

The Revelation

Six Week Study

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As we will pick up in chapters 10. Six of the Seven Trumpet judgments have sounded. Now before the seventh (and last of the Seven Trumpets) there is ...

ANOTHER INTERLUDE

Remember that an “interlude” takes a “behind the scenes look at what is going on.” It gives additional information that is germane to the ongoing story—sort of an additional background material section.

The purpose of this interlude is to give us background information to make sense out of the seven trumpets (and seven bowls). This interlude explains that the kingdom comes after the “days” of the seventh trumpet. That explanation further supports the structure of the book that the “peals of thunder, rumbling, and flashes of lightning” act as the same terminus ad quem (ending point) for the seals, trumpets, and bowls.

Revelation 10:1 Then I saw another **mighty angel** coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars.

² He was **holding a little scroll**, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

³ and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke.

⁴ And when the **seven thunders** spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.”

⁵ Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven.

⁶ And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, **“There will be no more delay!**

⁷ **But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”**

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

⁹ So I went to the angel and asked him to give me **the little scroll**. He said to me, **“Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.”**

¹⁰ I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and **ate it**. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.

¹¹ Then I was told, **“You must prophesy again** about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”



1-The L_____ Scroll (10:1-11)

• A Mighty A_____

• The Little S_____

• Seven T_____

KABOOM

• A Verbal Message:

The angel spoke saying that “There will be no more delay!” (10:6) and added “But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”(10:7)

So, the seventh trumpet will cover days (plural) and after those days the “mystery of God will be accomplished.” This mystery is based on Daniel 2:47. It is the consummation of all the kingdoms of the earth in the final reign of Jesus Christ in the Millennial kingdom mentioned in Rev 20.

Furthermore, when John ate the book, as he was instructed to do, it was sweet as honey but turned his stomach sour. The meaning of this symbolic act appears to be summed up in the words that end the chapter: **“You must prophesy again** about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.” As sweet as the promise of the coming of the mystery of God was, he must

proclaim the bitter message or “prophecy again” against many nations. He had already prophesied against the nations with his seven seals and six trumpets judgments. This “little book” interlude anticipates that John will prophesy again of things leading up to the mystery of God. He will do this when he prophesies of the seven bowl judgments in Rev 16.

2—The Two Witnesses 11:1-14

Though the church has been raptured before the tribulation, God does not leave himself without a witness. Two witnesses are raised up from the beginning of the tribulation period and prophesy 42 months—1260 days—3 ½ years. They embody the spirit of Joshua the high priest and Zerubbabel of the book of Zechariah (Rev 11:4 cf. Zech 4:3-11) and the spirit of Moses and Elijah. They are not any of those men reincarnate—they only share the same power and spirit to perform miracles and unusual feats.

The features of these two men’s ministry include:

1-Prophecying in the Tribulation T _____
(the one John’s day was destroyed) 11:1-2



2-Prophecying ____ years. 1:3

3-Two Witnesses D _____
opponents with fire from
their mouths 11:5



4-Performing M _____ 11:6

5-Killed by the B _____ (first mention on
this villainous end time character who
comes from the Abyss)



6-Lying dead in the streets of Jerusalem 3 ½
days. (11:9-10)

7-R _____ from the dead (11:11)

8-A _____ into heaven in full view of everyone. (11:12)

The fact that this Interlude is couched inside the second WOE (11: 14) indicates that the interludes are not a part of the seventh in the series.

Revelation 11:1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure **the temple of God** and the altar, and count the worshipers there.

² But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for **42 months**.

³ And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for **1,260 days**, clothed in sackcloth."

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, **fire comes from their mouths** and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.

⁶ **These men have power** to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

⁷ Now when they have finished their testimony, **the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.**

⁸ Their **bodies will lie in the street** of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

⁹ **For three and a half days** men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial.

¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

¹¹ **But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet**, and terror struck those who saw them.

¹² Then they heard **a loud voice** from heaven saying to them, "**Come up here.**" **And they went up to heaven** in a cloud, **while their enemies looked on.**

¹³ At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴ The **second woe** has passed; ...

the **third woe is coming soon.**

¹⁵ The **seventh** angel sounded his trumpet, and there were **loud voices in heaven, which said:** "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

¹⁶ And the **twenty-four elders**, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

¹⁷ **saying:** "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

¹⁸ **The nations** were angry; and **your wrath has come.** The time has come for **judging the dead**, and for **rewarding your servants** the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great-- and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

¹⁹ Then God's **temple in heaven was opened**, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. **And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.**

WOE

The Third WOE is the seventh trumpet ...

7. The Seventh Trumpet:

Heavenly V _____
Proclaiming...

¹⁵ "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."



24 Elders Proclaiming:

"... you have taken your great power and have **begun to reign.** ¹⁸ The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. **The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants"**



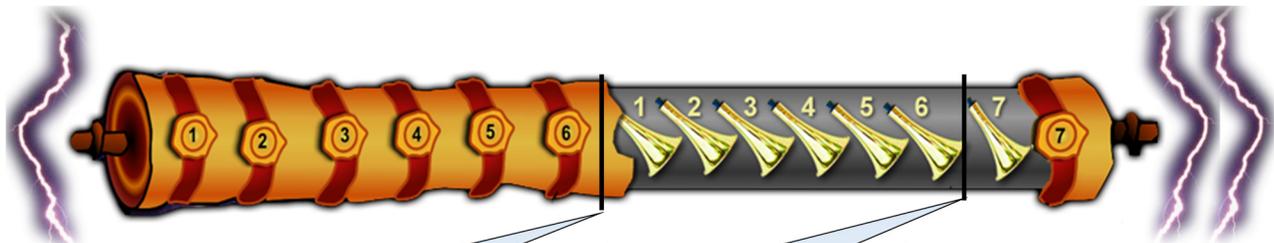
Nations ... Judgment of the Nations ... 11:15 see Matthew 24:5

Wrath has come ... Compare Rev. 19:15 Jesus will return treading the wine press of God's wrath.

Judge the D _____ ... This is the Judgement of the Nations Mat 25: 31-46; compare Daniel 12:2

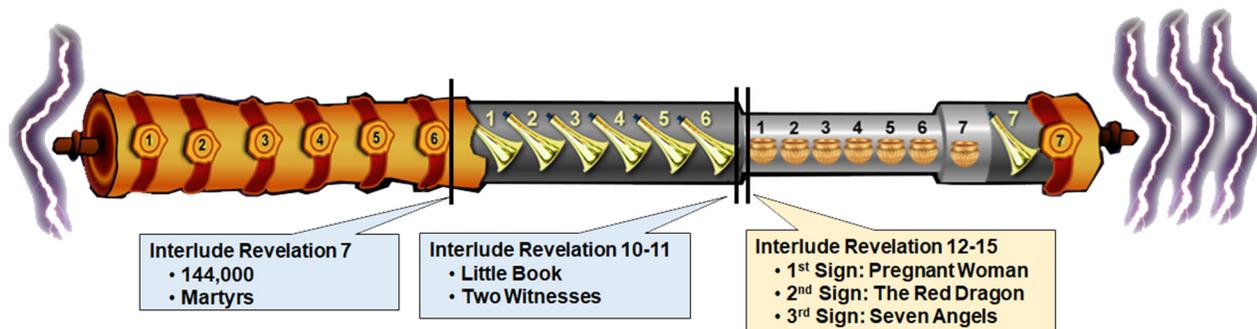
Reward of S _____ ... This too is the Judgement of Nations Mat 25:31-46 Compare Daniel 12:2

T _____ in Heaven OPENED to the judgement throne of heaven. So, the Seventh Trumpet ends with the same terminus ad quem as the seventh Seal: "flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder."**SUMMARY SO FAR ...**



Interlude Revelation 7
• 144,000
• Martyrs

Interlude Revelation 10-11
• Little Book
• Two Witnesses



THE BIG INTERLUDE



Three Signs:

This interlude focuses on the conflict between the Serpent (Satan, the Devil 12:9 compare Gen 3:15) and the seed of the woman, Christ. The Interlude picks up with a pregnant woman who has a child that is Christ. The temptation is to identify this woman with the Virgin Mary; however, this woman is also around, on earth, in the Great Tribulation (12:6,14) so the pregnant woman really symbolizes Israel, the conduit for Messiah.



1st SIGN = P _____ Woman = The Nation Israel 12:1,2



Revelation 12:1 A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.

³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.

⁴ His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.



2nd SIGN = The Great Red D _____ 12:3-13:18



The dragon is identified as Satan, the devil, (12:9).

Spiritual Cosmic war

⁵ **She gave birth to a son, a male child,** who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

⁶ The **woman fled** into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

⁷ And **there was war in heaven.** Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

⁹ The great **dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan,** who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

¹¹ They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

¹³ When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, **he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.**

¹⁴ The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

¹⁵ Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent.

¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

¹⁷ Then **the dragon** was enraged at the woman and **went off to make war against the rest of her offspring--those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.**



Birth of C_____

The dragon engaged in hostile actions against the child that is born (Christ) and against the holy angels.

The Woman (Israel) Flew

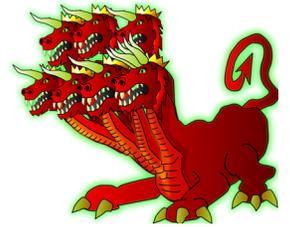


W_____ in the Heavens

The dragon along with his angels fought Michael and his angels.

Dragon L_____ the War

The dragon loses his place in the heavens and when he is cast down from heaven, in the middle of the tribulation, he will take out his revenge in hostile attacks on the woman for 1260 days (the second half of the Tribulation--12:6).



Dragon P_____ the Woman (Israel)



As the Lord Almighty had his two witnesses in Chapter 11, so the Dragon (the Devil) has his two cronies who undertake the Devil's cause. These two men are viewed as beasts. They really are people, humans, but are empowered by Satan himself.



The First Beast of Revelation

13:1-10 – The Caesar of the End Time Revived Roman Empire

The first of the Dragon's cronies is said to come up from the sea—a symbol of the Gentile nations (compare 17:15). This symbol of Gentile power is confirmed by his composition of beasts of the nations referred to in Daniel 7:1-6 (lion, bear, leopard then an indescribable beast = all are gentile powers). This man will arise from among the Gentiles. He is the "ruler of the people that will come" of Daniel 9:26-27 and will lead the revived Roman Empire of Dan 2 and 7. He is the Future End-Time Caesar who with military might will control the entire Western world.



He is D _____ 13:2

He is Empowered by S _____ 13:2

He is Seemed Fatally W _____ 13:3

He Faked R _____ 13:3 Just as the two witnesses were killed and resurrected (and ascended into heaven) this Beast is said to have "seemingly" received a fatal wound but will live after that. He counterfeits the resurrection of the two witnesses.

He is W _____ 13:4 & 8

He is a B _____ 13:5-6

He is a W _____ 13:7

Many wrongly identify this man with the Antichrist. It is true that he is against the Christ, so in that sense he is one of the many Antichrists (1 John 2:18), but this man is not "the Antichrist" (1 John 2:18).

Revelation 13:1 And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea.

And I saw a **beast coming out of the sea**. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

² The beast I saw resembled a **leopard**, but had feet like those of a **bear** and a mouth like that of a **lion**. **The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.**

³ One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the **fatal wound had been healed**. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.

⁴ **Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast**, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and **blasphemies** and to exercise his authority for **forty-two months**.

⁶ He opened his mouth to **blaspheme** God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

⁷ He was given power to **make war against the saints** and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

⁸ **All** inhabitants of the earth will **worship the beast**--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear.

¹⁰ If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

The Second Beast of Revelation 13:11-18

– The False Prophet, Priest, and King of Israel

The Real Antichrist is the Second Beast of Revelation 13. He will counterfeit Christ in his offices of prophet, priest, and king. He is the false shepherd of Israel. While the future Gentile Roman Caesar holds none of these Jewish offices, the second beast of the Revelation 13:11-18 is a false prophet (16:13), a false priest (2 Thes 2:4), and a false king (Dan 11:36-39).

¹¹ Then I saw **another beast, coming out of the earth**. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.

¹² He exercised all the **authority** of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

¹³ And he **performed great and miraculous signs**, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men.

¹⁴ Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, **he deceived** the inhabitants of the earth. **He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast** who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

¹⁵ **He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast**, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to **worship the image** to be killed.

¹⁶ He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

¹⁷ so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

¹⁸ This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. **His number is 666.**



His R_____. The Second Beast of Revelation 13 is Jewish (arising out of the earth="land"—i.e. the promised land—Israel 13:11).

His S_____ (13:11) Words from Satan.

His A_____. (13:12) This Second Beast is said to "exercise all the authority of the first beast" and leads the Jews to worship the first beast just as the Jewish king "who does as he please" in Dan 11:36, 38 worships a foreign god of fortress (the First Beast) and honors him with gold (and by controlling commerce with restraints to buying and selling only under the first beast's authority evident by the mark 666—see 13:16-17).

His M_____. (13:13) The Second Beast will perform false miracles that counterfeit those of the Two Witnesses of Rev 11. The ultimate miracle is breathing life into an image (see 13:15)

His D_____. (13:14) He does the miracles empowered by Satan just as the Man of Sin in 2 Thes 2:9 does (something the first beast does not do). Furthermore, both the Second Beast and the Man of sin are said to deceive the people (Rev 13:14; 2 Thes 2:10).



His A_____ that Desolates. (13:14-15)

The Second Beast (not the First Beast) is associated with the Temple (the First Beast is associated with Rome/Babylon). The Second Beast sets up the image of the first beast under the authority of the first beast (13:14) which is the "abomination of desolation" that both Daniel and Jesus spoke of (Dan 9:9:27, 11:37, 12:11; Mat 24:15).

He is a W_____ Leader (Enforcer). (13:15-17)

The Number _____. 13:18

Furthermore, this second beast is the false shepherd of Israel (Zechariah 11:16-17; John 10:12-13) who counterfeits Jesus the Good Shepherd.

The First Beast	The Second Beast
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- HIS ANIMAL DESCRIPTION 13:1-2**
- Ten Horns --See Daniel 7
 - Seven Heads --Terrifying 7:7
 - Leopard-like --Leopard 7:6
 - Bear Feet --Bear 7:5
 - Lions Mouth --Lion 7:4



- HIS AUTHORITY 13:2-3**
- Dragon Empowered 2
 - Seemingly Fatally Wounded 3
 - Revived from Wound 3

- HIS ABUSES 13:4-8**
- He Worships the Dragon 4
 - He Too is Worshipped 4
 - He Blasphemes 5
 - He Wars with Saints 7-8

WARNING / CHALLENGE 13:9-10



- HIS ANIMAL DESCRIPTION 13:11**
- Two Horned Lamb
 - Speaks like a Dragon

- HIS AUTHORITY**
- Equals the First Beast 12
 - On behalf of the First Beast 12

- HIS ABUSES 12b-17**
- Forces Worship of the First Beast 12b
 - Performs Deceptive Miracle 13-14
 - Orders Abomination of Desolation 14b
 - Gives Life to Image 15
 - Forces Idolatry 15
 - Forces Mark of the Beast 16
 - Controls Commerce 17

WARNING / CHALLENGE 18

The Roman Caesar of End Times	The False Prophet
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THE TEN TOES OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM



THE LITTLE HORN OF THE FOURTH BEAST



REVELATION 6:13; 19:20; 20:10

The False Priest (Man of Sin)

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-11**
- He is doomed 2:3
 - Set Self Up in Temple as god 3:4
 - In accord with Satan
 - Does counterfeit Miracles 2:9

The False King (the Willful King)

- Daniel 11:36-39**
- Does own will – not God's 11:36
 - Magnifies self above God 11:36
 - Successful until Wrath 11:36
 - Does not regard God or Messiah 11:37
 - His God is Military Might (Rome) 11:38
 - He attacks with backing of West 11:39
 - He will sell out his people 11:39

The False Shepherd

- Zechariah 11:15-17**
- He is a Foolish Shepherd 11:15
 - He does not care for the Sheep 11:16
 - He eats the sheep 11:16
 - He is a worthless shepherd 11:17
 - He will be Defeated 11:17

**Will the Real
Anti-Christ Please
Stand Up!**

He is the ____ Beast of
Revelation 13.