Bear Witness! Revelation 10:1-11:14

Going



Chapter 6-18

Spiritual Forces and Events of the world

3 Series of 'Sevens'

7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls.

Successive, Speeded, Simultaneous.

Seals	1234-56	interlude	7
Trumpets	123456	<u>interlude</u>	7
Bowls	interlude	123456	7

2nd Interlude How are the saints to live?

Bear Witness!
10:1-11

The Call to Bear Witness

11:1-14

The Task to Bear Witness



The Angel and the Little Scroll

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. ² He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on **the land**, ³ and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke.



Who is this mighty angel?

His majestic glory and divine authority

- Robed in a cloud.
- Rainbow above the head.
 - Face like the sun.
 - Legs like fiery pillars
 - Holding a little scroll.
- Voice like the roar of a lion



A Mystery

⁴ And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."

Not everything is revealed in the present time.



Mystery Revealed!

⁵ Then the angel ...swore by him who lives for ever and ever... said, "There will be no more delay!

But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

God's judgment and consummation plan
Will NOT be DELAYED.



Eat the Scroll

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel"

⁹ So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it.

Feed on the Word



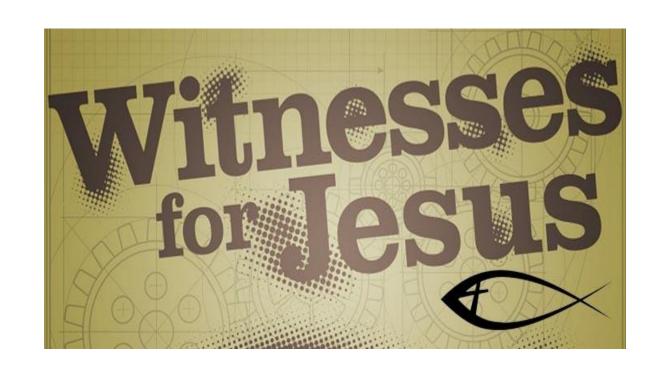
Sweet and Sour

"It will **turn your stomach sour**, but in your mouth it will be as **sweet as honey**."

The Call to Witness

"You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings."

Blessings and Curses,
Grace and Judgment,
Comfort and Distress.



His Witnessing Church

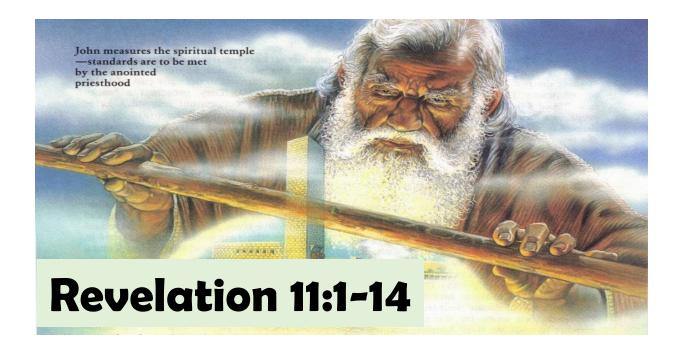
I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told,

"Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there.

² But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles.

Overcomers in Suffering

Presence of God and Preservation of Saints



A limited period of intense persecution

They will trample on the holy city for 42 months

Daniel 7:25

1260 days, 3.5 years.

a time, times, and a half a time

(one year, two years, and half a year).



Task of Witnessing How to witness?

³ And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

Kingly and Priestly Roles of Zerubbabel and Joshua by the Spirit



Authoritative and Powerful Witnesses

⁶ These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

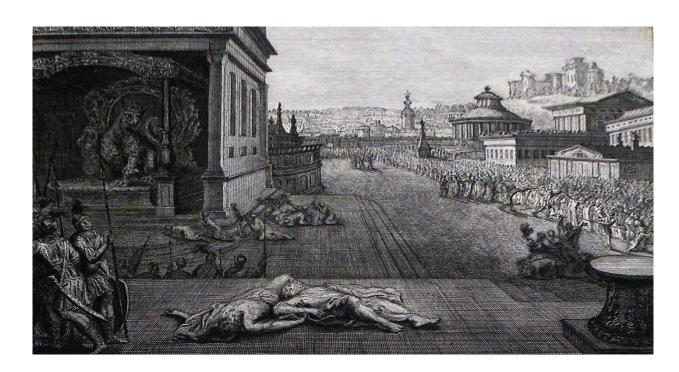
Moses and Elijah



His Suffering Faithful Witnesses

⁷ Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. 8 Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city... figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

Under the sovereign control of God



Short Lived Celebration

⁹ For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. ¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.



Victorious Witnesses

11 But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven sayina to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

Death will end in victory in union with Christ



The end will come

¹³ At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴ The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.



Kingdom Disciples Be Faithful Witnesses

Bring the Power of God to Save Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.



Be the authoritative powerful faithful victorious witnesses

By the Power of the Holy Spirit

Play the prophetic priestly and kingly role



Live for God! Bear Witness

Make the Kingdom Visible

- Personal testimony
- "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness".
- Evangelism through friendship, conversational, power encounters.
 - Social work and action

