

APOCALYPSE!

Session 5

"The Two Witnesses"

Rev. Ch. 9-11



Part 1 of 2

Revelation



SOME “LITURGICAL” (TEMPLE) NOTES

- Heavenly Temple (Which looks a lot like Jerusalem Temple) continues to be command center from which judgement on world takes place
 - This is where FAMILIARITY with Temple in back of mind is helpful (why we watched video a couple of weeks ago)
- “Altar of Incense” (Rev. 8:5)
- “Four Horns” of Altar (Rev. 9:13)
- Outer and inner courts of Temple Rev. 11:1-2
- Holy of Holies/Ark of the Covenant (Rev. 11:19)
 - Remember, Tearing of Temple Veil at Jesus’ Sacrifice



WORD ABOUT JUDGMENT AND WRATH

- Left to consequences of own sin
- Exposing of truth...in a way BEASTS in Revelation are MORE REAL and MORE TRUE
- Allows for possibility of repentance and conversion



CENSER

- “Smoke of incense” = “Prayers of the Saints/Faithful”
- Cast coals of Censer upon the earth
- 4 trumpets – involve **FIERY** thing **FALLING FROM SKY (HEAVEN)**





Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 1860

SEVEN TRUMPETS

1 – **Earth** Grass and Trees Burned

- Hail (Fire & Blood)

2 – **Sea:** turns to blood; ships destroyed

- Burning Mountain

3 – **Waters:** turn bitter

- Star (Wormwood)

4 – **Sky:** Sun and Moon and stars do not shine

5 – Locusts (with military power) – **TORMENT** people

- Star

6 – 200 million man army; Third of mankind killed;

7 – Kingdom of God declared



THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
						
Green grass and 1/3 of the trees are burned up. Rev. 8:7	1/3 of sea becomes blood; 1/3 of ships and sea life destroyed. Rev. 8:8-9	1/3 of waters turn bitter. Rev. 8:1-11	1/3 of sun, moon, and stars do not shine. Rev. 8:12	"Locusts" wield the Beast's military power. Rev. 9:1-12	200-million-man army; a third of mankind killed. Rev. 9:13-21	The Kingdom of God is declared. Rev. 11:15-19





Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-25



Amphibians (Frogs)
Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36



CHALICE Judgments in Revelation	TRUMPET Judgments in Revelation	PLAGUES ON EGYPT In the book of Exodus
1 st Chalice: Poured out on the Land; people disfigured with sores (16:1-2)	1 st Trumpet: On the Land; 1/3 earth, trees, grass burned (8:7)	Boils (6 th plague: Exodus 9:8-12)
2 nd Chalice: Poured out on the sea, becoming blood (16:3)	2 nd Trumpet: On the sea; 1/3 of sea becomes blood, 1/3 sea creatures die, 1/3 ships destroyed (8:8-9)	Waters become blood (1 st plague: Exodus 7:17-21)
3 rd Chalice: Poured out on rivers and springs, becoming blood (16:8-9)	3 rd Trumpet: On rivers and springs; 1/3 of waters become wormwood (8:10-11)	Waters become blood (1 st plague: Exodus 7:17-21)
4 th Chalice: Poured out on the sun, causing it to scorch = darkened (16:8-9)	4 th Trumpet: 1/3 of sun, moon, & stars darkened (8:12)	Darkness (9 th plague: Exodus 10:21-23)
5 th Chalice: Poured out on the throne of the Beast = darkness, pain and sores torment people (16:10-11)	5 th Trumpet: Demonic locusts tormenting mankind (9:13-21)	Locusts (8 th plague: Exodus 10: 4-20)
6 th Chalice: Poured out on the river [Euphrates], drying it up to make way for kings of the east; invasion of frog-demons; Armageddon (16:12-16)	6 th Trumpet: Invasion of army from the river [Euphrates] kills 1/3 of mankind (9:13-21)	Invasion of frogs from the river [Nile] (2 nd plague: Exodus 8:2-4)
7 th Chalice: Poured out on the air causing storm, earthquake, hail & the Great City splits (16:17-21)	7 th Trumpet: Voices, storm, earthquake, hail (11:15-19)	Hail storm (7 th plague: Exodus 9:18-26)



SCARY LOCUSTS

- Terrifying power of Evil
- Crowns of Gold = Conquerors
- Human Faces = Intelligence
- Hairiness and Teeth = Ferocity (like Lions)
- Iron Breastplates = Warriors
- Noise and Scorpion Tales = Cruelty

Abbadon = “*Destruction*” or “*Ruin*” (Hebrew/Aramaic)

Apollyon = “*Destroyer*” (Greek)



EATING OF THE SCROLL

Revelation 10:8-10

“ ‘Go , take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel....So I went up to the angel and told him to give me the small scroll. He said to me, ‘Take and swallow it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will taste sweet as honey.’ I took the small scroll from the angel’s hand and swallowed it. In my mouth it was like sweet honey, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.”

Ezekiel 2:9-10; 3:1-3

“It was then I saw a hand outstretched toward me, in which was a written scroll which he unrolled before me. It was covered with writing front and back, and written on it was: Lamentation and wailing, and woe! He said to me: Son of man, eat what is before you; eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth and he gave me the scroll to eat. Son of man, he then said to me, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll I am giving you. I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth...”



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Jeremiah 15:16-18

“When I found your words, I devoured them; they became the joy and happiness of my heart, because I bore your name, Lord God of hosts.

I did not sit celebrating with merrymakers; Under the weight of your hand I sat alone because you filled me with indignation. Why is my pain continuous, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? You have indeed become for me a treacherous brook...”



EATING OF THE SCROLL

Revelation 10:8-10

- **JEREMIAH** and **EZEKIEL**
- **BOTH** in relationship to **BABYLON** (important symbol in Revelation)
- **Context of EXILE**
 - **Jeremiah** (on **VERGE** of being conquered/Exiled)
 - **Ezekiel** – currently **IN** Babylon **IN** Exile



“1260 DAYS”

**Reference to Persecution
by Antiochus Epiphanes IV
During MACCABEES (1 Mc. 1:33; 1:54)
See Daniel 7:25; 12:7**

- **42 months** (Rev. 11:2)
- **42 / 12 = 3.5 years** (Rev. 11:11 ... 3.5 “days”)
 - **Half of 7**
- **42 x 30 = 1260 Days**
(Rev. 11:3 ... also Rev. 12:6, with the Woman NEXT week)





TWO WITNESSES

SYMBOLISM OF TWO

Biblical Law

- TWO eyewitnesses to testify!
- Deuteronomy 19:15
- John 8:17
- 2 Cor. 13:1-2





TWO WITNESSES

SYMBOLISM OF TWO

- **Two Lampstands**
 - **Rev. 11:4**
- **Lampstands Symbolic of Churches**
 - **Rev. 1:20**
 - **Seven Lampstands = Seven Churches**
- **Witness of Universal Church to the world**
- **Persecuted Church**



TWO WITNESSES

Moses – *The Law*

- Turned water into blood
 - (Exodus 7:14-16) (Rev. 11:6)
- Fire upon enemies
 - (Numbers 16:35)

Elijah – *The Prophets*

- Caused drought
 - (1 Kings 17:1-3; 18:1) (Rev. 11:6)
- Fire upon enemies
 - (2 Kings 1:10)





TWO WITNESSES

Transfiguration of Christ

Moses – The Law

Elijah – The Prophets

Spoke “of His exodus he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem”

-Luke 9:30-31

NOTE

- *Temple (Rev. 11:1-2)*
- *Jeusalem (Rev. 11:8)*





TWO WITNESSES

SYMBOLIZE the
CHURCH

(Lampstands)

Old People of Israel

New people of Israel in
Christ (the Church)

(Old and New Testament)

Church boldly and
faithfully proclaiming
Christ even in face of
persecution

AGAIN RESURRECTION!

TRANSFIGURATION
AGAIN

Christ revealed; illuminating
THROUGH the Church

