

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Lesson 5

The Central Characters in the Tribulation

Revelation 10-11:14 is another interlude which separates the Trumpet judgments from the bowl judgments. The seventh trumpet will sound in Rev 11:15, marking the pouring out of the last series of bowl judgments which immediately precede the second coming of Christ. These judgments will be so severe that if Christ didn't return to end them no one would survive.

1. Rev 10 is John's vision of judgment that is so severe that he is told what (10:4)? When he symbolically ate the "little book" of judgments, what did it taste like and what did it do (10:9-10)? Compare this to 2 Cor 2:14-16.
2. In Rev 11:1-2, how long will God give control of the new Temple in Jerusalem to the "nations" i.e. the Gentiles? According to 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, who will set himself up in the Temple and claim the worship due only to the true God?
3. Will God's people remain silent during this 3-1/2 years (Rev 11:3-6)? Who will speak for God and against "the man of lawlessness"? Considering the power God will give them, who do these "two witnesses" resemble (2 Kings 1:10, 1 Kings 17:1, Exodus 7:14-17)?
4. In Rev 11:15, the seventh trumpet judgment sounds which signals the final bowl judgments after which Christ will return. What is the mood in heaven (11:15-17)? What is the mood on earth (11:18)? Why the difference?

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10. What term did John use to describe the “beast” in 1 John 2:18, 22? Even now all men have a choice between the “Lamb” and he who opposes Him. What wise but simple advice about spiritual truth does John give in 1 John 4:1-6?