has destroyed the earth. He is destroying lives. As you look at the world today you see how many people's lives are being destroyed by sin. Satan is the destroyer. You see how man is destroying the earth. But it is not going to be saved by politicians or their causes. The Lord is going to step in and save things!

Rev 11:19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant (His Testament; The ark of the covenant has always been in heaven, that on earth was only a replica) was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

- ***Then the temple of God was opened in heaven,*** Now, you remember the earthly temple was a model. God gave the design; the dimensions to Moses, and God instructed him to be sure that you make it exactly as you were instructed. For we are told in the Book of Hebrews that these things are all a model of the heavenly. The throne of God in heaven. The earthly tabernacle was a model of that. There is the temple in heaven. John sees it open, (for you and for me – repent, and be saved!)
- ***And the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.*** Now this is not the Ark of the Covenant that was the model that Moses had made and put in the tabernacle and was later placed in the temple built by Solomon. Where that ark is, we do not know. There are Jews that say they know where it is and that at the proper time, they will bring it forth when they rebuild their temple. The Falashas in Ethiopia claim that they have the Ark of the Covenant there. That Jeremiah brought it to them before Nebuchadnezzar came back to destroy the temple. It never was put in the rebuilt temple by Ezra and the building of the temple there nor was it in the temple that was built by Herod the Great. But the true Ark of the Covenant is in heaven. He saw the Ark of the Covenant.
- ***And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.*** We still have these aspects of judgment, yet to come. He is given you sort of a brief kind of an overview of the whole thing. And now, coming back, filling in some details as we begin with chapter 12. This is going to be amplifying some of the territory that we have covered, and this will be so on through to chapter 20. We will be going back and amplifying some of the things that have to do with the seventh trumpet and the return of the Lord and His reigning over the kingdom for ever and ever.
- **Next week chapter twelve. It is a fascinating chapter** as we deal with event that is will be taking place in the last half of the three and a half years of the great tribulation period.

SUMMARY POINTS:

- **Father, we realize that our destinies are either with You in the kingdom of light or with Satan in the kingdom of darkness and that You have given to us the invitation to come and to receive life. Lord, may we respond to that invitation!**
- **So, then, what are we to do? Be a witness! Don't compromise with the world!**
- **Preach His word. Give the gospel! Be salt and light to this ever-darkening world!**

CLOSING SONG:

(Rev 11:17) saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

"REVELATION SONG" - Phillips, Craig & Dean (5:47)

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He.

Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat [Repeat 2x]

[Chorus:]

*Holy, Holy, Holy Is the **Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come***

*With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And I will adore You...!
Yeah!*

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor, strength, Glory, and power be To You the Only Wise King, Yeah

[Repeat Chorus:]

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder At the mention of Your Name

Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water Such a marvelous mystery Yeah...

[Chorus:]

[Chorus (Repeat at a cappella)]

CLOSING PRAYER:

For next week, read Chapter 12!