

The book of Revelation

Chapter 11-Part 2

1. *The two witnesses-continued (11:3-14)*

-When the Church has _____ its work on earth the beast will rise up and destroy the Church on earth. The world cannot stand the message of _____ and will continue to try and silence the church and will always be unsuccessful until the very end. “The beast that comes up out of the abyss, that is, the anti-Christian world, urged on by hell, shall battle against the Church and shall destroy it.” (145)

-“When the witness church has completed its mission, however, it will seem as if the beast has had the upper hand, having conquered and killed those who hold to the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.” (Johnson, 172-173)

-“There are going to be believers on earth when Christ come again, although they will be few in number (Lk. 18:8). But the Church itself, as a mighty organization for the dissemination of the gospel and regular ministry of the Word, will be _____.” (145-146)

-The beast is to be understood as the unbelieving and _____ world that constantly rages against Christ and His Church. This beast which has power from hell (which is indicated in it rising from the abyss) kills the two witnesses and their corpses lie in the street of the great city. The place where the two witnesses lie is called the great city where Christ was crucified (Jerusalem) and is also called Sodom and Egypt. This great city is simply a picture of the unbelieving _____.

-“So when we read that the corpse of the Church is lying on the broad avenues of the great city, this simply means that in the midst of the world the Church is dead: it no longer exists as an _____ and _____ missionary institution.” (146)

-“The great city encompasses all who dwell on the earth, who give allegiance to the beast and _____ in his victory over the witnessing church.” (Johnson, 173)

-For three and a half days the world rejoices over the death of the witnesses (notice the short period of time-this “victory” of the world is short-lived). They refuse to let the witnesses be buried which shows their _____ for those they conquered. Johnson writes, “In the ancient world, refusing burial of a corpse expressed contempt for the deceased.” (173-footnote 21)

-After the three and a half days the breath of God enters the witnesses and they are raised from the dead (to the _____ of the wicked world). The Lord then calls them to Heaven, and they go to be with the Lord being carried away in a cloud

(similar to how Jesus ascended into Heaven). This is a picture of the _____ at the last Day.

-“As their oppressors look on in terror, the witnesses are summoned by God to enter Heaven, imitating their Lord’s resurrection and ascension in the clouds.” (Johnson, 173)

-The Church is taken to glory and the wrath of the Lamb begins to be poured out on the wicked. An earthquake shakes the earth (think of seal 6 which was a picture of the final judgement). Many are killed and the rest give glory to God but the hour for salvation has _____-the time of final judgment is upon the world.

2. *The seventh trumpet (11:15-19)*

-The seventh trumpet which ushers in the final judgement brings _____ from the hosts of heaven. The triumph of the Lamb over His enemies brings praise from Heaven. The angels praise God for the conquering of the wicked nations. “To be sure, God always reigns. Yet that power and authority which He exercises with respect to the universe is not always _____. At times it seems as if Satan is the supreme ruler. But once the judgement day has arrived, the full royal splendor of God’s sovereignty will be revealed, for all opposition will then be abolished.” (148)

-The twenty-four elders (symbolic of the entire redeemed multitude) join with the angels in giving praise to the Lord for His _____ over His adversaries and for the _____ He has bestowed upon His people. “The Church rejoices in the fact that the Lord has reached the zenith of His power and authority, now publicly displayed.” (148)

-Then the temple is opened, and the _____ of the _____ is seen which many flashes of lighting, rumblings of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

“In order to understand the final paragraph of this chapter be sure to remember that this is still a _____. The apostle sees not heaven itself but a symbolic picture. In this picture the sanctuary of God in Heaven is now wide open. Nothing remains veiled. Nothing remains hidden or concealed. The ark of the covenant, so long hidden from view, is now seen. That ark of the covenant is the symbol of the superlatively real, intimate, and perfect fellowship between God and His people—a fellowship based on the _____. . . . when this ark is now seen, that is, fully revealed, the covenant of grace in all its sweetness is realized in the hearts and lives of God’s children. But for the wicked that same ark, which is God’s throne, is a symbol of wrath. Also, this wrath will now be fully revealed.” (148-149)