

## **Revelation 11 – The Messengers**

- The final 5 of 7 events that mark the Interlude will take place in ch. 11
- The completion of the mystery is finished, and we see the coming of God's messengers. *He never leaves himself without a witness!*
- The lie must be consummated, blasphemy must be crowned, and then God will act in wrath.
- This chapter anticipates Rev. 13 and has its roots in Rev. 7 and 9
- We see God's two men vs. Satan's two men
- These messengers have a mandate of supernatural power, entrusted to them for a specific period of time and centered in a special place. When their voice is finally silenced, the last woe comes and the earth is soon thereafter taken from Satan's control.

### **The Masking of the Messengers – Who are they?**

- The Case for \_\_\_\_\_
  - Malachi 4:5-6 prophesies God will send Elijah during that great and dreadful day of the Lord
  - He appeared with Moses at the Transfiguration
  - His OT ministry of preventing rain for 3 ½ years
  - Fire was representative of his ministry and his miracles were often about judgement
  - He did not experience physical death
- The Case for \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jude 9 states that Satan tried to take Moses body at his death, possibly so he could not be used against the Antichrist during the tribulation
  - His OT ministry of turning water to blood and bringing plagues to the wicked
  - He appeared with Elijah at the Transfiguration
  - Together with Elijah, they both represent “the Law and the Prophets” (the entire OT history)
  - His death is problematic for this interpretation (Heb 9:27)
- The Case for \_\_\_\_\_
  - He, like Elijah, did not die but was caught up living into heaven
  - He, like Elijah, was a lonely voice for God in an apostate age

### **The Mandate of the Messengers**

- Measure the \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 1-2
  - Reed like a rod – surveyors instrument (9 ft ruler – Ezek. 40:5)
  - Measures the temple, the altar and the worshippers – *God is always interested in who worships and how he is worshipped.*
  - Outer court is left out – it belongs to the Gentiles unlike the Temple which belongs to the Jews
  - Implies that the Jews have regained possession of Jerusalem at this time and have bought into the lies and deception of the Beast.

- Manage the \_\_\_\_\_ v2
  - 42 months = 3 ½ years
  - God’s judgment always reckoned in months in Scripture
  - Corresponds to Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week (Dan 9:27)
  - This takes place during the time described in Rev. 7 – First half of Tribulation is marked by the Witnesses and ends with their death beginning the time of the “Great Tribulation (Jacobs Trouble). The Second Half is marked by the Beast and ends with the Second Coming of Christ to set up his millennial kingdom.
- Manifest the \_\_\_\_\_ vs 3-6
  - They use supernatural signs in executing their mandate
  - Exact judgement with Fire

### **The Miracles of the Messengers**

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### **The Martyrdom of the Messengers**

- Its Purpose (vs 7) – to establish the rule of the \_\_\_\_\_ as the kind of Savior the world wanted
- Its Place (v 8) – \_\_\_\_\_
  - What was once the “holy city” is now “Sodom and Egypt”
  - Sodom because of immorality, Egypt because of worldliness
  - Now known for vice, vanity, violence
- Its Person – The \_\_\_\_\_
  - First time he is called this in Revelation – 35 additional times in Rev.
  - He couldn’t kill them until “they have finished their testimony”- *Satan cannot touch one hair on the head of the most humble saint until God gives him specific permission.*
- Its \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is publicized to the entire world
  - They rejoice and “make merry” (only time that is mentioned in Scripture)
  - They give gifts and celebrate (a truly pagan anti- Christmas)

### **The Might of the Messengers**

- Triumphant \_\_\_\_\_ v 11
- Triumphant \_\_\_\_\_ v 12
- Triumphant \_\_\_\_\_ v 13 \*\*\* The Last Woe is coming!!