

EP90 Revelation 11 verses 11-14

Resurrection: The Breath of Life

Revelation 11:11

But after the three and a half days, the breath [or Spirit] of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who are **now** watching them.

In our last episode, we were discussing the resurrection of the two witnesses. We learned some glorious truths in that the dead in Christ will be resurrected and then the entire *holy city*, the Bride of Christ, those who are the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** of Christ, those who have been measured and found to **now** be worshipping in the Sanctuary will be raptured to meet the Lord in the air, and from that point in time, wherever He is there they will be.¹

By the way, as we discovered, this resurrection will include the faithful souls from the Old Testament days, the likes of Job, Daniel, Isaiah, Micah, etc., who died believing.

Now, before we move on to the **Judgment of Apostate Religion**, let's stick on this topic of resurrection because there are some serious fictions which we need to address.

Fiction Alert

FICTION ALERT

Honestly, it never ceases to amaze me the lengths that people will go to support their pre-determined and institutionalized positions, especially when it comes to this issue of "resurrection." We have discussed previously, the **fiction** that these two witnesses are what they call "**tribulation saints**," a concept that is concocted to support a pre-tribulation rapture fiction. Here is the link to our initial discussion if you want to go and refresh our analysis of "[tribulation saints](#)."

Now, once a person digs into a position, then they have to force their way around very clear and obvious passages, including this one regarding resurrection. So far, throughout the entire **Revelation** narrative, there have been no other resurrections. **This is the first**. And we know for certain based on the passages we just read, that the dead in Christ will choose to come alive, and they will rise first, to meet the Lord in the air. This is the only recording of that event all throughout the **Codex**.

In addition, there are many who try to break this "resurrection" up into parts, saying that it is "one" resurrection, it just comes in pieces: the first part of the first resurrection is the resurrection of the church and that happens before any of the events in **Revelation**, the next part of the first resurrection happens

¹ **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

with these “**tribulation saints**,” and then there are those who say there is a third part of this first resurrection that occurs after the return of Christ. It is ludicrous and nothing in the **Codex** even hints at this type of convoluted explanation of the word “*first*”.

Breaking up the resurrection into pieces just to support something that the **Codex** does not describe is another one of those completely made-up **fictions** created by scholars and teachers to force their way around very clear and obvious passages—all in an attempt to support their presupposition about a pre-tribulation rapture. It is a terrible thing.

The First Resurrection

The resurrection of the two witnesses is what the **Codex** calls the “***first resurrection***.” By the way, there are only two resurrections depicted throughout **Revelation**. Our current verse, **11:11**, details the *first resurrection*. Chapter **20:11-15** details the second resurrection which comes after Jesus returns to earth and after His 1,000-year reign on the earth, and immediately prior to the great white throne judgment. In the second resurrection, Jesus gathers all the dead for their final judgment.

The first resurrection is unto life, a fulfillment of the hope of every true believer. Whereas the second resurrection is unto judgment where those whose names are not found in the Lamb’s book of life are thrown into the **Lake of Fire**, joining Lucifer, the Beast, the False Prophet, their armies, death, and Hades in eternal torment.² This is an event referred to as the “Great White Throne Judgment.”

The confusion about the “*first resurrection*” for many comes in a passage in **Revelation 20** where the Spirit gives John another non-sequential vision relating to this event. This is one of those layered visions in terms of time. It is recorded in the narrative right after the return of Christ when Satan is bound in the Abyss for 1,000 years. The reason for this placement is very evident because it is tied to one of the promises which Jesus made to the church at Thyatira, but it can be confusing if one is reading **Revelation** as a sequential narrative verses layers in time.

The Promise

The **promise** Jesus made in His letter to the church at Thyatira is as follows: “*He who is now overcoming, and he who is now keeping My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father...*”³

The Fulfillment

The **fulfillment** of the promise comes after Jesus’ return, when He banishes His enemies and the dragon (Satan, the devil, Lucifer) is cast into the Abyss for 1,000 years.⁴ Once Jesus has established His sole authority on the earth, then, and only then, is the rule over the nations handed over to those who are now overcoming and now keeping His deeds unto the end.

² See **Revelation 19:11-21, 20:1-15**

³ **Revelation 2:26-27**

⁴ **Revelation 20:1-3**

In other words, the fulfillment of this promise is sequential in that it comes once Jesus has secured His physical reign on the earth, but the Spirit suddenly reaches back in time with a vision to confirm to us who it is that will be given this authority. We obviously will get into this when we reach **Revelation 20**, but to ensure we understand the resurrection of the two witnesses in **Revelation 11:11**, let's jump to **Revelation 20:4-6** and the **fulfillment**.

Revelation 20:4-6

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been caused to being beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were caused to be completed. **This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who is now having a part in the first resurrection;** over these the second death **now** has no power, but they will choose to be **priests** of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Depending on your translation, the first word is the one that gets people all confused. In the Greek, it is the Greek word "*kai*" which throughout the **Codex** is translated as "and," "also," "both," "if," "so that," "then," "even." It is meant to have a copulative and sometimes a cumulative effect, but because of how our English brains are wired, if someone chooses to translate it as "then," we think it is sequential. But that is not how it is to be understood, which is the reason why *Youngs Literal Translation* uses "And".

What is sequential in terms of the narrative is the **fulfillment** of the promise to reign over the nations. That occurs during what is known as the "millennial kingdom" reign where Jesus physically reigns on the earth for 1,000 years (the same time in which the dragon is bound in the Abyss). This occurs after Jesus' Second Coming. But the description in the vision of those of whom this promise is fulfilled is **NOT** sequential.

This vision can be properly understood if we focus on some key markers which give us the insight the Spirit wants us to have and not to miss.

Key Markers

1. **Revelation 20:4-6** clearly describes the resurrection of the two witnesses, which is the **first resurrection**. There are no other "prior" resurrections detailed in **Revelation**, nor anywhere else in the **Codex**, just the resurrection of the two witnesses. In fact, the Greek word translated as "*first*" means foremost in time. Thus, there can be no partial resurrections that are broken up into pieces where some are resurrected at one time and others at a later time. This is a reference to the "**first**" —the foremost in time—resurrection which is the resurrection of the two witnesses.
2. "*And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them.*" This is directing us back to a promise that Jesus made in His letter to the church of Laodicea, to those who are

even now overcoming. “He who is **now** overcoming, I will grant with Him to sit down with me on My throne, as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” As we discussed, this will not be some grand old dog pile on the Father’s throne, but it is a picture of shared or distributed authority that originates with the Father to the Son and the Son to all those who are now overcoming.

3. By the way, this is also a picture previously given to us of the 24-Elders (12+12, indicating God’s administration through the composite of the Jews and the Gentiles). *And around the throne (of Yahweh), twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones twenty-four elders, sitting clothed in **white garments**, and golden crowns (“stephanos” – crowns of victory) on their heads.*⁵ And here is another “by the way” in that Jesus promised in His letter to the church of Sardis that He who is now overcoming will be clothed in **white garments**; and they will walk with Him in white.⁶ Similarly, Jesus exhorted those in the church at Laodicea to purchase from Him **white garments**.⁷ And the 144,000, that great innumerable multitude from every nation and tribe and people and tongues, were similarly clothed in **white garments**, just like those who had been martyred, or slain, for their testimony for Christ and whose souls were seen under the altar (some of which were beheaded).⁸ The point is that those who will be clothed in white are the same as those will share the throne or the authority of Jesus and sit on their own thrones of judgment.
4. As with the promise that is given to those who are **now overcoming** and **now keeping** Jesus’ deeds, and with the view of the collective of believers who are even **now choosing** to be coming out of the great tribulation (which is the event that will occur after this resurrection and after the rapture), the Spirit speaks similarly of those who are **now having** a part in the **first resurrection**. In other words, even now it belongs to them; it is their destiny. Accordingly, this is **NOT** a reference to those who will have a part once the tribulation begins; rather, it is a reference to those who are **even now believing**—those who will enter the kingdom of God because they were born again **and** they dug down deep in their soul and choose to become a child of God, dependent upon Him for all things, all the time.
5. Over these believers, the **Second Death** now has no power. The Second Death is a reference to the Lake of Fire, the doom of all those who do NOT belong to the *holy city* of God and are not the **Righteous** of God. It is the destiny for the **Called**—all those who were not measured as “*now worshipping in the Sanctuary*,” and the **Accursed**—those whose names were never written in the Lamb’s book of life.⁹ By the way, this is the same promise that Jesus spoke over the church at Smyrna: “*He who is now overcoming shall NOT be caused to be hurt by the Second Death.*”¹⁰ Thus, the Spirit is letting us know that He is talking about the same group of people. Those who are now overcoming are the same as those who will reign.

⁵ Revelation 4:4

⁶ Revelation 3:4-5

⁷ Revelation 3:18

⁸ Revelation 6:11, 7:9, 13

⁹ Revelation 20:11-15

¹⁰ Revelation 2:11

6. "... but they will choose to be **priests** of God and of Christ" (rendered in the *future middle indicative*). This is another way of saying that this collective has been measured off by the "*reed like a rod*" and have chosen to be found to be in the Sanctuary of God, even *now worshipping Yahweh*. Remember, only the priests of God are authorized to be in the Sanctuary, as the Sanctuary lies in the courtyard of the priests. This is a synonymous description that was given of the two witnesses who are identified with the Sanctuary of God.
7. The introduction to **Revelation** declares that He who is now loving us has made us to be a kingdom, **priests** to His God and Father. In addition, the Four Living Creatures, and the 24-elders, each holding the prayers of the saints, declared, "*You have made them to be a kingdom and **priests** to our God; and they will **reign** upon the earth*".¹¹ Moreover, the **Codex** speaks of believers being of a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession.¹²
8. Finally, in the letter to the church at Thyatira, the promise to **reign** was given to those who are **now** overcoming and **now** keeping Jesus' deeds. It was not given to some separate group who underwent some separate resurrection. This is a promise given to those who are members of the true church of Jesus Christ (those who are *now worshipping in the Sanctuary*). This is consistent with what the prophet Daniel said, "*I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints **took possession of the kingdom***".¹³ In other words, the holy ones, those comprising the *holy city*, were given the authority to rule or reign over this kingdom.

The resurrection of the two witnesses, "*This is the **First** (foremost in time) **Resurrection**. Blessed and holy is the one who is now having a part in the first (foremost in time) resurrection; over these the Second Death now has no power, but they will choose to be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.*"¹⁴

With just a bit of deductive analysis, it should be clear that the group referenced in the vision in **Revelation 20:4-6** is none other than the two witnesses, the bondservants of Jesus Christ, those who are now overcoming, those who are now keeping His deeds, those who are now having ears to hear what the Spirit now says to the churches, those who have dug down in their soul and chosen to now be coming out of the tribulation, the 144,000 who have been marked with the signet of God, the virgins who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, the first fruits to God and to the Lamb, those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary, the "body" (singular) of Christ, those who had not worshiped the Beast or his image and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand, the "*holy city*," the New Jerusalem, the Bride of Christ, the **Called and Chosen and Faithful**, the blameless priests of God.

¹¹ **Revelation 1:5-7, 5:9-10**

¹² **See 1 Peter 2:9**

¹³ **Daniel 7:21-22**

¹⁴ **See Revelation 20:6**

Judgment of Apostate Religion

Revelation 11:13

And in that hour, there was chosen to be a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; names of seven thousand men were caused to be killed in the earthquake, and the rest chose to become terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Sometimes when we arrive on what seems to be a concluding statement, it is easy to just move on, since the bulk of the narrative was about the measurement of those in the Sanctuary distinct from the those in the temple at large, and the results of the measurement in terms of the role of the priests of God and the impact of their witnesses. Yes, the ending was dramatic, with their death, their bodies (body) being strewn in the street of religious apostasy and left unburied with everyone watching and celebrating their death. When suddenly, they are resurrected, and then raptured—an event that brought great fear into people’s lives.

Still, we do not want to rush to finish this chapter, for instantly a few details stick out: hour, earthquake, tenth of the city (contextually a reference to the “great city”), the names of 7,000 men who are killed, and the terror that results in the “rest” giving glory to the God of heaven.

Hour: A Sudden Event

“And in that **hour** ...” Most likely this is a *figurative* hour, similar to when Jesus told the church in Philadelphia that He would keep them from the “*hour*” of testing, that which is about to come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth.¹⁵ Or as it is expressed by an angel that flies through midheaven with the gospel, “*Fear God and give Him glory, for the **hour** of His judgment has come.*”¹⁶ Hence, “*that **hour***” is not referring to 60 minutes on the clock, but refers to something happening suddenly and contemporaneous with the prior events. Thus, we are addressing a series of events that is connected, or intimately tied, to the resurrection and rapture of the two witnesses.

Earthquake: A Shaking of Things

“... *there was chosen to be a great earthquake* ...” This is likely both *literal* and *figurative*. Perhaps God stamps the dramatic event of the rapture with a *literal* earthquake, a sort of final warning that things are just beginning to heat up. Kind of like a slam dunk, in your face, boom, it happened, my people are gone and are now with Me! Deal with that!

But given the details of the tenth and the names of those killed, it is likely to be understood *figuratively*, in that this “*great city*” of religious apostasy has been violently shaken and suddenly it has lost its power and position amongst those in the world, amongst those who are wholly devoted to the Beast.

With those in the Sanctuary gone, the religious pontifications of those in the *great city* have proven to

¹⁵ Revelation 3:10

¹⁶ Revelation 14:7

be fiction, nonsense, lies, and so on. God is not with them, and everyone now knows it. All around the world, those who persecuted and killed the witnesses (or so they thought), those who belong to the outer courts of the temple, those who traveled the street of the “*great city*” of religious apostasy, will know that they were wrong. As a result, they will be in a state of total panic knowing that things will now turn against them. In fact, this earthquake, this shaking of things, seems to be targeting them quite specifically.

Fell: a Tenth of the City

“... and a **tenth** of the city fell ...” A tenth is a very specific measurement. Perhaps this starts the dismantling of the “*great city*.” According to the **Code**, 10 is the number of testing and the divine order of human affairs. Thus, those who belong to this *great city* of religious apostasy have been put to the test and have been found wanting; thus, a **tenth** instantly fall from their place of power and position before the eyes of all humanity.

Given what happens next, it is likely that this is a judgment on the leadership of the *great city*, the leadership of the religion of Christianity —those who exercised authority for **42 months** over the “*holy city*” (over the **Chosen**). With the resurrection and the rapture of the two witnesses occurring in the sight of the entire world, these leaders who led the subjection and ultimate demise of the two witnesses will have been humiliated and thoroughly disgraced.

The *great city* of religious apostasy ultimately gets completely destroyed, wiped out, by the Beast, and in **one hour** (perhaps this is the hour) it is laid waste with pestilence, and mourning, and famine, and she will be burned up with fire.¹⁷ Perhaps this earthquake and the death of a tenth of the *great city* is the first step, the spark that leads to the complete dismantling of the *great city's* impact, influence, and place in the world.

We will find in **Revelation 17** that **Yahweh** puts it in the hearts of the Beast and his leadership counsel to execute His purpose (**Yahweh's** purpose), which is to destroy this *great city* (imaged as Babylon and the woman who rides the Beast). They will hate this woman, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh, and burn her up with fire. It will be very dramatic, and her demise (the destruction of the *great city*) will be a sudden event, for in **one hour** she is thrown down in violence. **Revelation 18** then depicts this devastation: “in **one hour** her judgment has come,” “in **one hour** her great wealth was laid to waste,” and “in **one hour** she has been laid waste.”

This is an action packed “*one hour*.” In his rise to power, the Beast will use those who dwell in this *great city*, they will be a key part of building his infrastructure and securing his control over those who are now abiding in the world, but then with a heart of hatred, he will turn on those in the *great city* of religious apostasy and discard them like rubbish to be burned.

It is important to read the entire **Revelation** narrative before you decide where your loyalties are going to lie. Will they lie with Jesus alone or with the religion of Jesus. We must never forget:

JUDE AND REVELATION BOTH TARGET THE VISIBLE CHURCH WITH A MESSAGE WHICH SEPARATES THOSE WHO STAND ONLY ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD FROM THOSE WHO

¹⁷ See **Revelation 18**

ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO BE GOOD FOR GOD.

The Reckoning—The Names of 7,000 Killed

An Assassination

“... **names** of seven thousand men were caused to be killed in the earthquake ...” The Spirit makes it clear that this is a very personal event. The **names of 7,000** were caused to be killed. It’s as if this little detail is letting us know that it is not just a random killing of men resulting from an earthquake, but an intentional killing targeted at the names of these 7,000 men. It’s an assassination; it’s a reckoning!

Given the context of the tenth of the *great city* who fell in the earthquake, it is not too much of a leap to assume that these 7,000 **names** are people who will be well known, and who likely have been leaders in the *great city* of religious apostasy.

By the way, though it is in the Greek, with the exception of *Young’s Literal Translation* (which attempts to provide a literal translation of the Greek), this detail about the “**names**” is not included in any of the major Biblical translations. That to me is very odd. Why leave it out? It is such a critical detail that gives us insight into the ways of **Yahweh**. The professionals who do Bible translations must have made a choice that was routinely followed by the many others who do that sort of job, such that none of them included this detail.

Are they embarrassed that this is personal, that this is an assassination, that this is a reckoning? Are they unable to fathom **Yahweh** judging and intentionally killing men from the *great city*—from the religion of Christianity? This type of personal and individual judgment is all over the **Codex**, so it is baffling that it would be intentionally left out of our Bible translations. I guess we will never know why they have left it out, but kudos to the translators of *Young’s Literal Translation*.

7,000

Now, the number, 7,000, is **Code**. 7 is the number of completions (much like our 100%), and the thousands is a huge multiplier: 10x10x10. And with 10 being a number of testing or a divine order of human affairs, then this perfect multiplier (**10³**) multiplied by the number of completeness (**7**) declares that the apostate religion of Christianity, with its millions of followers in the temple at large, has run its course. It has been completely tested and found completely wanting, and so the **names** of these very specific men, perhaps its leaders, are “killed” in this violent shaking as a precursor to the wanton and violent destruction of the *great city* at the hands of **Yahweh** through the agency of the Beast: “*For God has put in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose...*”¹⁸

The Rest

“... and the rest chose to become terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.” The rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. The rest likely refers to the rest of those in the *great city*, the other 90% -- those who will know that they got it all wrong, that they were on the wrong side of grace.

¹⁸ **Revelation 17:17**

Those who were part of the religion of Christianity, part of the collective that led the demise of the two witnesses, those who saw it all. They heard the prophetic message, they were aware of the miracles (the water, blood, plagues) and still they bet their lives on a lie, on their religion which considered the two witnesses to be an abomination to how Christianity is to be lived in the world. But suddenly, with the resurrection and rapture of the two witnesses, they realize that they got it all wrong and they are the ones who are doomed. The two witnesses are completely vindicated, but the “rest” are **left behind**.

Like those who love to be victims and put the blame on others, they will think they were deceived. But they chose to let themselves be deceived. Despite the example that had been set for them by the two witnesses, they did not now choose to be coming out of the **great tribulation** (which is the next event on the horizon). They loved the rules, they loved the “control,” they loved the glory and the safety that the *great city* offered to them, and they simply refused to choose to live only **by grace through faith**, with **faith being a now thing**.

And so, these others – the *rest* – (the 90%) chose to become terrified, and rightfully so, and they gave glory to the God of heaven. Perhaps this is their last attempt at seeking mercy. But at the sound of the last trumpet (the 7th Trumpet), it is too late. In fact, from the time the Sanctuary was measured, it was too late for them as they were not included in the final measurement. The oil in their lampstand dried up; as a result, their flame was not kept alit. The altar of incense is no longer accessible to them, and their prayers will not be heard, though vehemently offered up to God. Therefore, their repentance much less their giving glory to God, is of no effect. They are doomed to face the wrath of God in the great tribulation.

Foreshadowing

There is a vision of slaughter found in the **Codex** that foreshadows this entire scenario. In this vision, God was set on judging his people for their out-of-control iniquity, citing that the land was full of blood and their city was full of perversion. He called forth six (**6**) angelic executioners. Their job was to slaughter those who said they belonged to Him but did not actually know Him. They were instructed to start at the Sanctuary, the *Holy Place*, and work their way out to the temple at large and from the temple to the city.

But before they began this personalized culling of “His own people,” God sent another messenger, a seventh (**7**) with a writing case in hand. This messenger was instructed to place a mark on the foreheads of those who sigh and groan over all the abominations in the city. He commanded the other angelic executioners (the **6**) to go through the city, after the 7th angel, and strike without pity, and do not spare. *“Utterly slay old men, young men, maidens, little children, and women, but do not touch any man on whom is the mark; and you shall start from My sanctuary.”*

Brutal!

In this judgment of man, the six (**6**) started with the elders who were before the temple. And He said to the executioners, *“Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!”* Thus, they went out and struck down the people in the city ... *“I will bring their conduct upon their heads”*.¹⁹

The parallels are amazing as God separates or divides between those who are His and those who think they are His. This slaughter is brutal, it is decisive, and without mistake, it is a reckoning!

¹⁹ **Ezekiel 9:1-11**

In a very similar manner, in the **End Times**, God first secures the Sanctuary and those who are now worshipping in it through a measurement to ensure the exact division occurs between the “**Called and Chosen and Faithful**” (the **Called** of the Called, the **Chosen** of the Chosen—the faithful) and everyone else. He then judges the religious apostasy in the *great city*, starting with the temple courts outside of the Sanctuary, and He will then move from this *great city* to all those destined for the wrath of God.

1 Peter 4:17-18

For the time must choose to begin for judgment at the household of God. If it begins first with us, what will happen to those who are not **now** believing the Good News of God? And if it is with difficulty that the righteous are caused to be saved, what will choose to happen to the ungodly and the sinner?

Clearly, God is not interested in religion. He is not interested in what people want to do for Him. He is not even interested in all the great works that they accomplish in His name.²⁰ If what they do is not the will of the Father, if what they do does not derive directly from the divine and His doing the work in-and-through their lives, then the output is entirely worthless and is considered an absolute violation of God’s laws. It is lawlessness.

We must never forget that **the source matters, the source is everything!** If only God is Good, then only God can do good works. All the “**work of our hands**” offered in a vain attempt to serve Him and please Him means absolutely nothing to Him; it just amounts to the worship of demons. Once again,

JUDE AND REVELATION BOTH TARGET THE VISIBLE CHURCH WITH A MESSAGE WHICH SEPARATES THOSE WHO STAND ONLY ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD FROM THOSE WHO ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO BE GOOD FOR GOD.

Lesson Learned?

Here is what we have learned. The apostate religion of Christianity simply will not stand the test of time. We studied this in the book of **Jude**, and this was the main message in the letters which Jesus addressed to the churches. Those in the *great city* of religious apostasy will be judged, and the time of their rebellion will come to an end. Then comes the judgment of the world, but it all first begins with a judgment of the household of God.²¹

The tragic thing is that during all this time those in the temple of God will think they were just doing a service for God. They will think that God owes them and should appreciate how much they have done for Him. Although their delusion may seem unfathomable and unparalleled, the entirety of the *great city* is built on delusion and lies. They will even claim: “*We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your*

²⁰ See **Matthew 7:21-23**

²¹ **1 Peter 4:17**

name and performed many miracles in your name." Yet, He will utter the words that will ring in their ears throughout eternity: "***I never knew you.***"²²

Reckoning

Remember, at the beginning of our study in *Revelation*, we discussed that this is a **reckoning** and not just a judgment. God will set in order every last thing that has been destroyed and damaged through religion, sin, and the deceit of the enemy. Nothing will stand that is not of Him, including our beloved religion of Christianity (as well as all the apostate forms of religion).

This apostate system and all its faithful followers will be dealt with. The judgment begins in the temple and this judgment is swift and firm (like a sudden earthquake) as God will use the Beast and his demonic council to desolate the religion of Christianity. And if that is not bad enough, it gets even worse for those who remain and have been **left behind**. They now must face the full-on wrath of God. The great tribulation, the **Day of Yahweh**, is about to begin.

Vindication

It may seem a bit twisted, but in addition to a reckoning, this is also a **vindication**. God will vindicate those who belong to Him. It is a promise He made and an answer to a prayer in the *Psalms*.

Psalms 35:22-28

You have seen it, O **Yahweh**, do not keep silent; O Lord, do not be far from me. Stir up Yourself, and awake to my right and to my cause, my God and my Lord. Judge me, O **Yahweh** my God, according to Your righteousness, and do not let them rejoice over me. Do not let them say in their heart, "Aha, our desire!" Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up!" Let those be ashamed and humiliated altogether who rejoice at my distress; let those be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves over me.

Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; and let them say continually, "**Yahweh** be magnified, who delights in the prosperity of His servant." And my tongue shall declare Your righteousness and Your praise all day long.

Isaiah 54:15-17

If anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me. Whoever assails you will fall because of you. "Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the fire of coals and brings out a weapon for its work; and I have created **the destroyer** to ruin {a reference to the Beast whose name is the destroyer}. No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of **Yahweh**, and their vindication is from Me," declares **Yahweh**.

²² *Matthew 7:23*

Yes, His people will die, but they will live. We have discovered that those who are now living to die (to all that fights against **Yahweh** being their **I AM**) are those who are also dying to live in their vindication.

2nd Woe is Past

Revelation 11:14

The second woe is past; behold, the third woe now chooses to come quickly.

The first **WOE** resulted in locust like demons with scorpion tails, and their king, the Beast (whose name is “Destroyer” or “Destruction”), being released from the Abyss. Those who had neither the mark of God on their forehead nor green (spiritual life) in their souls, were tormented for 5-months, and they fell prey to religious deception through the false prophetic words of these demons.

The second **WOE** resulted in an army of demons killing 1/3 of mankind, as well as the first stage of the judgment of the religion of Christianity—on those who dwelt in the temple at large but were not found to now be worshipping God in the Sanctuary. A tenth of this *great city* of religious apostasy fell, and the names of 7,000 men were targeted for assassination, and they were killed. The “rest” were **left behind** consumed by terror.

We will stop here and pick up in our next podcast with the **3rd Woe**.