



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Vision 2 , Part 7 (10:5-11:6) - Trumpet 6, Part 2

SUMMARY OF 9:13-10:4

- The Turkish power supplants the Arab power and threatens the Byzantine Empire
 - Nearly 400 years after crossing the Euphrates, the Ottoman Turks conquer Constantinople
 - The fall of Constantinople does not cause the Latin church to repent
 - John's testimony against the Roman Empire is nearly concluded; but God has more for John to prophesy
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CHAPTER 10 - JOHN'S TESTIMONY MUST CONTINUE

THE ANGEL, THE LITTLE BOOK, THE THUNDERS

- “a little book open in his hand” - a revelation available to all people
 - The angel, “cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.”
 - “When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices” - thunder describes the voice of God
 - “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered”
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SEVEN THUNDERS RESPOND TO THE “LITTLE BOOK”

- The “little book”
 - Remainder of the book of Revelation
 - Seven thunders mimic the voice of God but are not the voice of God
 - “and swore by Him who lives forever and ever”
 - A three-fold description of God: “heaven...earth...sea”
 - Lord of heaven and earth and the sea and all their contents
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SEVENTH TRUMPET = JUDGMENT DAY

- “that there should be delay no longer” - What will not be delayed?
What is contained in the little book.
 - “mystery of God would be finished” — Romans 16:25, Colossians 2:2
 - God’s purpose accomplished in the resurrection and salvation of His people — 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 11:15, 1 Corinthians 15:24-25
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EATING THE LITTLE BOOK

- “Go, take the little book which is open”
 - “eat it”: hearkens back to Ezekiel 3:1-15
 - “sweet...bitter”
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11:1-2: MEASURING THE TEMPLE

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- “I was given” — the measuring rod is given to the apostle
 - A “reed like a measuring rod” — generally nine feet in length
 - What is he to measure? 3 things
 - “the temple of God” — the church
 - “the altar” — the worship
 - “the worshippers” — the individuals
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A RESTORATION

- The apostle measures the temple - Ephesians 2:20
 - The measuring of the temple represents a restoration — Ezekiel 40ff
 - The restoration is tied to the two witnesses
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THE COURT IS EXCLUDED

- Do not measure “the court given to the Gentiles”
 - The part of the temple Gentiles were allowed to go
 - Only “true Jews” could go into the temple complex
 - The “holy city” — New Jerusalem (Hebrews 12:22), the church
 - Trampled underfoot for “forty-two months” = 1,260 days (see verse 3)
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THE IMAGERY OF 11:1-2

- Measuring the temple = evaluating the church by Scripture
 - Jews/the temple/the altar/the worshippers = Christians who remain faithful to God, the true church
 - Gentiles/the court of the Gentiles = apostate church
 - Treading the city of God underfoot = suppressing and persecuting the church
 - 42 months = 1,260 days = 1260 years (more on this in a moment)
 - Period of time when the apostate church suppressed the church
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11:3-6: THE TWO WITNESSES

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- “two witnesses...clothed in sackcloth”: a sign of mourning
 - 1,260 days = 42 months = 1,260 years
 - “...olive trees”
 - A source of oil; oil represents the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:24-27)
 - Trees represent significant men — Zerubbabel and Joshua in Zechariah 4:1-7
 - “...two lamp stands” - congregations of people, Jew and Gentile Christians
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WITNESSES HAVE DIVINE POWER

- “fire proceeds from their mouth” - Jeremiah 5:14
 - “power to shut heaven” - God sends and restricts the rain (Elijah’s prayer in 1 Kings 17:1-2)
 - “power over waters to turn them to blood” - God turns water into blood (e.g. plague #1, Exodus 7:17-25)
 - “strike the earth with all plagues” - God strikes the earth with pestilence (e.g. boils, plague #6 in Exodus 9:8-12).
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TWO SIGNIFICANT PROPHETS

- Trees represent people in Scripture (e.g. Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4)
 - Divine power, told to prophesy
 - The two trees represent Daniel and John
 - Daniel is the OT companion to Revelation
 - They both speak about the same period of time (1,260 years) and the same beast
 - Two prophets who represent the two testaments (Old and New)
 - Fueled by the Holy Spirit and help supply the church - 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21
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SACKCLOTH = WORD OF GOD SUPPRESSED

- 400 - Jerome produces the Latin Vulgate
 - To read the Bible in any language but Latin without a priest present was considered heresy (the two witnesses prophesy in sackcloth)
 - “Heretics” in the Middle Ages: “Some were harmless groups who gathered to read the Bible to one another in the vernacular without a priest, and to put their own interpretation upon its disputed passages.” (Durant, *Age of Faith*, p. 769)
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“The laity ought to understand the faith, and since the doctrines of our faith are in the Scriptures, believers should have the Scriptures in a language familiar to the people, and to this end the Holy Ghost endued them with knowledge of all tongues.”

—John Wycliffe, 1320-1394

“The true Christian was intended by Christ to prove all things by the Word of God: all churches, all ministers, all teaching, all preaching, all doctrines, all sermons, all writings, all opinions, all practices.”

—John Wycliffe

“Even though there were a hundred popes and though every (beggar) monk were a cardinal, they would be entitled to confidence only in so far as they accorded with the Bible.”

—John Wycliffe

SUMMARY OF 10:5-11:6

- God's judgment of the Roman Empire will end with trumpet #7, but there is more for John to prophesy (10:11, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.")
 - The measuring of the temple represents a time when some will judge the church according to the standard of the word of God — John Wycliffe is one example
 - The two witnesses represent Daniel and John who, in turn, represent the Old and New Testaments
 - They are clothed in sackcloth because the word of God is suppressed — Latin was the only Bible translation sanctioned by the church of Rome
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42 MONTHS

1260 DAYS

TIMES, TIME, AND HALF A TIME

1,260 DAYS = TIME AND TIMES AND 1/2 A TIME

- Revelation 12:6, “Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”
 - Revelation 12:14, “But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.”
 - 1,260 days = “time and times and half a time”
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IF ONE “TIME” = ONE LUNAR YEAR

- Why a lunar year?
 - First mentioned in Daniel 7:25; Jews used a lunar calendar
 - “Time” = 360 days
 - “Times” = 720 days (two years)
 - “Half a time” = 180 days
 - $360 + 720 + 180 = 1,260$ days or 3.5 years
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42 MONTHS = 1,260 DAYS

- Revelation 11:2-3
 - 42 months x 30 days (lunar calendar) = 1,260 days
 - If 42 months = 1,260 days
 - If 1,260 days = “time and times and 1/2 a time”
 - Then 42 months = “time and times and 1/2 a time”
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The nations will trample the holy city (11:2)	X		
Witnesses prophesy (11:3)		X	
Woman flees into the wilderness to escape the dragon (12:6, 14)		X	X
Beast from the abyss blasphemes God and makes war against the saints (13:5)	X		
The "little horn" will blaspheme God and oppress His people (Daniel 7:25)			X
The duration of the extraordinary things in Daniel's vision (12:7)			X

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