# A STUDY OF REVELATION

## <u>Rev. 11:1-6</u>

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### Scriptural Introduction

<u>Rev. 1:19</u> Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

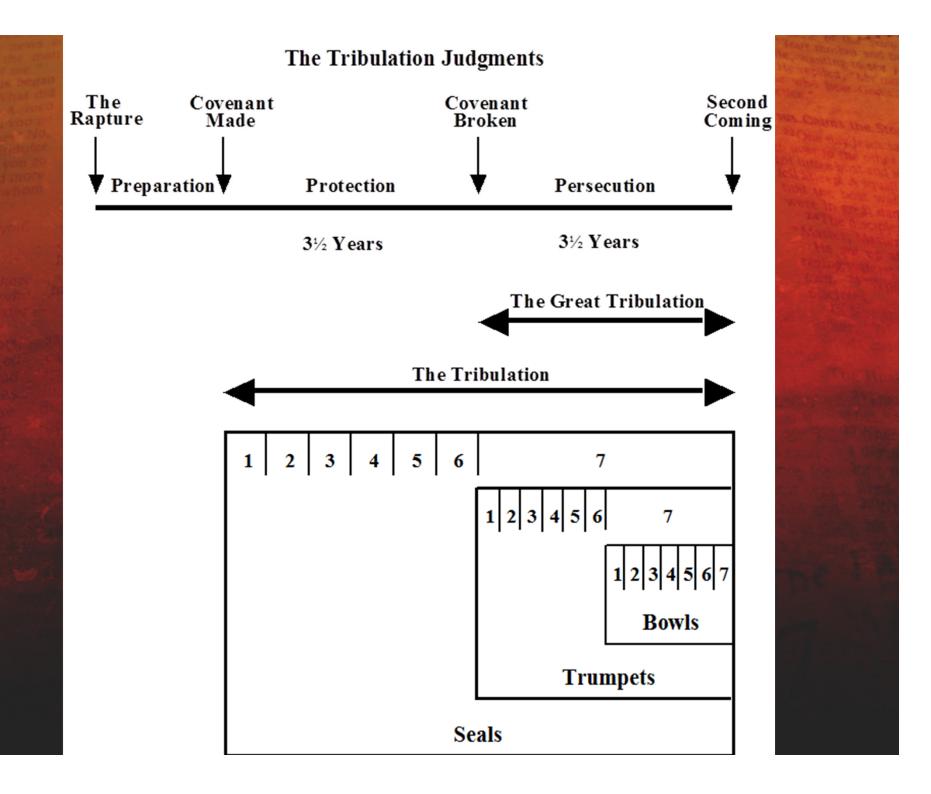
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Tonight, we begin Chapter 11, which is perhaps one of the most important chapters in the Book of Revelation. Chapter 11, like chapters 7 and 10, continues as a parenthetical chapter. We have observed 6 Trumpets, but the 7<sup>th</sup> is not sounded until <u>Rev. 11:15</u>. 2. The Coming of the Messengers, 11:1-13

a. The Mandate of the Messengers, 11:1-5

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<u>Mt. 24:15</u> When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

<u>16</u> Then let them which be **in Judaea** flee into the mountains: ... <u>20</u> But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, **neither on the sabbath day**:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

<u>Deut. 19:15</u> One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

Zech. 4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:

- <u>3</u> And **two olive trees** by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof. ...
- <u>11</u> Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these **two olive trees** upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof? <u>12</u> And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these* **two olive branches** which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?
- <u>13</u> And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *be*? And I said, No, my lord.
- <u>14</u> Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

<u>11:5</u> And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

<u>2 Kings 1:10</u> And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *be* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And **there came down fire from heaven**, and consumed him and his fifty. <u>11</u> Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

<u>12</u> And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I *be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And **the fire of God came down from heaven**, and consumed him and his fifty.

<u>13</u> And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.

<u>14</u> Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. <u>Num. 16:31</u> And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them: <u>32</u> And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

<u>33</u> They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

<u>34</u> And all Israel that *were* round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

### (b) The Miracles of the Messengers, 11:6

<u>Rev. 11:6</u> These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

<u>1 Kings 17:1</u> And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. ...

<u>7</u> And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

<u>1 Kings 18:1</u> And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

<u>Luke 4:25</u> But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

Jas. 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

<u>Ex. 7:17</u> Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.
<u>18</u> And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.
<u>19</u> And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and *that* there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of* wood, and in *vessels of* stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

Ex. 9:14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth.

<u>Ex. 11:10</u> And **Moses** and Aaron did **all these wonders before Pharaoh**: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land. <u>Mt. 17:1</u> And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, <u>2</u> And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. <u>3</u> And, behold, there appeared unto them **Moses and Elias** talking with him.

<u>Mt. 16:28</u> Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

#### <u>Summary</u>

- 1. Moses and Elijah were both *anointed;* Enoch wasn't.
- 2. Moses and Elijah both stand by the Lord of the whole earth; Enoch doesn't.
- 3. Moses and Elijah both destroyed their enemies by fire; Enoch doesn't.
- 4. Moses and Elijah both *smote the earth with plagues and kept it from raining;* Enoch doesn't.
- 5. Moses and Elijah both were on Mt. Sinai 40 days & 40 nights; Enoch wasn't.
- 6. Moses and Elijah both were there *without food and water40 days & 40 nights;* Enoch wasn't.
- 7. Moses and Elijah both *had ministers who took up their ministries Joshua and Elisha;* Enoch didn't.
- 8. Moses and Elijah both *appear with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration:* Enoch didn't.

<u>Mal. 4:4</u> Remember ye the law of **Moses** my servant, which I commanded unto him in **Horeb** for all **Israel**, with the statutes and judgments.

<u>5</u> Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of **the LORD**:

<u>6</u> And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

<u>Luke 1:17</u> And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

### <u>Conclusion</u>

Mt. 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:
33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.
34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. ...
36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ...
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

<u>1 Jn. 2:28</u> And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.