

## Book of Revelation, Part 4...

### Rev. 10<sup>amp</sup> An interlude between the Trumpets and the Bowls

**VS.3, 4** "...seven peals of thunder spoke with their own voices [uttering their message in distinct words].

"And when the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them down.' [2 Cor 12:4]

**Vs. 7** ...but when it is time for the trumpet call of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God [that is, His hidden purpose and plan] is finished, as He announced the gospel to His servants the prophets. [Dan 12:6; Rom 11:25; 1 Cor 15:55; 2 Thess 2:7]

Fill in the missing parts in your Bible as you read this article.

### Rev. 11:1-14 - The Two Witnesses

"...Rise and measure the temple of God...leave out the court [of the Gentiles] which is outside the temple and do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles (the nations); and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months (3-1/2 years). [Dan 8:9-14; Zech. 12:3; Luke 21:24]

"And I will grant *authority* to My two witnesses, and they will prophecy...for 3-1/2 years...dressed in sackcloth." (Last half of the tribulation period.)

"These [witnesses] are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth." [Zech.4:3, 11-14]

"And if anyone wants to harm them, fire comes out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. [2 Kin 1:10-12; Jer 5:14]

"These [two witnesses] have the power [from God] to shut up the sky, so that no rain will fall during the days of their prophesying [regarding] judgment and salvation]; and they have power over the waters (seas, rivers) to turn them into

blood, and to strike the earth with every [kind of] plague, as often as they wish. [Ex 7:14-19; I Kin 17:1]

“When they have finished their testimony *and* given their evidence, the beast that comes up out of the abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war with them, and overcome them and kill them.” [Dan 7:3; 7, 21]

The following verses tell of their death, the following events and their final rapture up into heaven.

“And in that [very] hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell and was destroyed; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest [who survived] were overcome with terror, and they glorified the God of heaven [as they recognized His awesome power].”

### **Rev. 11:15-19 – Back to the Trumpets**

#### **The Seventh Trumpet Sounds and Christ’s Reign Foreseen**

“...The kingdom (dominion, rule) of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” [Ps 22:28; Dan 2:31-45; 7:13, 14, 27; Zech 14:9]...

“...And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning, loud rumblings and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm. [I Kin 8:1-12]

This section just needs to be read; it is easy to understand it.

### **Rev. 12 – Continuation of the Interlude Period**

This chapter is a reminder of the birth of the Messiah, Satan’s attempts to stop him and kill him, unsuccessfully. He knows he cannot win but refuses to believe and accept that fact.

In verses 7-11 a great war broke out in heaven between Michael [the archangel] and his angels and the dragon [Satan] and his angels and did not prevail.

The dragon and his angels were thrown down to earth where he has continued to deceive and seduce the entire inhabited world; his angels were thrown down with him. [Gen 3:1, 14, 15; Zech 3:1; John 13:2; 2 Cor 11:3; Rev. 20:8]

Read verses 11- 17 before continuing. It is a very important passage. This is a mini series, and I cannot begin to rewrite the whole book, just sections that can help you to understand this prophesy of John.

### **Rev. 13:1-10 – The Beast from the Sea (Satan)**

Satan will appear in the form of a man who will be known as Antichrist. He does not reveal himself until the middle of the seven years. At this time he enters the third temple and will claim to be god! He will make a large statue and place it in the temple and make it seem to speak! He will try to force people to worship him (as god). We will have authority to do this for the last 3-1/2 years of the tribulation period. Many people will be deceived. He will also perform many miracles in order to fool the nations all over the world.

“All the inhabitants of the earth will fall down and worship him, everyone whose name has not been written since the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who has been slain [as a willing sacrifice].

“If anyone has an ear, let him hear. If anyone is destined for captivity; he will go into captivity; if anyone kills with a sword, he must be killed with a sword. Here is [the call for] the patient endurance and the faithfulness of the saints [which is seen in the response of God’s people to difficult times]. [Jer 15:2]

### **Rev. 13:11-18 – The Beast from the Earth (Rome, Pope?)**

“...he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence [when the two are together]. And he makes the earth and those who inhabit it worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

“He performs great signs (awe-inspiring acts), even making fire fall from the sky to the earth, right before peoples’ eyes.

“And he deceives those [unconverted ones] who inhabit the earth [into believing him] because of the signs which he is given [by Satan] to perform in the presence of the [first] beast who was wounded [fatally] by the sword and has come back to life. [Deut. 13:1-5; Mark 13:22; 2 Thess 2:9, 10]

Note: He is copying the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in order to fool the people into believing he is the true god...many will be and are being deceived every day, all around the world. The Baals and evil gods of the past, before the flood, are coming back into activity because the population of the world has followed evil ways, opening the door for the demons to return. They are real and they are destructive!

“He is given power to give breath to the image of the beast (in the temple), so that the image of the beast will even [ appear to] speak, and cause those who do not bow down and worship the image of the beast to be put to death. [Dan 3:5]

“Also he compels all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead [signifying allegiance to the beast (Satan)].

“and that no one will be able to buy or sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

“**Here is wisdom.** Let the person who has enough insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the [imperfect] number of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six (666).

This leads us to another interlude which I will begin with on the next part of this mini series...part 5. For best results read the missing portions in your Bible as you study this outline...all the verses in Revelation are important. I am not writing a book, just trying to help people to understand what this prophecy is all about.

