

Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 16

Chapter 11

This is where the focus becomes even more intense on Israel; the focus is going to be not just on Israel but specific city: Jerusalem and on the future Temple that is to be built there.

- ✓ Again, this is background/parenthetical break between the 6th and 7th trumpets. It's here so that we understand what's going on.
 - ✓ There is a clear distinction between Jews and Gentiles in this passage:
 1. 2,000 years of just Gentiles (from Adam to Abraham)
 2. 2,000 years of Jews and Gentiles only (from Abraham to Jesus)
 3. 2,000 years of Jews, Gentiles, and the Church. (from Jesus to our present time.)
 4. 7 years it goes back to Jews and Gentiles. (The church is not mentioned after Chapter 3)
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Verse 1 – One of 5 places in the New Testament that the rebuilding of the Temple is required to understand the passage: **II Thessalonians 2:3-4, Mathew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13**

Verse 2 – **Luke 21:20-24** = Jesus said the same thing.

- ✓ **42 months** – in Daniel 9 we learned that there is final week of 7 years decreed for the Jews and for Jerusalem.
 - ✓ This was begun by the Antichrist signing covenant with Israel for 7 years.
 - ✓ Cut exactly in half when this Antichrist places himself and his image in the Temple displaying himself as being God.
 - ✓ This half is named 3 different ways in the Bible: **Time, Times, and Half a Time; 42 months; 1260 days.**
 - ✓ Last half is called technically "The Great Tribulation".
 - ✓ The entire period is referred to as the tribulation.
 - ✓ It is the most documented period of time in the entire Bible.
 - ✓ The tribulation is not some fit that God throws it is calculated, precise, and well documented much beforehand.
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Verse 3 – How long? 3 ½ years.

- ✓ Which half is this? First 3 ½ years because at the end of the last
- ✓ 3 ½ the antichrist/false prophet will cease to exist.
- ✓ Sackcloth==the appearance of an O.T. prophet.

Verse 4 – Zechariah 4 speaking of a current situation and one yet to be.

Verse 5 – What is this? Literal fire!

Verse 6 – Who are these guys?

1. Elijah and Enoch since neither ever died and "it is appointed unto man to die and after that to face the judgment."
 - ✓ Problem is that there are people who died more than once (Lazarus, widows' son, Jarius' daughter, Dorcas, etc.)
 - ✓ Enoch was a Gentile not a Jew.
 2. Elijah and Moses – **Matt. 16:28-17:4**
 - ✓ They are given 4 "powers": 2 are unique to Elijah (shut up the sky, fire) **James 5:17**
 - ✓ 2 are unique to Moses (Blood and plagues)
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Verse 7 – Where does this guy come from? He has already been around for 3 ½ years and yet he has to reappear? Why is this???

- ✓ He's killed and resurrected and that is why people worship him.
 - ✓ Not until his "resurrection" does he do all these supernatural things.
 - ✓ He has a part I and a part II.
 - ✓ First, when he makes a 7 year covenant with Israel, and second, he himself will break exactly 3.5 years to the day by setting up his image and himself to be worshipped in the Jews Temple.
 - ✓ This requires several things logistically to be in place before he does this:
 1. Israel has to be a nation – which it has not been since time of Christ – but the Jews reconvened as a nation in May of 1948 (something that few thought possible)
 2. Israel has to be in possession of Jerusalem and the Temple mount – this took place in 1967 in the 6-day war.
 3. Israel has to build a Temple on its original site, which it has not done, but which it is preparing to do.
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Verses 8-9 – How would they all see their dead bodies in such a short time?

- ✓ A dilemma for Bible teachers just century ago, but it's no dilemma today because of television.

Verse 10

- ✓ These guys were tough, and the Antichrist will be the star of this show.

Verses 11-12

Verse 13 – What city?? Jerusalem

- ✓ Rest? Jews mostly.
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Verses 14-15 – Where are we in our timeline? – **Verse 3** (first half or second?) first half because the second ends in the Antichrist's destruction.

- ✓ Notice: the 7th trumpet begins the second half of the Tribulation which is called the Great Tribulation.
- ✓ How can they say that it's done here so to speak when we know we still have 3 ½ years? Bowls are considered God's full wrath and reign.

Verses 16-18 – This is basically a table of contents for the rest of the book.

Verse 19
