THE TWO WITNESSES

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Revelation Chapter Eleven

I will be teaching out of the eleventh chapter of the book of Revelation. I can't go back and do chapter ten, but I want to just touch something here in it. John is the one speaking, true? And John is getting a message from the Christ. Right? In the last verse of chapter ten.

Chapter 10 Vs 10: "And he said unto me," who is me? It's John, but whom does it represent? It represents <u>you</u>, as the Christ upon the earth today. "Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." Literally the word prophesy (and it is so misused) means to speak under the inspiration of God. This is someone speaking the word of the Lord.

And immediately we step into chapter eleven, after He had notified you that you would speak under inspiration.

Chapter Eleven

Verse:

- Vs 1: And there was given me a reed like unto a rod; and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
- Vs 2: But the Court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.
- Vs 3: And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three-score days, clothed in sackcloth.
- Vs 4: These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
- Vs 5: And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
- Vs 6: These have power to shut heaven, that I rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smithe the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.
- Vs 7: And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
- Vs 8: And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.
- Vs 9: And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

- Vs 10: And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.
- Vs 11: And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.
- Vs 12: And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.
- Vs 13: And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: an the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.
- Vs 14: The second woe is past; and behold the third woe cometh quickly.
- Vs 15: And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.
- Vs 16: And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,
- Vs 17: Saying, We give thee thanks, O lord God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast reigned.
- Vs 18: And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou should give reward unto thy servants the prophets, an to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and should destroy them which destroy the earth.
- Vs 19: And the temple of God was opened, in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Let's go back to verse one "and there was given me a reed like unto a rod:" this reed was a measuring rod. Now who got this reed? <u>John got the reed.</u> John is a type of who? You. So you have been given a measuring stick. People has told you for years "judge not". This book does not tell you to "judge not". It says only judge righteously; and when you take the reed that is handed to you by the Christ, by God, how will you measure anyone? <u>By God, it will be a Godly, righteous</u> judgment. Right? In Matthew 7 they quote "judge not least ye be judged" but you go ahead and read the next four verses, verse two through five and it says: " make a righteous judgement you hypocrite, get the log out of your eye so you can see clearly to judge your brother who has got a splinter in his eye. If you go into I Cor. 6: 2,3 he says "know you not that we shall judge heathen, the world, everything". You see we are to judge, but we are first to do it in a Godly manner. So he gives him a reed similar to a rod a measuring stick "and the angel stood and said, rise and measure the temple." This word temple is naios, it's the spiritual temple, it's speaking of the holy of holies. It's not talking about the outer court. It's like the new testament temple that I've taught about, some of you may not have heard it. It's the new temple in the book of Hebrews chapter nine. But he says " rise and measure the temple (that's the naios temple, the spiritual one) of God and

the altar". Now what is the altar in this spiritual temple? What do you think the altar would represent? <u>It would be your heart. The place you would make a</u> sacrifice. When you make a sacrifice to God now, it is a spiritual sacrifice. Is that true or false? In my heart I have to come to a place of sacrifice, where I give up all the thought processes that I possess and now move into what He possesses. So my place of sacrifice, my altar in my temple, (my spiritual temple) is my heart. " And them that worship in there". Now when he says, "worship there" I wonder what he's talking about. The word worship is like a dog licking his master's hand. You know you can kick a dog, you can yell at it, scream at it, and that dog will come right back and just love you. Even the animals can do that to their master. Why can't we love our master? We are always upset with Him. He says, "to measure the temple, to measure the altar, and them that worship (literally not therein, but in it). What are they worshiping? Think about it. What are they worshiping in? In the heart. "God is Spirit and He seeks those to worship Him in Spirit and truth". That's your heart. You see He's not looking for all this outside worship. It's inside the heart. He's setting this thing up and saying "I want you to measure everything according to the Christ. Don't go out there and see what religion has to offer, see what I have to offer for you. See what I have, the Spirit of God, has for you. Don't listen to what everyone else says. Listen to the Spirit that is in your heart. Forget about everything else." This is what He is trying to teach us.

He says in verse two: "but the court which is outside the temple, leave it out, cast it off". Do you know what everything outside the temple is? It's flesh. It's flesh. Don't worry about it. We're not talking about a physical temple. We are talking about this thing we live in. Aren't we the temple of the living God that He dwells within? So everything outside of my heart means "squat"!! It doesn't mean anything does it? It's only the heart that means anything. He said, "leave it out, cast it off and measure it not". This word measure means: an affixed standard or a lot by rule. He says, "only measure" and look at this one part (the heart). God says he measures only one thing " he weighs the thoughts and intent or our heart". (Our thought process toward Him). He says, "because it is given unto the Gentiles" (the nations, the imaginations). The flesh is all given over to what? The imaginations, that's were it came from. " And the holy city shall they tread underfoot" (that's their lifestyle, they'll tread it down --- for how long?) "fortytwo months" What is forty-two months? Forty-two months is three and one-half years. Twelve hundred and sixty days. There is several ways He says this through scripture. Three and one-half days, three and one-half weeks, it's talking about the number, the latter part of the days, weeks, months, whatever it is, it's not important. How long did Jesus minister once he walked into the anointing of Christ? Three and one-half years. So what does this tell me? That this is through the time of ministry. This is a time of ministry, for forty-two months, three and one-half years, three and one-half days, three and one-half weeks, twelve hundred and sixty days, that's the Jewish calendar for three and one-half years. So it's talking about a time of what? Ministry. So he's saying through this whole time of ministry, the whole time that humanity is on this earth, is a time of ministry. Not a literal number, its spiritual. So this whole time that man is here and the Spirit of God is ministering to us in the Spirit, he says" don't worry about the flesh because it doesn't count." All this flesh really doesn't mean any thing. EVERYBODY TODAY HAS GOT THEIR FOCUS UPON THE FLESH OF HUMANITY, RATHER THAN THE HEART OF HUMANITY. They are all worried about what is going on in this flesh. It doesn't mean anything.

Let's continue with verse three: "And I will give power unto my two witnesses" literally it says in the language "I will give (the word power is not there and the word into is not there). Literally it should say, "I will give of me two witnesses", that's what the language says. "I will give of me two witnesses", that means there is going to be a witness of God in the earth. You see it's going to come from who? GOD. It's a witness of ME, GOD, in the earth. I'm going to give you two witnesses, and two is what? A witness. "And they shall prophesy (or speak under the inspiration of God) for a thousand two hundred and three score days, clothed in sackcloth (or humility, and grief)." If you think there are just two people that's going to walk on this earth and prophesy as a witness of God for three and one-half years, we've missed the whole picture. This has been since the beginning, since the crucifixion there has been two witnesses prophesying in the earth, always. It's been His Apostles and Prophets. You go back and show me any place in scripture where the Apostles or Prophets were treated with respect. Were they? They are never going to be. THEY ARE NEVER GOING TO BE. He says, "they are going to prophesy for a thousand two hundred and three score days (that's still three and one-half years) "clothed in (what? - humility and grief). The whole time as you minister under the anointing (I'm going to tell you the anointing is only speaking of the Christ, and the Christ was never respected upon the face of the earth, was He). It's never going to be in this time.

Vs 4: "These are the two olive trees, (that's in Zech. 4 if you care to look that up, and it also speaks of it in Rom. II: 17. It speaks about you are (guess what?) The wild olive tree. You see there are two olive trees; there is a natural olive tree which is Israel (and they got cut off didn't they, they were the branches of the natural olive tree and they got cut off) and the wild olive tree, which is the Gentiles, that is us. Guess what we got grafted in. Go read the story and see what

KINDS OF PEOPLE. People who love God and people who play games. That's all it is. People who love God, and people who don't. People that want to play religion. Wasn't the Jewish nation Israel the perfect example of religion without God? They didn't care about God; they just wanted their rules, regulations, doctrines, and creeds, etc. You can also go into Matt. 5: 14 through 16, Luke II: 33 and Rev.1: 20 and you'll find out what these two candlesticks are. What is a candlestick? Let's just look at that verse to see that it is not what I'm telling you, it is what the book says: "The mystery of the seven stars which you saw on my right hand and the seven golden candlesticks, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which you saw are the seven churches.

So when we see these two candlesticks what are we talking about? We are speaking about two churches as a witness. There is going to be a true church and there is one that is "playing church". There is your witness. It has been all along. There have always been people who are sincere in the church and there are people who are not sincere. Is that true or false? This is what God is trying to tell us. There is a witness all the time. Positive, negative, positive, negative, positive,negative. ALWAYS THERE IS A WITNESS OF THIS, THROUGHOUT THE EARTH.

Back to verse four: He says, "these are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."

Vs 5:" And if any (the word man shouldn't be in this verse) desires (lit.) to hurt them fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies" Literally it eats up or consumes the adversary. Now, everybody gets lost in this thing thinking that these two people, you see they still think it's two people, its not two different classes or styles or two different churches. Not two different types of people. We're not talking consuming a certain type of people off the earth. We have to go back and see this. He is consuming the wickedness out of people. You can go back into the old covenant to Proverbs and it says, "the wicked shall not inhabit the earth". Everybody thinks that is wicked people that are all going to be thrown away. NO IT'S NOT! Nobody is going to be lost! God is going to get the wicked out of our hearts and our minds. Do you understand that? That is what this is all about. We've got to quit thinking that there are bad people that's going to be thrown away and good people that are going to make it. It's about getting the wicked out of each one of us. If we can see this is about ourselves, and quit focusing on someone else, guess what will happen? It will come to pass in our lives. We have got to get our focus on the right place.

"And if any desires to hurt them, he must in this manner be (what) killed" or literally "dealt with". He's going to have to die. What's going to die? If I am Spirit can I die? NO. Then what can die? FLESH, THE WICKEDNESS, THE MANIFESTATIONS OF OUR FLESH. You see all that stuff can die can't it; and it is going to die. By what? By fire out of their mouth. What is fire? It's judgement, its purification. The words coming out of the Prophets mouth is the purification for the body of Christ. It's the inspired word of God that purifies the body of Christ. I didn't write the book. God has a reason for everything going on. It's not just what can we think up to make it work. God already has this thing figured out. We are trying to understand what God said. The only thing that makes sense is GOD. The mind of man twists this stuff into all kinds of weird, wild things, and it is not about that. It is about us, getting ourselves ready.

Vs 6: "These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not" everybody wants to go back to Elijah and Moses and say, "these are the two witnesses". Come on, that's a history book. I'm not living in the past – are you? I'm living now; I've got to see what it is now. Elijah and Moses was something that happened in history. I want to know what it is in my life today. Don't you? He said "they have power to shut heaven" (that's the Spirit realm) "that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have powers over the waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will." Now let's look at this verse good, because this sixth verse goes into some things. "These" (this is the two olive trees and the two candlesticks. "They have power to shut heaven" - do you know the first two realms of the church do shut up heaven. They do, they don't let you go to the fullness. They hold you back, they restrict you. You can't go beyond the boundaries that they set up. God has something far beyond that. "They can stop it that it doesn't rain". What comes from the Spirit realm in the form of rain? It's the word of God. The first two realms of the church has the ability, and they do it very well, they get you caught up in emotions and won't let you hear the truth. See they just tell you it's in the emotions. Did you feel good this morning? Well God must have moved good here today, huh? What's that got to do with it! Is God, God? Does God depend on us as to whether He moves or doesn't move? It's all about what He desires, and He wills and He purposes in the earth – isn't it? Then why are we still listening to that stuff if we feel in our emotions, that God is having a good day and He accepts us. It's duality in our mind; we've got to get away from it. We've got to get to the truth. Back to the verse: "and they have power over (the what?) "the waters". What's the waters? The words. Now what water do they have control over, now they don't have control over the Spiritual water, really, you know. God is the one that controls that. II Cor. 3:6, Paul says, "the letter of the word kills, the Spirit of the word gives life". It's a life giving word. So

they can only control the flow of what word they want. That is death – isn't it? When man is in control of what's happening? They're dead. He says," they turn the water to blood" (and that blood can be life or death). We see it here as death, because they are controlling things. "And to smite the earth with plagues", the word plagues is literally wounds or calamites, "as often as they will." We see this, and I don't think my mind is a whole lot different then most people, it works like most everyone else. When they say, "these two people, these anointed, these two witnesses, will smite the earth with all these plagues – stop for a moment and think what you see in your mind. Most people want to look at this and say, "this is someone, big and powerful, running around on the earth casting curses and spells on people because they are not obeying what they are told." There are a lot of them doing that, but that is not what God is talking about. He said "they have power to do all these things as often as they will."

Do you think that the Christ wants to punish you? Do you? Most people think that God is trying to punish them. God is not trying to punish, he's trying to bring you to maturity. All these calamites that come in our life – it's said several different ways. Luke said it in the book of Acts "we must through much tribulation" the word for tribulation is (thlip'-sis), it means pressure. Through much "pressure" must we enter into the Kingdom of God. Paul said it another way in Thessalonians, he said, "If we don't suffer with Him, we'll not reign with Him. Same thing, thlipsis, pressure. So if we don't feel these pressures and calamites in our life, do you think we'll change? I never changed in my life until God put pressure on me. He put pressure on my life and it changed tremendously, and it's still changing. Hebrews says, "He chastises those He loves". That means He corrects them, He puts pressure on us. Do you think I like pressure? I don't like it anymore than you do, but you know what, it's good for me, and my Father I trust. Whatever He puts me in, it's good for me? If you come to that understanding, guess what? We won't fight, we won't claw, we won't bite, we won't snap, we'll just let God do what He wants to do with us. When I came to that understanding years ago that God is in control and it's all about what He wants done in my life, I had to give it up. Everybody has to come to that.

Vs 7: And when they shall have finished their witness/or their testimony" do you know what this word for witness or testimony means here? The Greek word here is marturia (mar-too-ree`-ah) it's where we get our English word martyr. What does that mean? What's a martyr? Someone that gives their life up for something else. So whenever they have finished their martyrdom, what are they here for? What are you raised up for? To be first fruit, and when first fruit comes up when they are grapes what do they do with them? Hang them on a wall and say, "hey,

look what a trophy I got". What does God do with them? Throws them in a wine press and squishes them. Fruit is gathered to be sacrificed to the Lord. I want to be a sacrifice to God; I don't have a problem with that. I have no problem of being a sacrifice unto the Lord. We have to learn to accept what He has got scheduled for us. He says "the beast which ascends out of the bottomless pit" lit. the abyss. Do you know where the bottomless pit is? Look in the mirror. It's in your mind. Look into this bottomless pit. That's where the problem comes from. Every struggle we have, where does it come from? It's not from without, it's from within. Everything that goes on is within our hearts. It comes out of the bottomless pit and it wants to argue and wrestle and fight with God about His word and what He wants. Jacob wrestled with God in what time of day? In the night. He wrestled with him all night long. Darkness, ignorance – in our ignorance what do we do? We wrestle with God. When we come to realize that the Day Star rises, grab hold of Him. You see the problem right now is, we are wrestling with God, and we are trying to hold onto darkness and we see the Day Star rising and we still don't want to release the darkness. We have to release the darkness and go to the light and embrace Him. What did Jacob say? "I'm not going to let you go until you bless me". You've got to embrace that light no matter how bright it is, no matter how hot it is, you have to embrace that Day Star that is raised in your heart. If you don't, you can be consumed by the fire. "But he ascended out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them."

Vs 8: "And their dead bodies (or lifeless bodies) shall lie in the street" the word street is not a street, it is the open square in the center of the city (the great city) "which is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Now do you know what this really is? This is the Babylonian church. Because His Apostles and Prophets are dead today, in the eyes of the Babylonian system. They have a lifeless form of an Apostle and a Prophet in the church today. Would you call that dead a lifeless form? Paul talked about it in one place and said, "They have a form of Godliness, but deny the power thereof, from such what? "runaway or flee or get away from it". Why? Because it's a lifeless form it's not the power of God. The power of God comes through His word, not by their control. "But their dead bodies shall lay in the center of this great city the Babylonian church, which is Spiritually called Sodom and Egypt where our Lord was crucified". Do you know where Jesus was crucified? Can you tell me where He was crucified? He was crucified in the heart of religion. He was crucified before the foundation, or conception of the world. He was crucified in the heart of humanity long before He died on the tree on Golgotha. Does the book say, "He was the lamb slain before the foundation?" That is what I am speaking about. He was crucified in the heart. And where is Babylon? You see it might be a Babylonian system that we talk about in man's religious system, but honey it's birthed in the heart of man. Babylon is in our hearts. There's the confusion, there is where the fight is going on. It's flesh man warring against the Christ inside. The one who is sitting on the throne.

Vs 9: "And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies (or lifeless bodies)" that's the Apostles and Prophets, and today that's all they see is a bunch of form, they don't see the power and authority of God do they? They see the lifeless form of the Apostle and Prophet that God has set up. Let's continue: "for three and an half days" through all time of religion as long as the Babylonian system is in order until God finishes with His first fruit you're going to see dead lifeless form in the church. He didn't tell us to go tear the church down or burn it did He? Leave it alone. He's telling you it's going to be there as long as religion is here. Until the first fruit is picked and they are finished –guess what? There is going to be a lifeless form called the Apostle and Prophet in the Babylonian system. "And they shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves." Guess what! The church doesn't want to get rid of those dead forms. Do you know why? Because then the power is going to be there, and they are going to see God in power and then the religious system has no more power over your lives. They don't want you to see the power and authority of God, but they won't suffer or allow or give up those bodies to go into the graves. They don't want it buried. Do you know what death begets? **DEATH**. You see death likes death. That's all they got. That's all they can give you.

We are coming to a place here where we should change, but there's no change it's just a lifeless form of religion. As long as we stay in it, it will be lifeless. There won't be any change. It's the Judea Christian system. What does Matt. 5:17 say? "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Jesus was the fulfilling of the prophets. Do you know why? He's showing you in type a form that religion cannot fulfill it in their forms, creeds and doctrines. Jesus is called the Prophet, Priest and King. He is the Prophet. He came in power and word, in word with power. The prophets today aren't doing that – are they? I'm not talking about someone saying "I want an arm to grow on someone" and an arm grows. I'm not even thinking about that. I'm talking about the ability to speak the words of God in your life and see your life change. There's the miracle. There's the power. To bring life to a lifeless form of humanity in this earth that is dying and suffering, and having the ability to speak life out of your life. The only way you can speak life out of your life is when vou have it. Religion has never had life for all these years because they can't produce life. When God draws us outside that religious system and infuses our life with the Spirit of God, now we will do the greater works than these, than He has done. We're going to bring life to the rest of humanity. He only chose ten percent

of them. He only chose the first fruit. He didn't choose everybody at one time did He?

Vs 10: "And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry", oh my goodness, "and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth." THEY THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH, WHO ARE THEY? Go to your covenants again, dust and sand, the first two realms of the church. They are going to be tormented by these prophets. These Apostles and Prophets that will stand up and prophesy under the anointing of God. I'm not talking about "Thus saith the Lord". I'm talking about speaking what God has in His heart today. Today God is speaking things out of His heart, and men and women that hear what God is saying will speak it, if they are Prophets of God. They don't care what anyone else thinks. They will speak it, and that's what we lack today in the church. But it says, "they that dwell upon the earth" the first two covenants "shall rejoice over them and make merry" literally they are going to be delighted. Now this dust and sand realm that dwells upon the earth. The language literally says that they dwell there or reside there permanently. That means they have no inkling to go anywhere else. They are satisfied, and most of the church is satisfied –aren't they? They are satisfied to sit and play in the sandbox. But "they are going to make merry (or be delighted) and shall send gifts one to another: because these two prophets tormented" the word tormented doesn't give you a true meaning. We think "tormented" they just aggravated them, but this word literally means a "touch stone". Have you heard of that before? It's a stone used when they are rendering gold or silver. They take this stone and they make a mark on the gold or silver, and the mark that is made on that gold or silver and the color it shows, depends on what value and what quality that gold and silver is. Does that tell you something? These prophets are touchstones, and when they come into your life and touch you, what kind of a mark do they make on your life. How much quality does it show in your life when you let this person mark your life? How much are you going to let God change your life? That's what it's about. How much are you going to let God change your life? These people come in your life just for one reason, to show you the quality of your life. It's not to beat you up. It's to show you the quality of your life. What should you do with it? What should you do with this? When God sends someone in your life, someone that is close to you, and He uses them to mark you. What color of gold do you see in there? What quality of silver did you see in there? Should we get upset? What should we do? We should look at it and if it's not pure enough what should we do? Jump back in the fire again. God change me, go ahead and change me. I didn't meet the standard of Your mark. Oh God. "They were the touchstones that dwelt on the earth" that's the dust and the sand.

Vs 11: "And after three and an half days (three and a half years, it's the same thing). Guess what happens? After the time of ministry is done on the earth –guess what's going to be manifested? "the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and the stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them." Romans 8: says, 'the whole world or, creation right now is trembling and standing on tiptoes waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God" don't you know that is what that is. They are waiting for the Spirit of God to enter into men and women and to stand up on the earth as the Manifested Son of God. Do you see it? "And great fear fell upon them" Why? Because they were in condemnation and they were in Babylon (they were in confusion). They thought God was mad at them; the sons of God are here to reveal the truth that God is not mad at you. He loves you. He wants to bring you out of this captivity that Babylon has you in. He wants to set you free. He wants to put a mark on you so you can see what you have to do, see where you have to go. Do you know what; I think when He makes that mark upon us it's going to be okay. I think were going to be all right.

Vs 12: "And they heard a great voice from heaven" when they stood alive, what did they do? They heard a great voice from heaven. These men and women as they stand upon the earth today they are not going to be listening to the voice of humanity. They are going to hear the voice from the Spirit realm. John 10 says, "My sheep hear my voice and a voice of another they will not follow". That's the difference hearing the Spirit of God verses hearing humanity. difference, a major difference. When that Spirit of life comes in to you, you can't do anything else. And it says to them "come up hither". You can look in Rev. 12 and it speaks in verses 4 and 5 about a man-child being born and satan or this dragon was waiting to devour this child as soon as he was born. In verse 5 it says as soon as this child was born; where did he go? He was caught up into the heavenlies. See this is God's plan. He's not going to let anything happen to this child. This man-child that is birthed on the earth already has a destiny. "Those He foreknew" Romans 8:29, "He predestined conformed to the image of His son". Back to verse 12: "and they ascended up to heaven in the Spirit realm in a cloud; and their enemies (that's the dust and the sand) beheld them." They are going to see them. Remember in Acts 1:9 When Jesus went up, the cloud received Him. They heard voices from heaven when God was around, but the enemies always beheld them. Standing outside looking in, when you could be sitting on the throne.

Vs 13: "In the same hour (or in that hour) there was a great earthquake" Where do you think this earthquake is taking place? It's in our minds. Why do you think we have such struggles? Are struggles bad? Struggles aren't bad; you just need to know that God is in control of those struggles. It's just like man trying to do these

control burns out west. It gets out of control doesn't it? When man tries to control. If God wants to burn something up He can burn it up and never touch anything beside of it. God is in control of this earthquake. The earthquake is appointed in your life. It's nothing that God has not preordained in your life. Know this! You won't be so shook up about it. You'll relax and say, "okay Father what are you trying to teach me?" Every time something bad goes on in your life, you need to stop and say, "Father, what is going on? Did I miss something? No I didn't miss anything." Well then guess what? Pull up a chair, sit down, and wait upon the Lord. There is something you are supposed to learn here. Quit trying to run out and do everything in your own power. YOU CAN'T DO IT! Jesus said, You can do nothing without me". Right or wrong? Go back and sit down. Don't try to go out and find a new course. If something is going on in your life, it's because God has ordained it to teach you something. He's not hurting you. He's not punishing you. He just wants you to learn something. So learn from it. Wait upon the Lord. "and a tenth part of the city fell". Oh my God! What is a tenth? It's a tithe. It's first fruit. The same word synonymous all through scripture, tithe, tenth, first fruit. Right? So the first are going to fall. Oh God! The tenth part of the city fell. What city?!?!? Babylon (c o n f u s i o n). A tenth part of the city fell. The religious confusion in the life is going out. He always said In the Old Testament, Isaiah said it, "there was a very small remnant". In I Kings 19:18 "it says there was a remnant, seven thousand, that did not bow the knee to Baal". In Romans 11:4 it talks about "the remnant that had not bowed the knee to Baal". This is what we are talking about. Baal is religion. So there is a tenth part of the city that fell. Lets go back into the verse again: "and in the earthquake were slain of men(of humanity) How many? Seven thousand. That's the same thing. It's symbolism. The first fruit fell. You see we think this is a bad thing because they fell. They were killed. It's a good thing. Religion just got killed in them. You see religion is getting killed in your heart. Is that a bad thing? It's a good thing that I was slain because of the revelation of the truth. Because this witness stood up in my life and gave his life for my life. Guess what? This shows me somebody loved me. That they were willing to put their life on the line. And you know what I'm going to do? I'm going to see it. I'm going to see that someone loved me and His name is God. It says, "the remnant (literally the remaining ones) were affrighted (they were scared) and gave glory to God" I'm going to tell you that is not the reason to come to God. The first fruit comes to God because of love and the rest of them will come because they are scared to death. They are scared of this make believe hell that someone has made up and put in their lives

Vs 14: "And the second woe is past; and behold, the third woe comes quickly" (or without delay, that means boom as soon as that ones done there is another one

coming right behind it.) Did you ever feel like that? Man you just get knocked down and feel like, jeez, I never got back on my feet yet, and you start to get up and boom, got hit by the second train coming through. Did you ever feel like that? God says, "look out it's coming quickly". He says, he's going to do a quick work in the earth today. He's looking for people who can take the abuse and STAND. Are you going to be able to stand for humanity? Because you see you are not standing for yourself. You take this abuse coming at you, these attacks coming at you, it's all because God is trying to put you in condition. He's trying to condition you to understand. This doesn't make any difference. Read the Book of Martyrs. Polycarp was burned at the stake. As his ropes were burnt from behind his back he fell forward and fell out of the fire. They didn't have to grab him and throw him back in the fire. He walked back into the fire and embraced the stake they were burning him at, and he continued to burn to his death. That's being that sacrifice. Willingly going to the stake. Know that it's coming.

Vs 15: "The seventh angel sounded; What is the seventh angel? Seven is complete. Here comes the completeness. Whenever you realize that all these woes are coming, woe, woe, woe, woe, woe, and all of a sudden there was a great voice speaking in heaven. Where? In the Spirit realm right? "the kingdom" not pleural, God only has one kingdom ." the kingdom of this world (this kingdom is not pleural either) "are", what? It says, "are become" or literally it should say, "has become" it's past tense. It's already His. "Has become of our Lord", see the kingdom of the world has become of our Lord. The words "the kingdom", the second one you see in italics, is not supposed to be there. "and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (or into the age of ages).

Vs 16: "and the four and twenty elders, which sat before God (or in the face of God,) the word before, literally means in the mind of God. If we have the mind of Christ, what mind do we have? We have the mind of God. So here are twenty-four elders, that's the complete God man, the government of God, the ruler ship of God, the first fruit. "which sat before God, or sat in the mind of God, on their seats" You see I'm willing to sit in God's place and know my place. It's to be seated. It's not being in control. "and they fell upon their faces and worshipped God".

Vs 17: "Saying we give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, which are, and is, and are to come; because you have taken to You great power, and reign" (not hast reigned, You have taken the power and You reign)

Vs 18: "And the nations were angry, (what nations were angry? Your imaginations. When God comes into your life to reign, the first thing you do is start kicking and screaming and flailing like a little child. The immaturity comes

in because we don't want to give it up. God says all through the Old Testament. I will provoke them to jealousy". "I WILL PROVOKE THEM TO JEALOUSY". The Jewish nation was just a typical church system of today. Rules, regulations, jealousies, fightings, murders, adulteries, fornications, you name it, it was in there, wasn't it? And guess what? He said I'm going to provoke them by somebody, another nation, with different tongues and all this stuff, and I'm going to make them jealous. For what reason? To bring them back. To restore them. Just like the one that was cut off, the olive branch, which were cut off. We're the wild ones, the natural one is cut off, and He's just using us to make them jealous, to bring them back. So I don't care if they come back. I'm looking forward to it. I want them all back. So does He. " And the nations were angry (or literally they were provoked). If you want to see where He provoked them I'll give you a few scriptures: Deut. 32: 21, Romans 10:19 through 21, Romans 11:11, you can look through those to see where God provoked them. "And the wrath" Now what is wrath? It's not anger. It's His desire and His passion. It should read "now His desire has come". It has come, what's His desire? To anger the nations so they will come back to Him. To provoke them to jealousy so they will come back to their Father. It's not a bad thing. He's provoking them so they will come home. The prodigal son coming home. That's all it is. " And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou should give reward unto your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear (or reverence) your name, small and great and should destroy (what?) "them" The word them is added. Literally it should say, it should say (destroy destruction, from the earth). Destruction only comes from one place. It's in the heart of man. It's in the heart of humanity. "No evil thing," Jesus said," comes from anywhere without, it comes from within." Murder, adultery, fornication, hate, lust, jealousy, it all comes from within. Has anyone ever been jealous and it not be in their heart? Would anybody kill someone and murder not be in their heart? Where does it come from? From within. I always have got to look within. I've got to quit looking without for any of my problems. Everything lies within you.

I prophesied once to a man in Northern Ohio, in a meeting I was in, and right in the service God spoke it to me and I looked at him and he was sitting right on the front row and he was crying. He was just bawling like a baby. His wife had left him and left their three children with him. He didn't know what to do. I said something to him that was hard. I mean I couldn't believe I said it and I had to get the tape later to find out what I said and why I said it. I looked him right in the eye and said, "You have no problems". And here was a man that the world would look at and the church would look at and say, " man he's got all the problems in the world". That's where they are, in the world. I said, " you have no problems, God

said you only have a heart condition." Now do you know how many people would receive that? Now he's having a pity party and a big one. He's got invitations sent out to everybody. Everybody is feeling sorry for him, and God said, "It's your heart son. It's your heart." Now that can be construed as a very cruel thing couldn't it? But that man needed to hear that it wasn't something that his wife did. God was checking his heart. If I get mad at somebody, I've got something wrong in my heart. You see it's not what you did to me, it's what I let you do to me. I let you get my joy. I'm not going to do that. Don't let anyone take your joy.

Vs 19: "And the temple of God was opened" – what is the temple of God? We are. The temple of God was opened in the Spirit realm. This word temple is "naos" the Spiritual temple. That's us. "And there was seen in his temple (the body of Christ) the ark"—what does the word ark represent? It's His presence. So in the Spirit realm there was opened in His temple (His body) the presence of His covenant. " and there were lightning's, and voices, and thundering, earthquakes and hail." All of this speaks of a word of God. It's the light of God, the lightening, and the voices and the thundering are always represented by God's voice and an earthquake going on inside of them, and great hail. Hail is just hard water, (hard word) frozen. Hey this is it baby! This is walking into the Holy of Holies. You've got the fullness of God in your life. When you let this go on in your life, you've got ALL THIS IN YOUR LIFE. And do you know what? People will look at you like you are some kind of alien. Now they will. They will look at you like you're an alien, because you are walking in the peace of God when all this hell has broke loose around you. They are going to say, "you're sick, there's something wrong with you. Your minds gone." (Amen). It's gone and I don't want it back! This is talking about the fullness and completeness of God being in earth. (Earthen vessels). May you be blessed in the richness of His revelation, and come to the fullness of the Manifested Son.

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