

Sunday, July 21, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

Title: The Temples, The Two Witnesses and the Seventh Trumpet

Series: Revelation ... 17

Text: Revelation 11

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the major happenings during the first 3½ years of the time of “Jacob’s trouble.” Jeremiah 30:7 (KJV), *“Alas! for that day is great, that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”*

Introduction:

- ~ Review of Revelation chapters 1 – 10
- ~ Daniel 9:24 – 27 READ

1. The New Temple on Earth in Jerusalem:

~ vs. 1 – 2, *“Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, (2) but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.”*

~ Forty-two months = 3 times 12 months is 36 months plus 6 months is 42 months or 3½ years

~ The outer court of the temple is for the nations or Gentiles; see Ephesians 2:11 – 21

~ The “altar” is the bronze altar and not the altar of incense which only priest approached!

2. The Two Witnesses on Earth:

~ vs. 3, 1260 days divided by 360 days (such was the Jewish calendar) = 3.5 years

~ vs. 4 who the two witnesses are; “the two olive trees and the two lampstands”

The two covenants of God – the law and new birth in Christ Jesus

Some suggest that the individuals may be Elijah (1 Kings 17:1) and Moses (Exodus 7:20)

~ vs. 5 the two witnesses have extraordinary powers for protection!

~ vs. 7 when their testimony is complete “the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them.”

~ vs. 8 – 9 their bodies are left in the street of Jerusalem for 3½ days as a mocking insult to their message and their God Most High (Psalm 79:1 – 4)

~ vs. 10 an unholy celebration ensues

~ vs. 11 the two witnesses are restored to life

~ vs. 12 they are raptured

~ vs. 13 great earthquake, terror, repentance and glory given to God

~ vs. 14 see Revelation 9:11 – 12 for the first woe and Revelation 9:13 – 21 the second woe

3. The Seventh Trumpet Sounds:

~ vs. 15, *“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”*

~ vs. 17, Note from Adam Clarke (1762 – 1832): *“This gives a proper view of God in His eternity; all times are here comprehended, the present, the past, and the future. This is the infinitude of God, has taken to Thee. Thou hast exercised that great power which Thou ever hast; and Thou hast broken the power of Thy enemies, and exalted Thy Church.”*

~ vs. 18 wrath has come and yet more will come in chapters 15 and 16

4. The Temple in Heaven:

~ vs. 19, *“Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lighting, rumblings, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.”*

Conclusion:

Communion