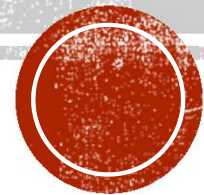


REVELATION 10 & 11 — BOOK, WITNESSES . . .

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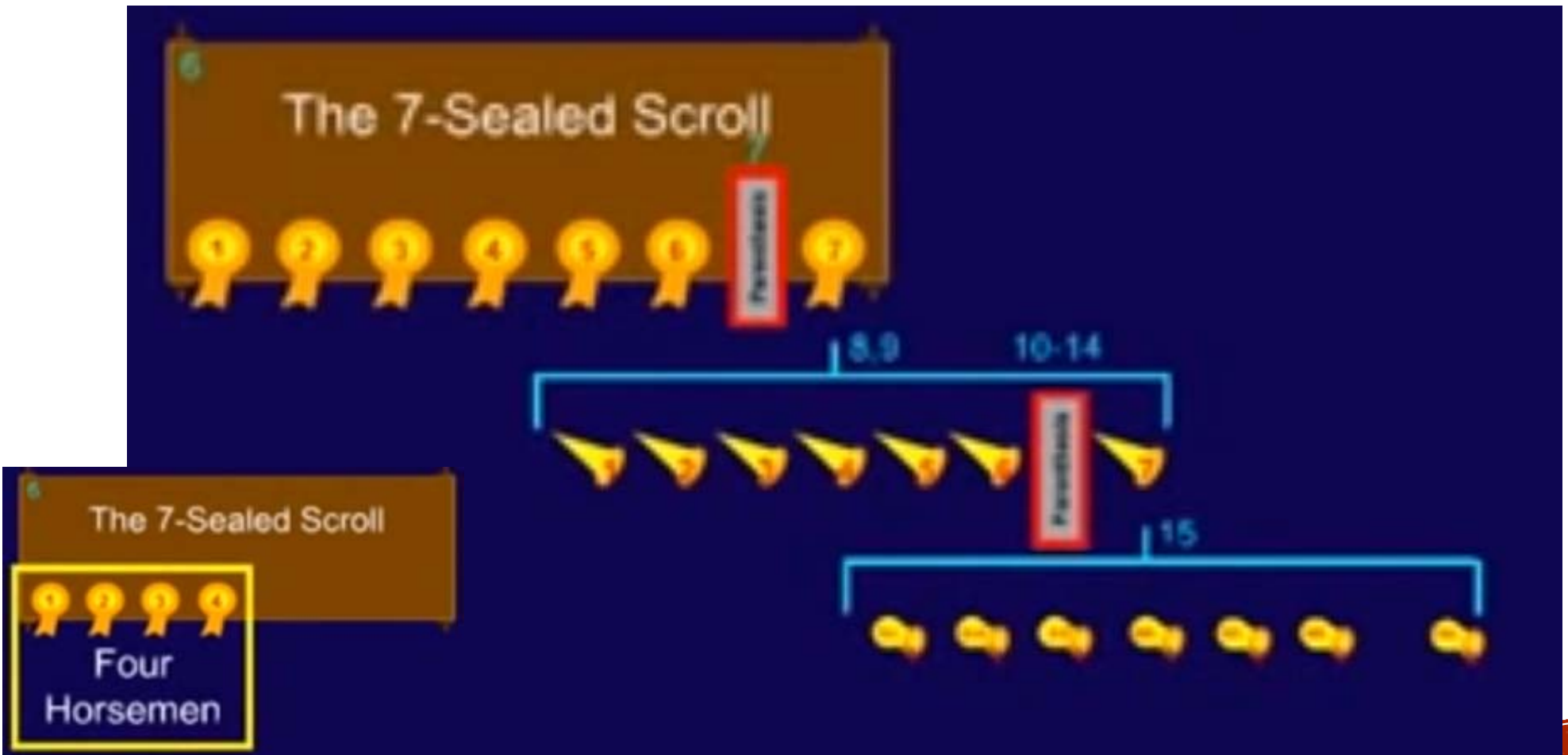
OUTLINE OF REVELATION

- 1-3 - Introduction
 - 4-11 - Salutation & Occasion
 - 12-18 - Vision of the Risen Christ
 - 19 - Outline of the Book
 - 20 - Prep for Chapters 2 and 3
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- Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. (Rev. 1:19)





THE SEALS AND TRUMPETS



SECTIONS

- **Chapter 10**
 - The “Little Book”
 - The Seven Thunders
- **Chapter 11**
 - The Temple
 - The Two Witnesses



THE LITTLE BOOK – REVELATION 10

- Parenthetical Chapters 10-14
 - 7th Trumpet ushers in the Bowls of Wrath
- Mighty Angel with the “Little Book”
 - Book is now unsealed: digest it
 - Written “within and on the backside”
 - “Thou must prophesy again”
- The Seven Thunders utter their voices
 - John was about to write, but forbidden to



THE MIGHTY ANGEL WITH THE LITTLE BOOK

- REV. 10

- **10** I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow *was* on his head, his face *was* like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. ² He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his* left *foot* on the land, ³ and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. ⁴ Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.”



THE MIGHTY ANGEL

- This is the 3rd appearance of a distinctive messenger:
 - Holding back judgments for a special work of grace. Rev. 7:2
 - Messenger of the covenant, pouring fire of judgment. Rev. 8:5
 - Here: Prophet, Priest, and King. Rev. 10:1



THE MIGHTY ANGEL WITH THE LITTLE BOOK

- ⁵ The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, ⁷ but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.



OATH

- God put Himself under oath when:
 - He made His covenant with Abraham (Heb. 6:13-20)
 - He declared His Son to be high priest (7:20-22)
 - He promised David that the Christ would come from his family (Acts 2:29-30)
- “Delay” no longer:
 - Time for Repentance is now past



MYSTERY OF:

- The Kingdom of Heaven Matt. 13:11
- The Kingdom Mark 4:11
- Israel's blindness Rom. 11:25
- The Rapture 1 Cor. 15:51
- His Will Eph. 1:9
- Christ and the Church Eph. 5:32
- The Gospel Eph. 3:4; Col. 1:26-27;
4:3



MYSTERY OF:

- Iniquity 2 Thess. 2:7
- God and Christ Col. 2:2
- The Faith 1 Tim. 3:9
- Godliness 1 Tim. 3:16
- The Seven Stars & Golden Lampstands Rev. 1:20
- Babylon the Great Rev. 17:5
- The Harlot Rev. 17:7



JOHN EATS THE LITTLE BOOK

- ⁸ Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.”
- ⁹ So I went to the angel and said to him, “Give me the little book.”



JOHN EATS THE LITTLE BOOK

- And he said to me, “Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.”
- ¹⁰ Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. ¹¹ And he said to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”



THE TWO WITNESSES – REV. 11

- Temple measured 11:1,2
 - Outer Court to Gentiles 42 months
- Two Witnesses empowered 1260 days



THE TWO WITNESSES – REV. 11

- Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the **holy city** underfoot *for* forty-two months.



HALF-WEEK DESIGNATIONS

- Half of the (70th) week of years
 - Dan. 9:27, Rev. 12:14
- 1260 days [1st half?]
 - Rev. 11:3; 12:6
- 42 months [2nd half?]
 - Rev. 11:2; 13:5
- Time, times, the dividing of time [2nd half?]
 - Dan. 7:25, 12:7; Rev. 12:14





THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

- Jesus: Matthew 24:15
- Paul: 2 Thessalonians 2:4
- John: Revelation 11:1, 2



THE TEMPLE OF GOD

- Tabernacle – portable sanctuary
- Solomon's Temple
- Zerubbabl's Temple (Ezra)
- Herod's Temple (“2nd Temple”)
- **“3rd” Temple – Rev. 11**
- Millennial Temple
- Heaven



BACKGROUND HISTORY

- 70 AD Fall of Jerusalem
- 132 AD Bar Kochba Revolt
- 135 AD Romans regain Jerusalem
 - Aelia Captolina built over city ruins
 - Temple to Jupiter built over the site of the Jewish Temple
 - An Equestrian Statue of Hadrian was installed over the Holy of Holies





Aelia Capitolina

Temple to Jupiter

Architecture by
Antonius Pius

Hadrian's Statue
over Holy of Holies



THE TWO WITNESSES – REV. 11

- ³ And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”
- ⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.
- Zerubbabel & Joshua, who re-established Israel
Zech. 4:10-14
- Continuous filling by the Holy Spirit Zech. 4:12



ZECHARIAH 4:10-14

- ¹⁰ For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the **LORD**, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.”
- ¹¹ Then I answered and said to him, “What *are* these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?” ¹² And I further answered and said to him, “What *are these* two olive branches that *drip* into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden *oil* drains?”
- ¹³ Then he answered me and said, “Do you not know what these *are*?”
- And I said, “No, my lord.”
- ¹⁴ So he said, “These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.”



THE TWO WITNESSES – REV. 11

- **⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. ⁶ These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.**



IDENTITIES

- 3 were expected:
 - Messiah John 1:20, 21
 - Matt. 3:1-6
 - Elijah Matt. 4:5,6
 - Moses Deut. 18:15-19

- John the Baptist: “I am not”
 - John 1:19,20, Matt. 11:14, 17:10-11
 - He did not “turn the hearts of the children” as Malachi predicted, nor usher in the “great and dreadful day.” etc.

- Two ministries were unfinished:
 - Moses Num. 20:12; Deut. 3:26-28
 - Elijah 1 Kings 17:1, 19:13-16, 2 Kings 2:11

- Staff Meeting? Matt. 17:1-11
 - Connected with Second Coming
 - Luke 9:31; (24:4-7?), 1 Pet. 1:10-12, 2 Pet. 1:6-18



UNIQUE POWERS

- Elijah
 - Fire from heaven 1 Kings. 18:37; 2 Kings 1:10,12, Jer. 5:14
 - Shut heaven 1 Kgs 17:1
 - 3 ½ years Luke 4:25; James 5:17-18
- Moses
 - Water into blood Exodus 7:19-20
 - Plagues Exodus 8-12
- And these are the four powers of the two witnesses



ALTERNATIVES

- Enoch?
 - “Once to die ...?” Heb. 9:27
 - General rule: exceptions: Lazarus, Jairus’ daughter, Nain’s son, et all
- The Witnesses are Jewish
 - Is Enoch a model of the Rapture?
 - Born, translated on the Feast of Shavuot? (Feast of Weeks)
- John, the Apostle (and writer)?
 - Rev. 10:11, ¹¹ And he said to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”



THE TWO WITNESSES – REV. 11

- Temple measured 11:1-2
 - Outer Court to Gentiles: 42 months
- Two Witnesses 11:2-18
 - Empowered 1260 days
 - Call down fire from heaven
 - Shut heaven, no rain
 - Turn water into blood
 - Smite earth with plagues



THE WITNESSES KILLED

- **⁷When they finish** their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. **⁸And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called **Sodom and Egypt**, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹Then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and **nations will see** their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. ¹⁰And those **who dwell on the earth** will **rejoice** over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.**



JERUSALEM = “SODOM” “EGYPT”

- **“Sodom”** Isa. 1:9-10; 3:8-9;
Jer. 23:14; Deut. 32:30-33
- **“Egypt”** Ezek. 23:3,4,8,19

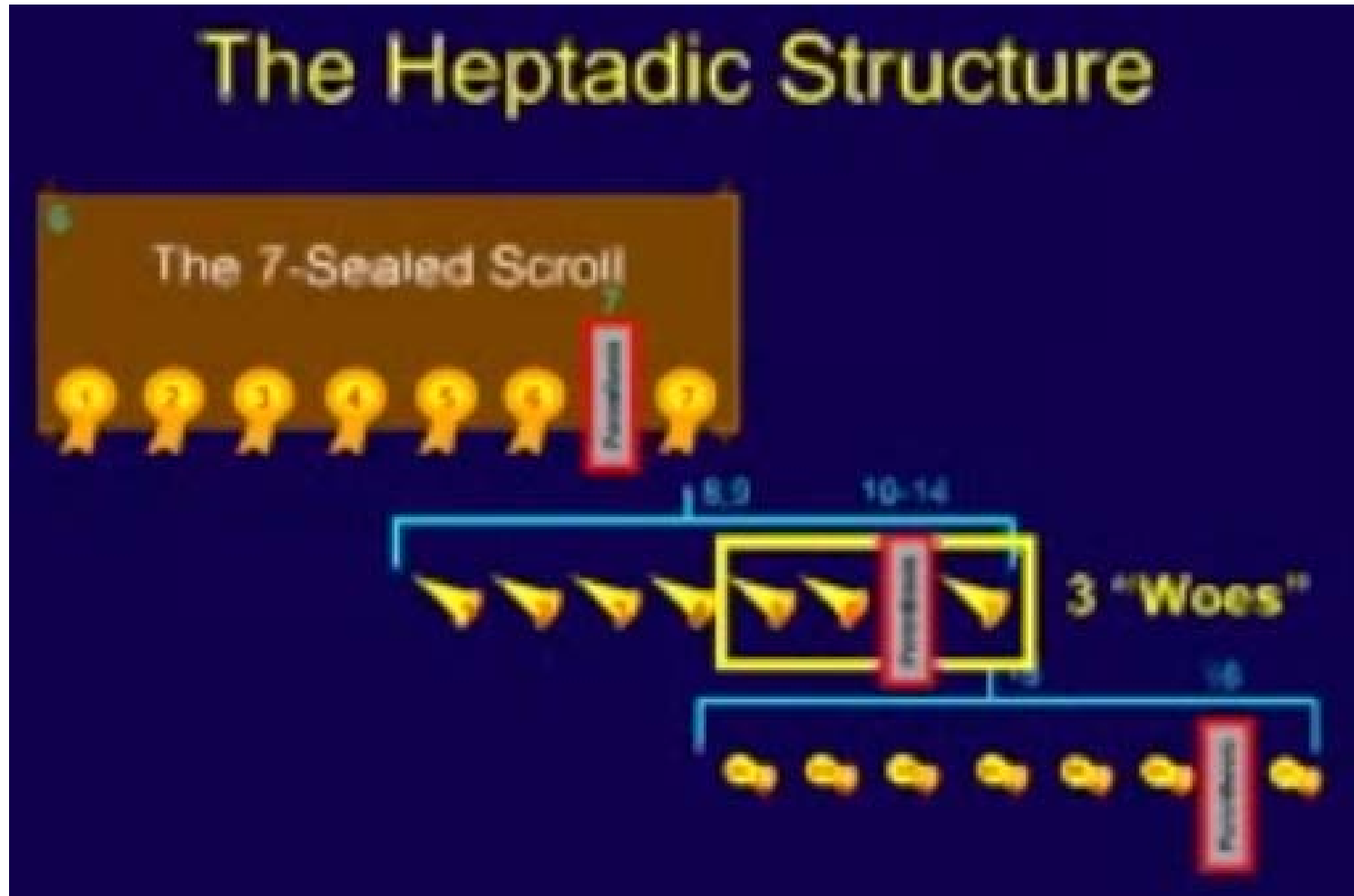


THE WITNESSES RESURRECTED

- ¹¹ Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. ¹³ In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.
- ¹⁴ The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.



The Heptadic Structure



SEVENTH TRUMPET: THE KINGDOM PROCLAIMED

- ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom(s) of this world have become *the kingdom(s)* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying:
 - “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.
 - *Basileia* → *Kingdom (singular)*



SEVENTH TRUMPET: THE KINGDOM PROCLAIMED

- **¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”**
- **¹⁹ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.**
- **Copies of what in Heaven (ark of His covenant) Hebrews 9:23**



SEVEN GREAT OPENINGS

- A door opened in heave 4:1
- The seals are opened 6:1-8:1
- The Abyss opened 9:2
- Temple of God opened 11:19
- Tabernacle of testimony opened 15:5
- Heaven is opened 19:11
- Books of Judgment opened 20:12



FOR NEXT STUDY

- Read Revelation 12
 - One of the most important strategic summaries in the Bible
- Who is the “Woman” of chapter 12?
- How does this chapter affect our perspective of today?

