

Revelation

Chapter 11, Verses 14-19

Review

- The Revelation to John
 - A prophetic writing with features of a letter and of the form of literature called Apocalyptic
 - Written by John to Christians during the second half of the First Century
 - Placed at the end of the New Testament because of its concern with the “end times.”
 - So far we have studied the first 10 chapters.
 - My review of this material has been shortened

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- Introduction (1:1-3)
- First Vision (1:9-20)
- 7 Letters (Chapters 2 & 3)



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- Heavenly Throne Room (Chapters 4 & 5)



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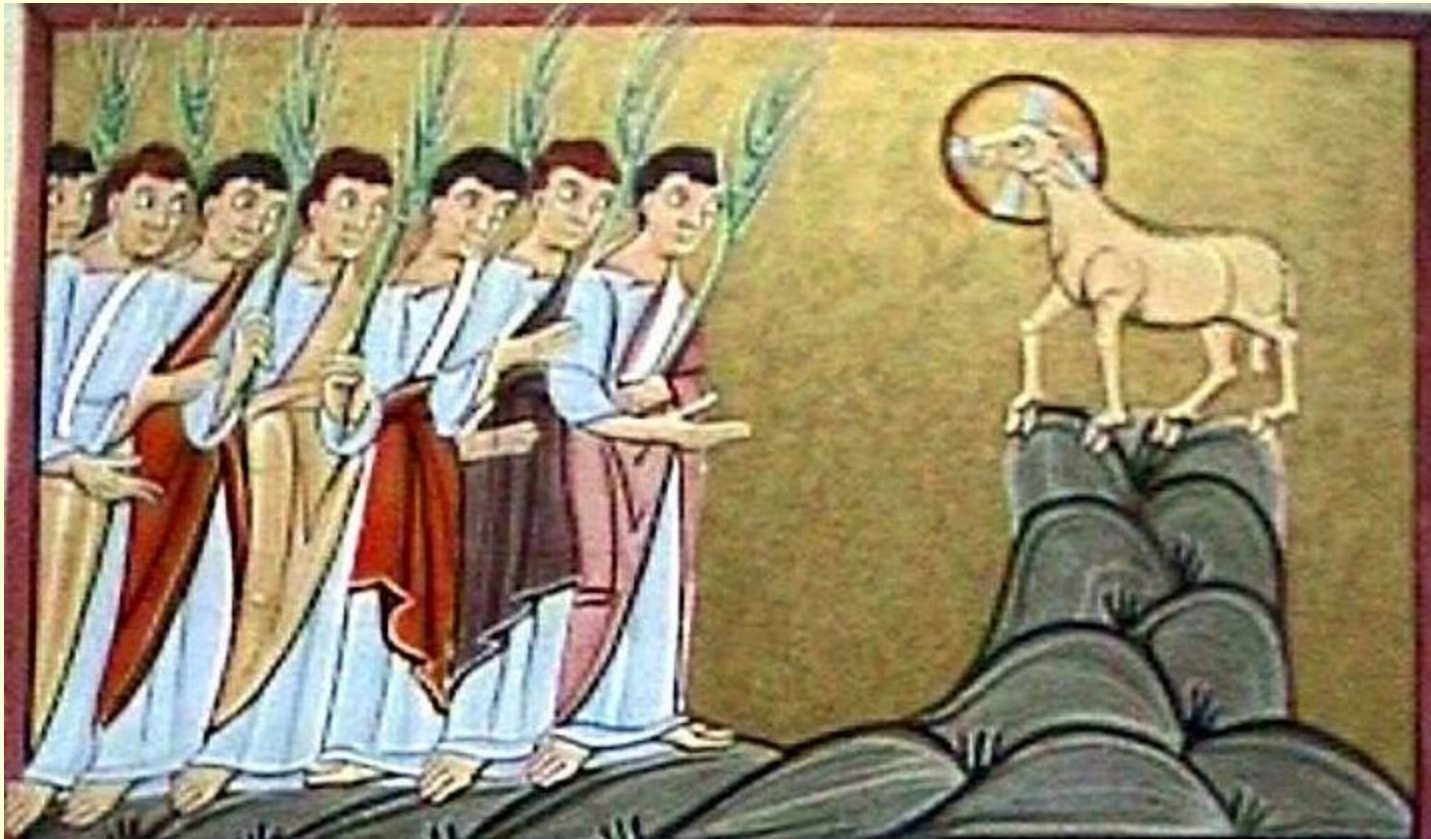
- The First Six Seals (Chapter 6)
 - The 4 Horsemen
 - Souls of Martyrs
 - Vision of the End

Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

--- Revelation 6:15-17

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- The Servants of God (Chapter 7)



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- The 7th Seal (Chapter 8)
 - Silence in Heaven
 - Prayers of the Saints
 - The First 4 Trumpets



Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!" (**Revelation 8:113**)



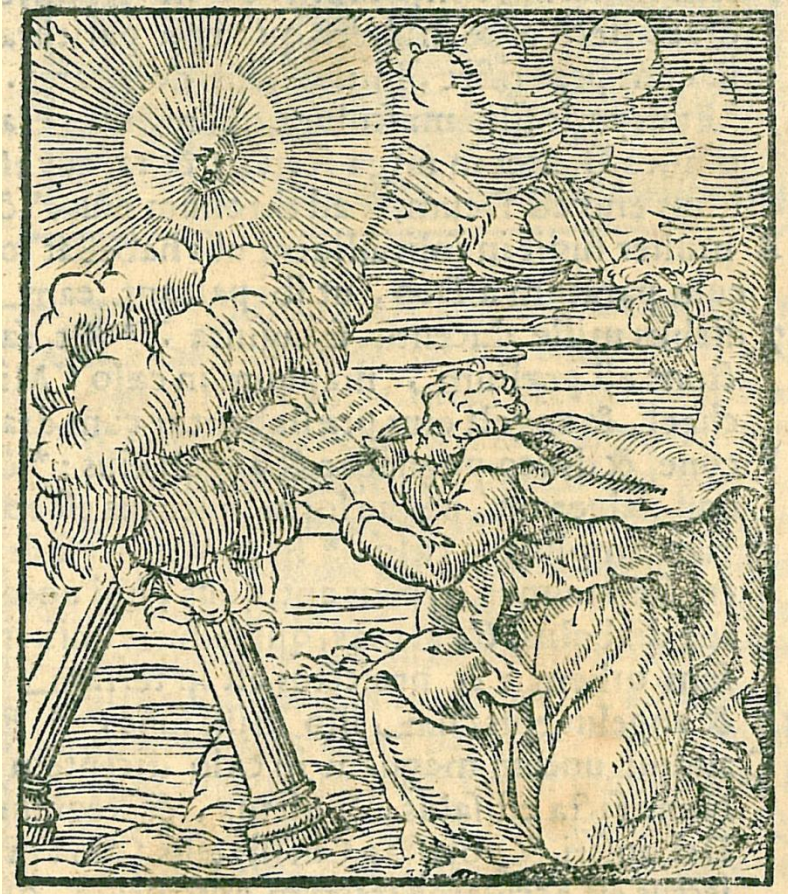
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- The First Two Woes (Chapter 9)



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- Another Mighty Angel with A Little Book(Chapter 10)



- He swears there will be no further delay, that when the 7th trumpet blows, the mystery of God finally will be fulfilled, as announced by the prophets.
- John eats the book as he was commanded to do, by a voice from heaven.
- As promised by the angel, John finds the book delicious but it leaves him with a bitter stomach.
- John is commanded to go and prophesy again to [against] many and various people.

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- Measuring the Temple and Those Who Worship There (Chapter 11, Verses 1-2)



Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months..."

--- Revelation 11:1-2

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- Finally, how do you understand the period of 42 months during which the nations will trample the holy city?
 - Elsewhere in the Bible and extra-biblical apocalyptic literature this represents the time immediately prior to their restoration, during which God's people will suffer.
 - 42 months = 1,260 days = three and $\frac{1}{2}$ years = time, times and a half time.

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- The Two Witnesses
(Chapter 11, Verses 3-13)



... And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

--- **Revelation 11:3-4**

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And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.

--- **Revelation 11:7-8**

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But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.

--- Revelation 11:11-12

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- Interlude . . .

The Two Witnesses (Chapter 11, Verses 3-13)

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18. 諸国民は怒り狂いましたが、あなたも怒りをあらわされました。そして、死人をさばき、あなたの僕なる預言者、聖徒、小さき者も、大いなる者も、すべて御名をおそれる者たちに報いを与え、また、地を滅ぼす者どもを滅ぼして下さる時がきました」。

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19. そして、天にある神の聖所が開けて、聖所の中に契約の箱が見えた。また、いなずまと、もろもろの声と、雷鳴と、地震とが起り、大粒の雹が降った。

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18. The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

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19. Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

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 - Remember the content of John's visions could overlap chronologically.

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