

The Gospel From Revelation 8-11

1. Readings:

- a) Rev. 8:1-4; ch 9:1-6; ch. 11:17-18
- b) Lev. 16: 29-30
- c) 1 John 1:7-9

2. The Gospel According to Rev. 8-11

- a) The furnishings, i.e the candlestick, ch. 1, the altars in ch. 8, in Revelation tell why judgment falls
 - i) The 2 altars indicate two aspects of judgment. Judgment because of:
 - 1. Those who have heard and understood their need of salvation have rejected the sacrifice of Christ, The lesson from the brazen altar
 - 2. Those who have heard and understood their need of salvation have rejected the keeping ministry of Christ, the lesson from the Golden altar.

3. The Backdrop:

- a) The solemn distinctive deliberate actions etc as foretold in ch 8:1-6
 - i) The silence in Heaven
 - ii) The seven angels standing before the throne
 - iii) The giving to them of the 7 trumpets
 - iv) The other angel standing at the altar with the golden censer
 - v) The giving to Him of the incense
 - vi) The angel filling the censer with fire
 - vii) The casting of it down to the earth.

4. The Silence In Heaven

- a) The solemnity of the silence.
- b) The times when God no longer speaks:
 - i) Pharaoh, God spoke to him often warning but there came a last time and God spoke no longer, (Ex. 5:1-10:29; 14:6; 27-30)
 - ii) Belshazzar, spoken to through the experience of his grandfather but there came a last time and God spoke no longer (Dan. 1:1; 5-6; 18-23; 25-28; 30)
 - iii) Herod heard the voice of God from John Baptist and rejected so when the Lord was before him He spoke not a word. (Mk. 6:18)
 - iv) God is silent

5. The Seven Trumpets

- a) Trumpet in the N T is always connected with God speaking and speaking clearly
 - i) If the trumpet give an uncertain sound. (1 Cor. 14:8)
- b) Seven trumpets: the battle of Jericho. (Josh. 6)
 - i) The judgment of God is sure, it would come, they lived in a world, they personally lived under condemnation.
 - ii) The delay of the 7 days indicated there was still time to repent.

6. The Prayers Of The Saints:

- a) Those who have heard and understood their need of salvation have ignored the answered prayers of the saints for God to speak to them
- b) The prayers of the saints were heard, they ascended before the throne, but these people have mocked the prayers of the saints, and God will not allow the intercessions of His people to be mocked, therefore judgment must come

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- c) The prayers as incense have been rejected and now those very prayers which were for their good are for their condemnation.

7. The Angel Comes and Takes The Fire of The Altar

- a) Casting it over an area, indicating that judgment was about to come as in Ezek. 10:2

8. Ch. 9, Hell On Earth

- a) Satanic darkness
- b) No escape via death
- c) The unknown awaiting in the thunders
- d) Torment and pain

9. God Offers Salvation:

- a) The two witnesses (ch. 11:3-13)) and what do they preach:
 - i) Escape from:
 1. The darkness that is to come, Christ has experienced the darkness
 2. The fire which is awaiting, Christ has suffered the fire
 3. The pains and torments which are unutterable, Christ has borne the torments
 4. Exchange the condemnation of eternal death for eternal life, Christ has secured eternal life
 5. The silence of God that is bound to happen, Christ has known the silence of God
- b) At Calvary, a man alone making cleansing from sins, (Lev 16:12)

10. Lev 10:1-2, Religious People, But Sought To Stand Before God Without God's Sacrificial Fire

- a) Men approaching God and no Calvary and the fire of God comes out to consume.

11. The Decision:

- a) Will I accept the offer of salvation?
- b) How do I accept it?
- c) What would I say to God in all sincerity if the Lord were sitting right beside me?

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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