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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 v.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.

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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...

2nd Because the message of God to man is DIVISIVE

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

Daniel Chapter 7

Is a witness that's not acceptable to everyone

3rd Because the message of God to man is CONVICTING v.8

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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;

HOW IS JERUSALEM LIKE SODOM?

Sexual Perversion and Homosexuality

1 Corinthians 6:9

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

2 Corinthians 6:17

Therefore “*Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.*”

HOW IS JERUSALEM LIKE EGYPT?

In the Bible - Egypt has Always Been a Type of the World and Worldliness. There has Never Been a Culture or an Empire as Beautiful as Egypt. But Egypt was a Place of Slavery

LEAVING EGYPT MEANT THAT YOU SAID **GOODBYE TO PAGANISM**

LEAVING EGYPT MEANT THAT YOU **EMBRACED THE ONE TRUE GOD**

LEAVING EGYPT MEANT THAT YOU **ENTERED INTO REAL WORSHIP**

LEAVING EGYPT MEANT THAT YOU NOW **DEPENDED UPON GOD**

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II.) *It exposes mans hatred against the truth* vv. 9-11

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1st *It's a hatred that cannot be satisfied* v.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

So Developed is Their Hatred

That they view the Messengers and their Message as Evil.

They Refused to Tolerate Others.

What Do You Think Those Two Prophets of God Prophesied About,
The Return of Elvis? - - *It was the word of God!*

People Today are so Weak and Fragile,

That they whimper and whine and have a breakdown of the slightest things.

Verse 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
The Burial Practices of the Middle East = *that day*

Notice the Technology that the Bible Speaks of;

Every ethnic base, every tribal clan, each language group,
and every government will see!

IT'S A REAL-TIME, WORLDWIDE, UNITED HATRED.

IT'S AN ABC, FOX NEWS, BBC SPECIAL REPORT.

“This is CNN” Live from Jerusalem,

Our Satellite Technology of Today
(we're there people)

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

The Exposing of mans hatred against the truth

2nd It's a hatred that cannot be curbed

v.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.

It's Like Christmas in Hell,

They will **rejoice** over them, **make merry**, and **send gifts** to one another,

Rejoice

Sing Stupid Songs

“Joy to the World, The Lord is Dead”

make merry

Do Stupid Things

Get Drugged and Drunk

send gifts

E-mail and FedEx Toys

Satan Rules T-Shirts

People Can Be So Goofy

Remember December 31st 1999 - A 24 hour party enveloped the earth because of the Millennium. People Partied Worldwide

The Prophets Were Seen as Enemies So They Killed Them!

So They Partied

There is No Doubt that When The Prophets Died, The Plagues Stopped.

Thus The Partying

And *those* **who dwell on the earth** will rejoice **over them**

The Those vs. The Them

The Those that are Rejoicing vs. The Them who are Attacked
If We're Picking Teams, which Team would you want to be on?

Satan's Victory Seems Complete... *but*

Some Song and Dance
No More Prophets Yeah - Yeah, No More Sermons Noa - Noa
Don't Worry, Be Happy

There's verse 11 still to go !!!

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

The Exposing of mans hatred against the truth

3rd It's a hatred that cannot see

v.11

The Lord's Not Often Seen as a Party Pooper,
But He Puts the Skids on this Worldwide Party!

Now after the three-and-a-half days **the breath of life** from God entered them,
(the two witnesses) and **they stood on their feet**, and great fear fell on those who saw them

as the world turns, now their stomachs do too.

100's of millions of people look on in absolute terror

and great fear fell on those who saw them
this "great fear" - - is a fear that immobilizes. causes panic, mass hysteria

Hebrews 11:24

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, :25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy **the passing pleasures of sin**,

Luke 21:25

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; :26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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III.) A powerful testimony of grace and judgment vv. 12-14

: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. :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.

A powerful testimony of grace and judgment

1st Grace – The Lord will not leave anyone behind v.12

And they (those present?) heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "**Come up here.**" And they (the two witnesses!) ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

This "Come up here." Is the Preferred Mode of Transportation into Heaven Outside of Death

**EARLIER, BEFORE THE TRIBULATION BEGAN,
WE SEE JOHN BEING CALLED UPWARD INTO HEAVEN**

Revelation 4:1

After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

The Preferred Mode of Transportation into Heaven

Acts 1:9

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. :10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, :11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

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A powerful testimony of grace and judgment

2nd Judgment – The Lord will not leave justice undone v.13-14

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.

I Understand;
It's Hard in Some Ways for Us to Imagine These Things

But the Bible is Full of Things Hard to Understand.

But Try This One On for Size
Understand This.

This Same Book That Tells us of These Strange Events,
Also told us

Verse 13

and they gave glory to the God of heaven

Who are These New Believers in Jesus Christ as Messiah?

Revelation 7:2

Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, :3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." :4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *were* sealed:

What Happens When a Person Comes to Jesus Christ?

2 Corinthians 1:21

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, :22 who also has **sealed** us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Ephesians 4:30

...you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

That's Salvation Talk - These may be the converted 144,000 Jews from the 12 tribes of Israel.

Remember – Chapters 10 and 11 are parenthetical inserts of things already addressed earlier. – It's possible

Verse 14

The **second woe** is past. Behold, the **third woe** is coming quickly.

There's An Ominous Warning Here

Revelation 9:12

One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Revelation 11:14

The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

IF YOU'RE AN EARTH DWELLER OR EARTH LOVER

It's An Ominous Warning

Judgment – The Lord will not leave justice undone

Our World is Corrupt, Our Judges are Corrupt, Our Leaders are Corrupt

Genesis 18:25

Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Matthew 23:13

"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

Matthew 23:16

Woe to you, blind guides

Luke 6:25

Woe unto you that are full!

Luke 6:24

But woe unto you that are rich!

Luke 6:26

Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!

Luke 11:52

Woe unto you, lawyers!

Matthew 11:21

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida!

Luke 10:15

And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

THERE'S GOOD NEWS...
ALMIGHTY GOD IS GOING TO JUDGE THE JUDGES OF THE EARTH

Psalm 89:14

Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of His throne;
And Mercy and truth are before His face.

Proverbs 21:3

To do righteousness and justice *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

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