

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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

SUMMARY OF 9:13-10:4

- Empire
- Constantinople
- The fall of Constantinople does not cause the Latin church to repent
- has more for John to prophesy



The Turkish power supplants the Arab power and threatens the Byzantine

Nearly 400 years after crossing the Euphrates, the Ottoman Turks conquer

Iohn's testimony against the Roman Empire is nearly concluded; but God



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"

SEVENTHUNDERS 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



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 I Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 11;15, I Corinthians 15:24-25



EATINGTHE LITTLE BOOK

"Go, take the little book which is open" "eat it": hearkens back to Ezekiel 3:1-15 "sweet...bitter"

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

ARESTORATION

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

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 lews" 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)



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



11:3-6:THETWOWITNESSES

THE TWO WITNESSES

"two witnesses...clothed in sackcloth": a sign of mourning I,260 days = 42 months = 1,260 years "...olive trees" A source of oil; oil represents the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:24-27) 4:1-7

Trees represent significant men — Zerubbabel and Joshua in Zechariah

"...two lamp stands" - congregations of people, Jew and Gentile Christians

WITNESSES HAVE DIVINE POWER

- "ifire proceeds from their mouth" Jeremiah 5:14
- "power to shut heaven" God sends and restricts the rain (Elijah's prayer in I 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).

TWO SIGNIFICANT PROPHETS

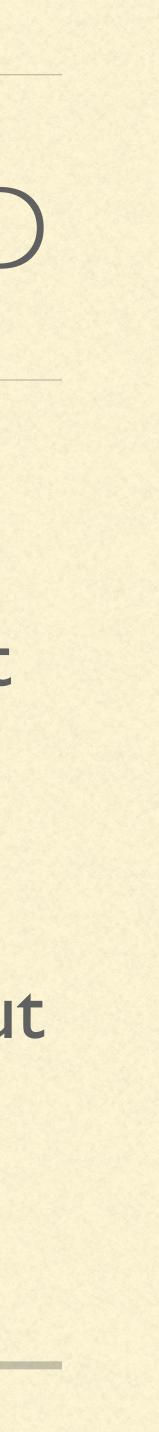
- Trees represent people in Scripture (e.g. Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4)
- Divine power, told to prophesy
- The two trees represent Daniel and John
 - Daniel is the OT companion to Revelation
 - They both speak about the same period of time (1,260 years) and the same beast
 - Two prophets who represent 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



SACKCLOTH = WORD OF GOD SUPPRESSED

400 - Jerome produces the Latin Vulgate a priest, and to put their own interpretation upon its disputed passages." (Durant, Age of Faith, p. 769)

- 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



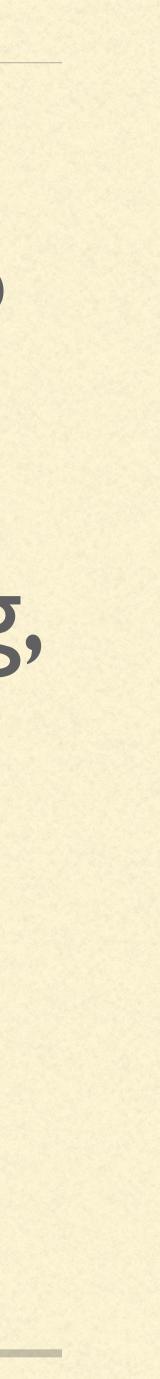
"The laity ought to understand the faith, and since the doctrines of our faith are in the Scriptures, believers should have the Scriptures in a language familiar to the people, and to this end the Holy Ghost endued them with knowledge of all tongues."

–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."

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"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."

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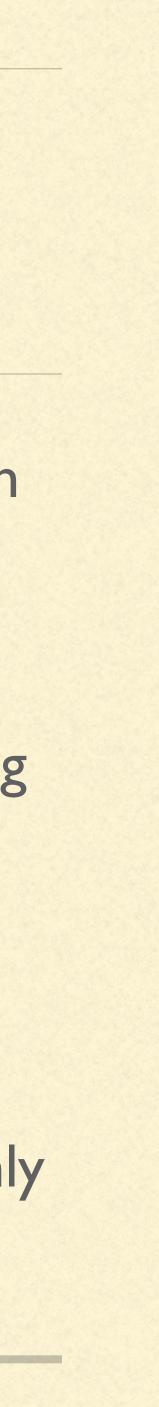
- kings.")
- to the standard of the word of God John Wycliffe is one example
- Testaments
- Bible translation sanctioned by the church of Rome

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

The measuring of the temple represents a time when some will judge the church according

The two witnesses represent Daniel and John who, in turn, represent the Old and New

They are clothed in sackcloth because the word of God is suppressed — Latin was the only



42 MONTHS 1260 DAYSTIMES, TIME, AND HALF A TIME

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- 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."
- I,260 days = "time and times and half a time"



IF ONE "TIME" = ONE LUNARYEAR

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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Revelation 11:2-3 42 months x 30 days (lunar calendar) = 1,260 days If 42 months = 1,260 days If I,260 days = "time and times and I/2 a time"

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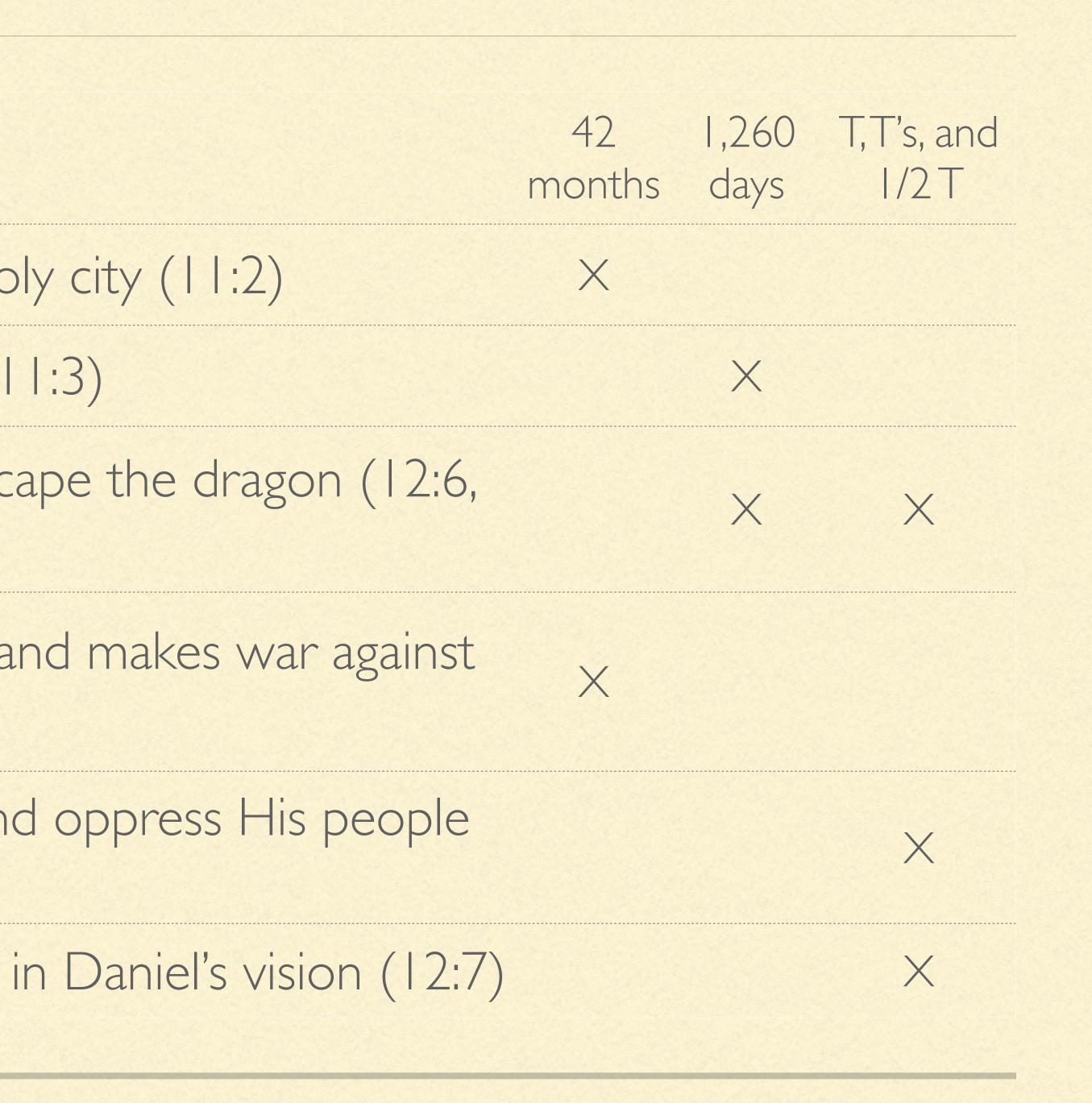
Witnesses prophesy (11:3)

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Beast from the abyss blasphemes God and makes war against the saints (13:5)

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The duration of the extraordinary things in Daniel's vision (12:7)



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