

CATCHING UP ON END TIME ACTION

Revelation 11:1-14

A. If the title seems strange, let me explain.

1. Beginning with chapter four the Revelation of Jesus Christ has dealt with the plans and action of the seventieth week of God's dealing with Israel as spoken of in Daniel 9:24-27 which is the last week in seventy weeks of years.
2. During this week there is action going on in many different places. We can observe and concentrate our interest in only one thing at a time, but all are important.
3. If we are to see the whole picture, we must be given an account of what has been taking place in other areas while we were viewing present action.
4. Like a 7 ring circus has action taking place in all rings at the same time; like the Olympics with many areas of action taking place at the same time; also like the old Western Movies –meanwhile back at the ranch.

B. The verses of our text record some things that have taken place prior to time just studied in the previous chapter.

I. VERSES ONE AND TWO RECORD THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE IN JEURSALEM.

- A. While our study has now reached well into the last half of the tribulation period, verses one and two reveal the rebuilding of the temple.
- B. Most agree that Daniel's prophecy revealed that the temple would be built in the first three and half years of the seventieth week.

II. VERSES TWO THROUGH SIX RECORD THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD.

- A. Verse two records the treading down of Jerusalem by the Gentile leaders.
- B. Verses three and four reveal that God has had two special witnesses prophesying since the beginning of the second half of the tribulation period.
- C. Verses five and six reveal that nothing could stop these from doing the work which God had given them. While the world hated them and sought their destruction, God protected them until they had finished their testimony.

III. VERSES SEVEN THROUGH TEN REVEAL THE ANTICHRIST VICTORY OVER THE TWO WITNESSES.

- A. Verse seven –The beast (antichrist) ascends out of the bottomless pit and kills the two witnesses.
- B. Verse eight – The dead bodies of the two witnesses were left lying in the streets of Jerusalem.
- C. Verse nine – The people of all nations shall view these dead bodies for three days and an half.
- D. Verse ten – The people of the earth shall rejoice over the death of the two witnesses and shall send gifts. I seems that the leaders of the nations shall visit the antichrist and bring gifts in this celebration.

IV. VERSES ELEVEN AND TWELVE REVEAL THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF THE TWO

WITNESSES.

- A. Verse eleven – After three days and an half, the Spirit of God resurrects them and they stand up upon their feet.**
- B. Verse eleven reveals that great fear fell upon them which saw them.**
- C. Verse twelve – A great voice from heaven called the two witnesses to come up to heaven. They ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld this great happening.**

V. VERSE THIRTEEN REVEALES THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SEVEN THOUSAND WORLD LEADERS.

- A. God sent a great earthquake that destroyed one tenth part of the city of Jerusalem.**
- B. The earthquake also killed seven thousand NAMED men – world leaders. All the world leaders are killed including the antichrist. (But he shall be resurrected but the false prophet and he will have control over the entire world. Rev. 13:14)**
- C. The people who remained were frightened and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Thus the second woe has ended and the third woe now comes quickly.**
- B. Let us each ask self, “AM I READY TO MEET THE LORD?”**