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Revelation 11:7-14

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GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

I.) Is a witness that's not acceptable to everyone vv. 7-8

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Have You Ever Noticed That ;

The Talk of God, The Talk About God, or The Talk of God's Word, The Bible
Can Really Set Someone Off...

What The Bible Says About the Bible,

Is that the deeper we advance into what is called the Last Days or the End Times, The Bible will be Rejected, The Jews will Be Persecuted, and Evil will become Acceptable...

So Much So That...

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call **evil good, and good evil**; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

This Calling "Evil" good and "Good" evil

Is increasing and shall increase all the more because nations, and their leaders, cultures and people, - - families are unwilling and unable to discern

2 Timothy 3:13

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. **:14** But you must continue in the things which you have learned...

Matthew 24:12

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

Is a witness that's not acceptable to everyone

1st Because the message of God to man is PERSONAL v.7

When they finish their testimony...

Now, Remember Who These Guys Are!

They Are God's Mouth Pieces Sent to an Unbelieving World

The Bible Says That...

Revelation 11:3

The Lord will give them *power* to my two witnesses, **and they will prophesy** one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

(3 1/2 years or 42 months or Time, Times and a Half of Time, or 1,260 days)

These Prophets, Prophesied in Prophet Suits
(Armani isn't authorized prophet attire)

**A "Sackcloth Ministry" isn't the Most Encouraging!
No One Just Signs Up for a Sackcloth Ministry**

Jonah Had One, Didn't Sign Up for It
Ezekiel, at Times, had a Sackcloth Ministry
Isaiah, at Times, had a Sackcloth Ministry
John the Baptist at Times Had a Sackcloth Ministry

“You Brood of Vipers, who has warned you
to flee from the wrath to come”

Jesus, at Times, had a Sackcloth Ministry.
It all depended upon who was in the audience and what was going on.

“Let Him Who is Without Sin Cast...”

vs.

“Woman, where are your accusers? go and sin no more...”

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS CALLED, AT TIMES
TO HAVE A SACKCLOTH MINISTRY.

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Jude 1:22

And on some have compassion, making a distinction; :23 but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire,

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

Is a witness that's not acceptable to everyone

2nd Because the message of God to man is DIVISIVE v.7

the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit
will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

Daniel Chapter 7

Is one of the most remarkable chapters in all of the Bible.
It is most remarkable because it tells of 4 world governing empires that would come upon the earth prior to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The Babylonian Empire
The Medo-Persian Empire
The Grecian Empire
And The Roman Empire

Just Four, Only Four, But There's More – *so please don't snore!*

That Fourth Empire has Never Really ceased to Exist
Because it was Never Defeated by Another Enemy.

But What's With The Beast?

Where does He come from?

He ascends out of **the bottomless pit**

He can and does kill the tribulation believers
He makes **war** against them, he **overcomes** them, and he **kills** them.

He Accuses them, Arrests them, and then Condemns them
to Death.

We know this;

That he is a man, not a demon even though he “ascends out of the bottomless pit”
That refers to the origin of his agenda – that it is satanic in nature!

Not to be Confused

Revelation 13:1

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast **rising up out of the sea**, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

Revelation 17:15

Then he said to me, “**The waters which you saw**, where the harlot sits, **are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.**”

Revelation 13:11

Then I saw another beast **coming up out of the earth**, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

Revelation 13:2,18

Now **the beast** which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. **The dragon** gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. **:18** Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666.

The Dragon in Scripture is Always Satan, The Beast is Always a Dragon-Powered Person

Notice Also the Apparent Abruptness

of the Introduction of the Beast.

I believe that it is because John was already familiar with the teachings about this Beast of a Man – the antichrist!

John like Every Jew, Knew the Book of Daniel (7)

this man that John sees is the fourth beast, the last of the kings of the earth

WE'VE ALREADY MET HIM

Revelation 6:1-2

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." :2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Daniel 9:26

...the prince who is to come

Remember, Revelation 10-11:14

is a Parenthetical Insert or Revelation - It's recapping, with greater details of that which has already been shown to John!

His Coming is Impressive

At some point near the end of the first half of the (7) year tribulation, at the (3 1/2) year point, an assassination attempt will be made upon The Beast, the Antichrist and He will Appear to Die.

Revelation 13:2-5

Now **the beast** which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. **The dragon** gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. :3 And I saw one of **his heads** as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. :4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" :5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

"He ascends out of the bottomless pit" – but he's a human!

It appears that He will have his own near death experience to tell. He will travel through a long dark tunnel as he sees an approaching light and he will tell of his glorious experience.

But This Story will be Different. He will come Back with Supernatural, Satanic Powers. He will have a "Visit" hell.

This is so of Drug Induced Hallucinations.
The Cults and Occult, Eastern Mysticism, Astro/Soul Projection and UFO encounters.
It's all of demonic and satanic origins and powers

Luke 21:25

"And there will be **signs** (*strange things, not normal things, supernatural things*) in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; - - **atmospheric and stellar phenomenon**

This Beast of a Man is the anti-christ

Will appear to return from the dead with a story of the spirit world and will have great power... power to kill the two witness and the tribulation believers!

Daniel 7:21

"I was watching; and the same horn, (king) was making war against the saints, and **prevailing against them**, (this continued) **:22 until** the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made *in favor* of **the saints** of the Most High, and **the time** came for **the saints** to possess the kingdom. **:23** "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast (Mr. Antichrist to you) shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And it shall devour the whole earth – Revelation 11:7

Today, Christians are Called *to Live* for Jesus Christ.
During the Days of the Antichrist, Christians *must Die* for Jesus Christ.

Revelation 13:7

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Revelation 13:15

He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

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: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.

Jerusalem is God's own City. He Loves It.

Many of the Ancient Jewish Scholars believed that when God created the heaven and the earth, that the heavens came forth out of his mouth by His word. And that when the earth was created, it unfolded from underneath His feet. The material universe went out from Him.

But If That City Refuses Him – Judgment Naturally Comes!

Jerusalem is a Very “Unbelieving City” Today

New Age, Occult, Islam, The Cults, Twisted Man-made Religions...

Today, Jerusalem and Jesus, They Don't Get Along!
And They Won't Until Jesus Returns.

Matthew 23:37

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! :38 See! Your house is left to you desolate;