"Faithful Unto Death"
Revelation 11:1-19
11/22/26
Message 19

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: "Faithful Unto Death"
- ***Review***
  - ***Timeline –***
  - ***Chapter 6***
    - **7 Tribulation Period begins**
      - Remember we are Pre-Trib NOT Pre-Trouble
        - What We will see happening now is birth pains
        - Struggles that we have today
          - Christian Persecution is ON the RISE
            - Christian Book Store in Colorado
            - Churches being burned down
          - A Evil Ideologies have won the Election
            - Communism and Islam
            - *Dems threaten to get back at MAGA – Christians*
          - Our Country is looking like (Romans 1)
            - Sexual Perversion is everywhere

        - Strange things taking place in the tech world
            - Microsoft down
            - Airlines Down
            - Apple & Marriott
            - Banking (JPMorgan Chase)
            - Government Systems:
            - Website Code Injections:
                - Zoom, CNN, BBC, Salesforce, and Ikea
        - All this has produced a little panic Concern
            - Costco – Run on Generators, supplies
            - Banks – Little run on Money
    - Remember we are Pre-Trib NOT Pre-Trouble
        - Take a moment – pause look to Jesus
            - Remember – Keep your Jesus
        - **Stay in the WORD**
            - **WHY**
- **First Seal Judgment vv. 1-2**
    - White Horse - False Peace – Anti Christ - With Deception
        - DECEPTION is RULING the day

- Here my Heart
- Bonhoeffer
  - "Stupidity is a more dangerous enemy of the good than malice."
    - NOT Unintelligent – Willful
  - *“He went on to say, that the greatest danger in Nazi Germany was moral and social "stupidity"—the willingness of ordinary people to go along with power rather than think independently.”*
- 3 FORMS
  - *1. Outsource your CRITICAL thinking to Another*
    - *Media, social media, friends, social pressure etc..*
  - *2. Ignorance – and you choose to stay that way*
  - *3. CONFORMITY A man who has handed over his conscience to the crowd is someone who has surrendered his personal moral judgment, integrity, and accountability to group pressure, public opinion, or social conformity*

- **STAY IN THE WORD – STAY CLOSE TO CHRIST**

- **Second Seal Judgment - vv. 3-4**
  - Red Horse - War
- **Third Seal Judgment - vv. 5-6**

        - Black Horse - Famine
    - **Fourth Seal Judgment - vv. 7-8**
        - Pale Horse - Death
    - **Fifth Seal Judgment – vv. 9-11**
        - Martyrs = Tribulation Saints
    - **Sixth Seal Judgment – vv. 12-17**
        - Catastrophe – Great Earthquake – Sun Became Black – Moon Blood Red
    - **We see the people on earth**
        - NOT Repenting - Hiding in caves asking the mountains to fall on them
- ***Chapter 7***
    - **Question asked in Chapter 6:17 –**
        - Who is Able to Stand – Answered in 7
    - **We saw 144,000 Jewish men sealed and protected**
        - Proclaiming the Gospel in the Tribulation period
        - We ALSO talked about that God is NOT done with Israel
        - That Hatred for the Jewish people Anti-Semitism is on the rise
        - We traced Anti-Semitism back – we noted that the Catholic Church has a long history with Anti-Semitism
    - **A huge multitude of Tribulation Believers in heaven**

- Resting 😊
- Asking for judgment on those who persecuted them

- ***<u>Chapter 8</u>***
  - We saw the planet get hammered by the first 4 Trumpet judgments
  - **1. Trumpet**
    - Hail & Fire from heaven 1/3 of all trees, grass burned up
  - **2. Trumpet**
    - Something "like a mountain" hit the sea…
      - ⅓ Of the sea became blood
      - ⅓ Of sea life died
      - ⅓ Of ships destroyed
  - **3. Trumpet**
    - A Great Star fell to Earth
      - ⅓ Of all fresh water was poisoned - Rivers & Springs
  - **4. Trumpet**
    - The Sun, Moon and Stars were darkened by 1/3
    - Probably affecting temperatures
  - ***<u>It's about to Get EVEN WORSE</u>***
- ***<u>Chapter 9</u>***
  - **UNLOCKING & UNLEASHING HELL**

- The ARMY Of Hell Released vv. 1-12
    - Star Fallen = Satan
    - Keys to Bottomless PIT
    - Like Locust – Scorpion Tails
    - Torment men for 5 months
        - Wish they would die and can't
- The ANGELS At The River Released vv. 12-19
    - 4 Angels released at the River Euphrates
    - Large Demon Army
    - To KILL a Third of mankind
- Mankind Remains ARROGANT vv. 20-21
    - Man's Hearts remains Hard
    - Did NOT REPENT
    - Worship Demons, Idols
    - Continued in Murder, Sexual Immorality, Sorceries – Drugs

- ***<u>Chapter 10</u>***
    - **Remember – It Is A Parenthetical Section**
        - There are 5 Non – Chronological Parenthetical Insertions in the Book Of Revelation
            - Meaning – That the Book of revelation is not in complete Chronological order

        - 1. Revelation 7 – 144,000 Jews
        - 2. Revelation 10:1-11:14 - Announcement of no more delay and 2 witnesses
    - **We looked at 2 main points**
        - The Coming Of The Mighty Angel vv. 1-7
            - Looked like Jesus – But was a MIGHTY Angel – Maybe Michael
        - The Command For John To Eat The Little Book vv. 8-11
            - Sweet as Honey in your mouth
                - BUT BITTER to your stomach
            - Just like the Word of God
                - Some parts Sweet
                - Some parts hard to take
                - BY John must teach ALL of it and never stop

- ***Remember - "Why would a God of Love do this?"***
    - ***1. We Are Sinners - God is Holy & Righteous***
        - **1. We are Sinful**
        - **2. God is HOLY**
    - ***2. To Wake People Up***
        - Remember God DIDN'T just destroy everything all at once
            - In this process He is screaming wake up and come to Me

- He has His Messengers and Angles doing the same thing
    - Remember, Many will come to Christ in these times

- ***3. Prepare Israel for their Messiah***
    - The Book of Revelation is ALL about Israel
    - It's about finishing what He started with Israel

- ***Now This Morning 3 Main Points***
    - The Measuring Of The Temple Of God vv. 1-2
    - The Ministry Of The Two Witnesses vv. 3-14
    - The Majesty Of God and His Plan vv. 15-19

The Measuring Of The Temple Of God vv. 1-2

- ***1. The Measuring of the Temple vv. 1-2***
    - ***1. John was given a measuring rod v. 1***

Revelation 11:1 (NKJV)
1 *Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.*

- **A reed plant**
    - They grew in Jordan valley 10-15 ft. long
        - Would be used as walking staff
    - John was told to take that Staff and to…
        - "Measure the Temple of God..."
        - "Measure the altar..."
    - This refers to

        - The Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, & the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place

- ***<u>2. Two REASONS WHY</u>***

    - **1. Measuring speaks of Ownership (Property Line)**

        - In Zechariah 2

            - Jerusalem is measured just prior to being judged.

        - In Ezekiel 40-43

            - The Temple of God is carefully measured with a reed

            - Note

                - This temple in Ezekiel is best understood as the temple of the Millennial Earth

        - Revelation 21

            - The New Jerusalem is measured.

        - The PURPOSE in Measuring

            - OWNERSHIP

            - Objects or areas being measured belong to God in some special way.

    - **2. Speaks of EVALUATION of His property**

        - In Zechariah 2

            - WHEN the city of Jerusalem was measured it was found to be spiritually Lacking (The Evaluation wasn't Good)

- So the Purpose was for Ownership & EVALUATION

- ***3. Prophecies Concerning The Temple of God***

  - **1. Confirm the Prophecies - Concerning the Temple Being Rebuilt**

    - Daniel tells that a temple will be in place in the last days and sacrifice taking place.

Daniel 9:27 (NKJV)
27 *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."*

Daniel 12:11 (NKJV)
11 *"And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.*

- We also see the Antichrist

  - Then he [Antichrist] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (7 years)

  - But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

  - Demand to be worshiped

- Jesus referred to this verse in Matthew 24…

Matthew 24:15–16 (NKJV)
15 *"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),*
16 *"then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV)

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.

- ***4. History Of the Temple***
  - **1. There were 3 Temples in Israel's History**
    - **1. Was built by Solomon in 1050 B.C.**
      - **Show Pic**
      - Destroyed by the Babylonians in 586B.C.
    - **2. Was rebuilt in 536 B.C. by Zerubbabel**
      - The Return After being In Babylon for 70 years
        - Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah
        - Return and rebuild the temple – nowhere close to the glory of Solomon's Temple
      - That Temple was later Desecrated
        - 168 BC when Antiochus Epiphanies desecrated the temple by slaughtering a pig on the altar and demanding he be worshipped as god.
        - The Maccabees and the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem are what established Hanukkah, the eight-day Festival of Light
    - **3. Herod's Temple**
      - He expanded & remodeled the temple in 20 B.C.
        - It was very Elaborate & Ornate

        - Took Decades to finish & no expense was Spared

    - Jesus prophesied of in (Matthew 24)

        - That not one stone would be left upon another

        - That prophesy was Fulfilled less than 40 years later

        - When The Romans led by general Titus over threw Jerusalem in A.D. 70

        - The temple was

            - Ransacked

            - Set on fire

            - Gold melted - between the stones in their greed to get gold - stones were turned over one by one

- And for some 2000 years - the Temple has been absent in Israel

- ***3. But Leave Out the court which is outside the temple v. 2***

Revelation 11:2 (NKJV)
2 *But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.*

- ***1. Why? Today Muslims Built a Mosque***

    - **In the late 600's the unthinkable happened**

        - The Muslims built a Mosque on the old Temple Sight

            - Called the Mosque of Omar - Doom of the Rock

- It stands to this day

- **Show Picture**
  - **Leave for the gentiles Pic**
  - **What it is like NOW**

- **2. A little History**
  - In 1967 in the 6 Day WAR
    - Israel regained control of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount
    - Israeli General Moshe Dayan
    - Allowed The Arabs kept control of the temple Mt. - (a gesture that he himself never really explained)
    - Didn't make sense - Biggest sources of Contention to this day

- ***2. And they will tread the holy city underfoot v. 2b***

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2 *But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles.* ***And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.***

- Which equals 1260 days (three and one-half years – 3.5)
- This trampling of Jerusalem by Gentiles
  - Probably takes place in the last half of the last half of the seven-year period described by Daniel 11:26-27
  - When the Antichrist pours out his fury on the people of Israel (as described in Revelation 12:13-17 and Matthew 24:15-28).

- *Greek scholar A.T. Robertson said that to tread underfoot means "to trample with contempt."*

- ***3. So HOW Will The Temple Be Rebuilt?***

  - **1. How is the Mosque going to be replaced?**

    - A Few Scenarios

      - 1. Psalm 83

        - Israel wipes out the Muslims Nations around them

      - 2. Ezekiel 38 - Battle

        - Arab nations for all intents and purposes will be wiped out

        - (Muslim religion rendered a death Blow)

        - Mosque replaced

      - 3. Anti – Christ Will Fix All

        - In Daniel 9 Covenant with Israel

          - We are told that in the Beginning of the Tribulation

          - The Antichrist comes on the Scene & makes a Covenant with Israel for 7 years

          - Most likely this will center around him –

            - Helping them rebuild their temple

            - So it is Possible that the Antichrist…

        - Helps solve the Arab - Israeli conflict
        - Comes up with a way for both groups to coexist on the temple Mt.
    - Interesting
        - Ask an Orthodox Jew today - who is waiting for the Messiah to come…
        - How they know when the messiah will come? REBUILD TEMPLE

- ***4. Possible Location Of the Temple***
    - Possible Solution
        - Archaeologist by the name of Dr. Asher Kaufman
            - After spending 16 years studying the Temple Mt. Area
        - Came to some remarkable conclusions
            - In an Incredible article 1983 March / April - Biblical Archaeological review - Kaufman Unveiled a great Misconception
    - Here are his findings
        - All these years people have thought that the Dome of the Rock is sitting on the Spot of the Original Holy of Holies
            - When in Actuality the true Location is 100 meters north of there
            - Where the Muslims have set up a Little Gazebo Like structure

- **Show Picture**

- Now Below this gazebo like structure is a flat piece of bedrock from the original temple

- Which Kaufman believes is where the Ark of the Covenant sat in the Holy of Holies

- ALSO when the Muslims built the gazebo - like they gave it two names:

- The Dome of the Spirit, and the Dome of the Tablets.

    - Which would seem to indicate that even Islam recognized this site as the spot where the tablets sat

    - The Ten Commandments within the Ark of the Covenant, 1) and the Spirit - the Shekinah, chabod, glory of God over the Ark of the Covenant had been.

- Seems Logical – But Also Historical

    - Now this spot where this Gazebo sits is Not only more logical, this site seems more historical.

    - According to the Mishna –

        - The highly esteemed book of Jewish oral traditions

            - When the priest stood in the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement

            - He could look through the veil, through the door, and see the Eastern Gate directly before him.

- If you stand in that Gazebo 100 meters north of the Dome of the Rock, the Eastern Gate is in plain view.

- So the Temple could be rebuilt and the Dome of the Rock would remain standing.

    - Now If that is the Case & - And the Antichrist - somehow - convinces both groups to allow this -

    - That would put the Dome of the Rock in the OUTER COURT

    - Which is very intriguing in light of what John is told in v. 2 DO NOT MEASURE THE OUTER COURT

- ***<u>6. Movement to Rebuild today</u>***

    - There is a movement today in Israel to rebuild the Temple there on the Temple Mount.

        - The Group (TEMPLE INSTITUTE)

            - Has already begun to gather the materials for the Temple

            - There are 2 schools where they are training young men with the last name Cohen - which means Priest / trained to Sacrifice animals

            - Almost all the instruments needed for Temple worship to take place according to O.T. regulations are in Place

            - Red Heifers: Activists have brought red heifers from Texas to Israel (such as to Shiloh) in efforts tied to biblical purification rituals required for Temple service, though religious rulings and practical hurdles remain contested.

        - Public Opinion and Debates:

- A mid-2026 survey reported that 55% of surveyed Israeli Jews expressed support for building a Third Temple, up from 30% in 2013.

The Ministry Of The Two Witnesses vv. 3-14

- ***1. Their Duty Is To Prophesy vv. 3-4***
  - ***1. I will Give Power v. 3a***

Revelation 11:3 (NKJV)
***3 And I will give power to my two witnesses**, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."*

- **1. These two witnesses have a ministry unlike anything**
  - They are able to do some radical things
    - POWER – Verse 4 OIL = Holy Spirit – More in a Minute
- **2. Who Are they?**
  - Many thoughts
    - 1. A Symbolic Approach
      - That sees them as representatives of Israel and the church or Israel and the Word of God
        - Yah No…
    - 2. Two unique individuals who have never before existed
    - 3. Leaders from Israel's Past
      - Suggestions include…
        - 1. Zerubbabel and Joshua

- 2. Enoch and Elijah
    - Two men who were taken to heaven by unusual circumstances
    - Heb. 9:27 appointed to die once…
- 3. Moses and Elijah
    - A strong case can be made for Moses and Elijah
    - One Representing the
        - Law
        - Prophets
    - The miraculous powers mentioned in Revelation 11:6
        - Could point to these two men
    - 1. Moses and Elijah
        - Appeared with Jesus Christ on the mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17:3)
    - Malachi 4
        - The prophet Elijah is going appear on the scene of human history before the Messiah returns to the earth

Malachi 4:5–6 (NKJV)

5 *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."*

- Interesting
  - At a Jewish Passover celebration, a young child is sent to the door to see if Elijah has come yet
  - That symbolic action reminds us of Malachi's prophecy

- **4. When will they be here?**
  - Scholars Differ
    - Some the Last Half
    - Some Say First Half
  - My Humble Opinion
    - I believe the FIRST half of the Tribulation.
    - These individuals are allowed to speak until the Antichrist is given permission to kill them.
    - That fits best as taking place at the mid-point of the Tribulation, when the Antichrist reveals himself as pure evil.

- ***2. Will prophesy one thousand two hundred- and sixty-days v. 3b***

Revelation 11:3 (NKJV)
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 Word Prophecy**
    - In the O.T.
        - It is used to PREDICT –
            - Events that were to happen in the Future
    - In the N.T.
        - It simply means to PROCLAIM God's Word / God's Mind & God's Heart
- **Their Message – BOTH**
    - I think these guys Ministry Probably was Included Both
    - PREDICTING
        - A warning of the Future Judgment that awaited
            - All those who would take the Mark / who would continue to reject God
    - PLEADING for men to REPENT & turn to the Lord
        - Repent / God wants ALL men to repent

- ***3. Their Clothing = In sackcloth v. 3c***

Revelation 11:3 (NKJV)
3 *And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days,* ***clothed in sackcloth."***

- **Not Armani Suits - but SACKCLOTH**
    - Saclcloth - Made out of gunny sacks.
        - This is a traditional thing to wear when you are in "mourning".

        - It would be like making underwear out of the scratchiest roughest material you could find – not very comfortable and it reminds you of how miserable you are.

    - Their wearing of sackcloth will be an OBJECT LESSON for the World

        - Showing their great Sorrow for the Wickedness of the World

        - A Symbol / Demonstrate Repentance =

            - Telling the WORLD it NEEDS to REPENT

- **JTB**

    - Started with REPENT

Matthew 3:2 (NKJV)
2 *and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*

- **Jesus**

Matthew 4:17 (NKJV)
17 *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

- **Peter**

Acts 2:38 (NKJV)
38 *Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

- **Repentance IS A MUST for Salvation**

    - It Means – Turning from your sins and Following Jesus

    - Please Note

- There is a teaching moving in the church today that REPENTANCE
  - Is for Sanctification but NOT for Salvation
  - If was part of Salvation it would be a work…
  - Repentance and Faith = Same Coin = different sides

- ***2. Their Description Is Interesting v. 4***

Revelation 11:4 (NKJV)
4 *These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.*

- ***1. Olive Oil***
  - In John's day, olive trees were not valued as a source of olives to eat,
    - But olives to make olive oil.
    - Olive oil was what drove the lighting industry.
    - Olive oil brought light.
  - Olive oil
    - Is also a picture in the Bible of the Holy Spirit.
    - Means The witnesses have an unique, continual empowering from the Holy Spirit

Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)
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.*

- ***2. Two Lampstands***

        - These witnesses are describes as "lampstands"
            - The same word used by Jesus to describe us as being lights (Mat. 5:14-15)
    - ***3. Application***
        - WE Need the Spirit
        - WE Must SHINE
        - WE MUST be prepared to suffer for Christ
            - FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

- ***3. Their Demonstrations Of Power vv. 5-6***
    - ***1. A whole new meaning to "witness protection plan" v. 5***

Revelation 11:5 (NKJV)
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.*

        - God supernaturally protects them by giving them awesome power.
            - Death WILL COME to anyone who even wants to harm them.

    - ***2. Sounds like the Power given to Moses and Elijah v. 6***

Revelation 11:6 (NKJV)
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.*

        - **Maybe Another reason for believing these two witnesses are Moses and Elijah**

- We see similar fate befell their enemies in the Old Testament (Numbers 16:35; 2 Kings 1:10-12)

- Elijah - The Power to "shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy,"

- Moses - Who struck the waters of Egypt so that they "were turned to blood" (Exodus 7:20)

- ***3. Application - We are Invincible***

  - **For 3.5 Years these two Witnesses are Invincible**

    - No one not even Antichrist can do anything to them

    - The ENEMY HAS no power over them until their Ministry is complete

  - **Same is true of us**

    - God knows the number of our days, and there are certain things that God would have us to do and accomplish for His glory.

    - No one can stop the purposes of God for my life

    - No one can take my life until God's divine purpose for my life is accomplished

    - He will preserve me until all is finished.

- ***4. Their Death Is Celebrated vv. 7-14***

  - ***1. Their Ministry is Finished v. 7***

Revelation 11:7 (NKJV)

7 *When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.*

  - **When the Lord says it is time –**

- The Beast Kills them

- **BUT After they FINISH their Testimony**

  - Testimony

  - Greek: **3141. μαρτυρία *marturía***

  - Means: To Witness, certification, testimony - It is a declaration by a witness who speaks with the authority of one who knows (John 5:34; 3 John 1:12)

  - We also get the Word Martyrdom from this word – meaning death

- **Application - God is in control.**

  - Life is all about finishing the work that God has given you.

  - Finish well.

  - When you're done with work, you head for home.

  - But if you're still here, you must have things that God wants you to finish.

- ***2. Everyone will See their Dead Bodies v. 8***

Revelation 11:8 (NKJV)

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.*

- **This ability did not exist until TV what 1950's**

  - Now Smart Phones

- **Show Web Site**

- **Called Sodom and Egypt**

    - We know that John is talking about the city of Jerusalem because this was where Jesus was crucified.

    - Comparing Jerusalem to “Egypt” is to say that the people have gone back to the “old life”, the life of bondage, a life of slavery to sin.

    - Comparing Jerusalem to “Sodom” is to call it a place of sin. Listen how Isaiah addresses the rulers of Jerusalem:

- ***3. Celebration?! vv. 9-12***

Revelation 11:9–12 (NKJV)

9 *Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.*
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.*
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.*
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.*

- When these guys are Killed the Whole World Celebrates

- That is how much the Love of God is HATED

- Give Gifts?!

    - UPS and AMAZON Will be working late

- The people feel that it has finally rid itself of God and they can finally do what they want.

- No God... No accountability for one's actions

- ***4. The Drama of their Resurrection vv. 13-14***

- Wow

Revelation 11:13–14 (NKJV)

13 *In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.*
14 *The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.*

- Many believe that the "REST" mentioned here refers to the inhabitants of Jerusalem - Jews

- It is Shortly after this Earthquake & this Scene that the Lord returns

- QUICKLY - SOON - expresses the imminence of the last WOE

The Majesty Of God and His Plan vv. 15-19

- ***1. The seventh trumpet v. 15***

Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)

15 *Then the seventh angel sounded: 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!"*

  - ***1. The seventh trumpet finally sounds.***

    - In the ancient Greek grammar,

      - The verb tense of "have become"

        - Indicates an absolute certainty about Jesus' coming and reign, even before the fact is accomplished.

          - He shall reign forever and ever!

            - It WILL HAPPEN

- ***2. The twenty-four elders worship God vv. 16-18***

Revelation 11:16–18 (NKJV)

16 <u>And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God</u>,

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.*

18 *The nations were angry, 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 those who destroy the earth."*

- ***<u>1. We give You thanks:</u>***
  - This thanksgiving isn't to thank God that He has already done this;
  - But that the hour has come for it to take place, and that these things are permanently set in motion.
- ***<u>2. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come:</u>***
  - God's punishment matches the crime; there is nothing random about it.
  - The nations are angry with God and He responds with wrath
  - Those that destroy the earth are themselves destroyed.

- ***<u>Third: The temple in heaven is opened v. 19</u>***

Revelation 11:19 (NKJV)

19 *Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.*

- ***<u>1. The ark of His covenant was seen in His temple:</u>***
  - Ark:

- The original was built under the direction of Moses 3400 years ago.
    - It was a model of God's throne.
- The Ark
    - Was made of wood, covered with gold, and was basically a box
    - Meant to hold the two stone tablets containing the Ten Commandments, which were God's "contract" or "covenant" with the Jews.
    - The lid of the box was made of solid gold and called the "mercy seat"
    - The idea is that this was where God sat.
    - God's throne is all about "mercy".

- ***2. What's the point of John seeing the Ark in heaven? Perhaps it's this …***
    - God never changes
    - God keeps His promises.
    - He keeps His contracts.
    - Even though the "contract box" hasn't been seen in 2500 years, God still honors His contracts.
    - He still honors His word.
    - It's still valid in heaven.

Closing

- REMEMBER

- SO BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

- Jesus is COMING SOON
- Be Ready
- Be About His Business / Share your faith
- Be Encouraged