

66-Revelation – 12-Transcript

well good evening and welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study we are now up to Revelation chapter 11 and this is the chapter that deals with the two witnesses will say an opening prayer will get into chapter 11 and just a little bit of a treat before we get into chapter 11 which I'll explain after the opening prayer a heavenly father when you pause and we just want to praise you Lord and just thank you for your loving kindness toward us thank you God for your word your word is truth we thank you God that in this age of deception increasing deception that we have access to truth and we have access to this wonderful book of Revelation you pronounce a blessing on those who will read it and those who are hear it and do what is contained therein father we ask for this blessing we praise you we praise you in the name of Jesus Christ and we ask these blessings in his name amen

so we're up to chapter 11 as I said we're gonna be dealing with the chapter on the two witnesses which is you know everybody wants to know who are the two witnesses I said we'll deal with that well just before we do that we do have a trade I'm just gonna put my earphones on here and that is that pastor Marie will be joining us this evening there was a question not last week but the week before we did have some technology problems but there was a question that came up when we were in chapter 9 and that was in the chat session and pastor Marie took that away he wants to address it this evening pastor Marie are you there I am here hurry great excellent thanks for joining

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what I'll do now is I'll just turn over the Bible study to you and the scriptures that you asked for will be up beside you let me just confirm this yeah so we're gonna begin with Revelation chapter 9 and verses 14 and 15 and I'm just gonna drop out of the frame and I will join you in a moment of yours Thank You Adrian it's a pleasure to join you tonight the question that came up was for one of our sisters Lena who asked whether the four angels referred to in Revelation 9 verses 14 to 15 the ones that were bound and loosed from the river euphrates are the same ones that Peter wrote about in first Peter 3 so let's begin first by going back to revelation 9 and just finding those scriptures cutting into the context in verse 14 we regarding the sixth trumpet we see saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet release the four angels who are bound at the great river euphrates so the four angels who had been prepared for the hour and day and month aamir were released to kill a third of mankind now her question references first Peter 3 and whether those four angels are the same angels referred to here in 1st Peter 3 I'm reading from the New King James and we'll get to that in a second for Christ to verse 18 first Peter 3 for christ also suffered once for sins the just for the unjust that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the spirit by whom also he went and preached to the spirits of prison who formerly were disobedient when once the divine long-suffering waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared in which a few that is eight souls were saved through water now

what's interesting here is that Peter makes reference to this incident where Christ addressed the imprisoned demons while the flood was being prepared but he makes no further commentary on this so it's hard to address the why he made a commentary on this other than the fact that Christ did address these imprisoned demons during the period of time that Noah was building the ark now whether these this group of angels that he addressed belonged to the same four that were released from Euphrates when we consider this in context we do know from various scriptures in other places in Scripture and I don't believe this is in doubt at all that Satan and his demons have been cast down to earth and in being cast down to earth they are limited to where they can go according to God's will receive in reference the beginning of joke to that where Satan can only act and do according to God's will

from that perspective they are imprisoned now whether it is here on this earth in some capacity or whether they're imprisoned in some specific spiritual place might get like a prison type setting that's a little unclear but it is clear that they are they are imprisoned and cast down to earth and can act only according to God's will either way they have been localized to earth and we know that Satan is the god of this world and again they can only act where God allows them to what's interesting is that the number of angels mentioned in first Peter is unnumbered but revelation speaks of four specific ones what is likely the case is that these four are a subset of the larger group mentioned in first Peter who are allowed to lead four nations likely

Islamic nations and you covered that well back in Chapter nine because of the countries that surround that that are bordering on the Euphrates that's you allowed to leave these countries in a similar way to where the godly angels the churches in Revelation two and three they would be loosed and permitted to lead these nations to attack Israel it would seem completely in context to me that these demons would be restricted to one imprisoned place so they're likely a subset in my opinion of those larger group of demons that Christ addressed back in Noah's time that addresses Lena's question just before we turn it back over to you there's just a couple other interesting points I'd like to point out that are worthy of mention we read verse 19 in first Peter 3 and I read it from the the New King James Version and again here's where it's here's where it's important when we choose translations that we understand context and interp interpret through let the Bible interpret the Bible through through other play through other scriptures we come to the end of verse 18 that says by the spirit and then the New King James you'll notice says by whom whereas the King James says by which we know that the Spirit is not a person that is power of God there's a good example of where when we are reading one version we need to be very particular and very attuned to what it is saying and notice these errors in translation that we see there the one other item and again then I'll turn it back over to you as happens to be in verse 20 and when we read that in the New King James Version it causes again the translation here causes a

little bit of ambiguity and we discovered that when you and I were refer for reviewing these three verses a couple of weeks ago after Mina's question where it does say the spirits in prison ending verse 19 continued to verse 20 who formerly were disobedient and the way that the English words that that translation there in the New King James it it could confuse a reader by saying now these these central angels are no longer disobedient that does not that is not the case and that certainly doesn't square up with the biblical context in the biblical narrative but when we read that particular verse in in the New King James what we see is that is these the verb were disobedient in the Greek is in the Erised tense which really does not have an English equivalent but is typically translated into the past tense and according to Strong's and commentaries translating using that Trent using that tense the Erised sense suffice is in most cases translating into the past tense but here it causes some ambiguity and make makes it look like these sinful angels while they formerly were disobedient are no longer disobedient and the the quick explanation on that is that it actually refers to this Erised tense actually refers to a specific time in the past where an incident occurred so we can take this to me and this aligns perfectly with biblical context that at some specific point in time in the past these angels became disobedient and we can infer from that that and through other scriptures that they continue to do be disobedient there they are not in a state of being now so just a couple of points to point

out there in the different translations that can cause some ambiguity and not align us with with structural context that it's important to to watch when we're studying those those particular translations that's great pasta Murr I really appreciate you taking that question and doing the doc the legwork on that and also appreciate sister Lina raising the question and I just want to confirm that you'll be around after the study when we're going to the chat in case there are some further questions absolutely well and I do have the gist of this printed up and I will link it in to the chat through I'll add it to the chat after the study it's wonderful as a link so thank you for letting me join you and God bless the study my pleasure and thanks so much for doing this all right

God likes it so thank you to costumery for doing that for us and providing the clarification doing the legwork there and what we want to do now is continue on in Revelation chapter 11 I just want to pick up so we were in chapter 9 there and then chapter 10 was the the little book the reference to the little book so I just want to go back to that verse 8 the voice which I heard from heaven spoke unto me again and said go and take the little book and so we did look at that last time with a little book he said go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel so it's really a scroll not a not a codex not a book like we have today but a scroll which is open in the hand of the angel which stands upon the sea and upon the earth so this Angelus clearly showing his dominance in his authority over the sea and the earth and sea is often a symbol for people's so maybe two

different types of people's here and I went unto the angel and said unto him give me the little book or the scroll and he said unto me take it and eat it up and this shall make your belly bitter but it shall be in your mouth sweet as honey

word of god is sweet and we did last week look at the references both in Jeremiah and in Ezekiel how these prophets rejoice to have the Word of God and it was sweet as honey in their mouth but once they realized the full implications of the word as they digested it then it was bitter in the belly and so John is having this same experience where the Word of God is sweet to him but there are implications to it which when you fully digest the meaning it is bitter so he says I took the little book out of the Angels hand and ate it up and it was in my mouth sweet as honey and as soon as I had eaten it my belly was bitter so he came to understand the full implication now verse 11 may have something to do with this bitterness and he said unto me you must prophesy again before many peoples and nations and tongues and kings so there is the sense here that you know the Word of God is going to be accomplished that kingdom of God is going to be established but there's something that has to happen first and that thing is going to result in a bitterness it might be we're going to be looking at the the two witnesses and the persecution of these witnesses but also this is definitive that there are people who are going to reject God they're going to be enemies of God and their fate is going to be sealed so there is a there is a bitterness here when we understand this and it may be as well

that some of these people are in fact God's chosen people who have rejected him now with that context we roll into chapter 11 so now we're coming into chapter 11 and it says here and there was given unto me a reed like unto a rod so this is a measuring instrument that it's a rod that is a specific length and it's used to measure and the angel stood saying rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and them that worship therein but the court which is without the temple leave out and measure it not for it is given unto the Gentiles and the Holy City shall they tread under foot forty and two months so there's a lot of controversy here about this temple and in is it a physical temple or is it a spiritual temple and remember we started this by saying most of this book is symbolic personally I lean towards this being a spiritual temple and in indicating the people of God who are included as true worshippers of God and they are truly in the temple and those that are hypocritical those that are not really taking this seriously and are in the church organizations but are not really in the church organism and so they will be left out on the other hand many say that it is a clearly a physical reference because it's going to be that this holy city is going to be tread underfoot for four three and a half years now that also has some merit and in fact if you were to google a gentleman named dr. Kaufman dr. Kaufman he's an archaeologist and he has done a lot of work on the archaeology around Jerusalem in the temple and the mosque the aleksa mosque in Jerusalem is built on top of the Temple Mount and you know he's saying that this is a clear

indication of Gentiles moving in taking over the city and causing the worship to stop and then you know he believes that there's going to be a third temple that will be built and that this it's gonna create such a controversy as we're seeing now with just all President Donald Trump recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel but but by building this third temple that is going to create incredible hostility and whether or not you know the Muslims have the right to this this area because their prophet went to heaven apparently on a night journey on ohan a white mule and that's why they have a claim here or to the Jews who through thousands of years of history do they have a right to this area and this is gonna create great controversy but they will want to build the temple where it historically was built so you know I don't have a clear answer here whether or not this is a physical temple or a spiritual temple and and it's a really a symbol of the the true worshipers could go either way personally I lean towards this being is a symbol of God's people in any case there's going to be some sort of measurement of the temple and it and the decision as to who's in and who's out and it says here that they'll be they'll they'll be in those in the outer court are given unto the Gentiles and I will give power so at this time I will give power unto my two witnesses and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three for threescore days clothed in sackcloth and that's a symbol excuse me the Sabbath is a symbol of true prophethood and then the true prophets they were not men who are dressed in dainty clothing who were all about you

know the comforts of this world they were just focused on their mission and dressed in sackcloth which is often also a symbol of mourning they prophesy for 1,260 days which is also forty-two months so we see the same reference of time which we also saw in the prophecies of Daniel which last week we saw that this this is clearly a reference to those prophecies and those prophecies in Daniel we said clearly those are what are contained in the little book in the little scroll that these prophecies associated with this time period are now going to be fulfilled and we did mention that pastor Watson is going to be starting a series of Bible study series once he finishes up on Romans on the Book of Daniel so we have to study these two books together revelation and Daniel to fully understand these prophets and their references to the other prophets to fully understand what's going to be happening in the end time so he's going to give power to his two witnesses and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days so again everybody wants to know who are these two witnesses and we need to sort of tackle that a bit here so first of all anybody who tells you that they are one of the two witnesses they're gonna disqualify themselves as cooks so let's be very careful these could be cymbals so these two witnesses could be symbolic and they could represent two different organizations they could represent groups of people they could represent you know the Messianic Jews Jews as well as the the church the the Christian Church they could represent a prophecy from representing the Gentiles or Israel so that it could be two individuals or it could be a symbol for two different

groups of people personally I lean towards this being two specific individuals two prophets who are going to prophesy now the fact that there are two witnesses I think is a callback to Deuteronomy where it says one witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity or for any sin in any sin that he sins so having one witness is not enough at the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established so clearly in Deuteronomy the laying down of the law we cannot condemn somebody if we only have one witness and so part of this in the implication here of having two witnesses prophesying is this is a period of condemnation and those who do not repent those who do not heed the call of the two witnesses will clearly bring judgment upon themselves without excuse because there will be two witnesses also the two witnesses could be two witnesses to Jesus Christ to his mystery to his death burial and resurrection and and so again in any case they are what they say is established because it's not just one witness it is two coming back to Revelation chapter 11 verse 4 it says these are the two olive trees so what we see now is there's another symbol sorry I mean convention mentioned meant to mention here the size of a cubit it's a hand in an arm so when it when he's measuring the the measuring rod is in cubits but here he says that these are the two olive trees and so after the measurement we have these two witnesses that appear and they are symbolized by two olive trees and the two candlesticks standing before the god of the earth and if any man will hurt them fire proceeds out of their mouths so these

are very powerful men and they cannot be touched by anybody anybody who attempts to try to hurt them is just burned alive and if any man will hurt them fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies and if any man will hurt them he must in this manner be killed these have power to shut heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophecy and have power over the waters to turn them to blood and to smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will now who are these two witnesses I think one of the one of the indications here and and so first of all they could they can be anybody so let's be clear the two witnesses can be anybody we don't know we just don't know who they are so you know your guess is as good as mine and we won't know when we know those who are privileged to be alive at this time we will know very clearly who they are or there could be symbols of different groups of people or there could be two prophets which is what I lean to now the nature of their work and the nature of their miracles it could be I mean anything is possible it did too do this work just as we saw in the Transfiguration they were brought to life were resurrected and glorified and stood with Christ Moses and Elijah one representing the law the other representing the prophets but also the Nate 40 verse three so we're going to go back now to talk about this the different symbols and the callbacks in this case here in Ezekiel we're going to see a callback to this whole issue of measuring the temple and he brought me there verse three of chapter 40 and behold there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of brass with a

line of flax in his hand and a measuring
Reed so here in this case he had a
measuring Reed and he stood in the gate
and the man said unto me son of man
behold with your eyes and hear with your
ears so same with John he has to look
and he has to hear and he meets to
record what he sees in what he hears
same case here son of man behold with
your eyes and hear with your ears and
set your heart upon all that I will show
you for to the intent that I might show
them unto you are you brought here same
with John to the intent that these
things can be shown to John that's why
he has brought into this this vision for
to the intent that I might show unto you
show them unto you are you brought here
declare all that you see to the house of
Israel and we must never forget this
plotline that God has a controversy with
his people yes especially in the same
time the whole earth is involved all of
mankind is involved God is driving
mankind to repentance and people come to
repentance from all nations and so John
a says he must prophesy again to all
tribes and peoples and nations and
tongues and and we saw in Revelation 7
that there is repentance from all tribes
and peoples and nations and tongues
so all Neph ethnic groups are called to
repentance and many repent and become
part of this firstfruits harvest but
when they repent they are grafted into
Israel because God's covenant is only
and exclusively what
Israel and because of all the families
of the earth God Only Knows Israel his
controversy is with Israel and so this
whole focuses on Jerusalem the focus is
on Israel and here this bin is Ezekiel's
case he was brought to see this
measurement of who's included who's not

included so that he could declare everything that he sees to the house of Israel and that's again why perhaps this word of God is sweet in the mouth but bitter in the belly because God has a controversy with his people and not all of his people are repentant and behold a wall on the outside of the house roundabout and in the man's hand a measuring lead of six cubits long by the cubit and a hand press all right we did say earlier what a cubit looks like and it says here that it's a cubit and a hand broad so that you know about 18 inches is the size of a cubit and and and so they would have measuring rods that were specifically designed to be in cubits and that's what would be used to measure so he says here so he measured the breadth of the building one read and the height one read 4313 and these are the measures of the altar after the cubits the cubit is a cubit and a hand breadth even the bottom shall be a cubit and the breadth of cubit and the border they're off by the edge they're around about shall be a span and this shall be the higher place of the altar so there's this very specific call back to the Book of Ezekiel to Ezekiel's prophecy where we see this whole measuring of the temple same thing that we see here in revelation 11 there's also a call back to Zechariah so when he says that these are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks standing before the god of the earth if we look at Zechariah's prophecy in chapter 2 verse 1 he says I lifted up my eyes again and looked and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand so the same notion of measuring who is included who is excluded but here we're gonna see specifically this call out to the olive

trees then said I where do you go and he said unto me to measure Jerusalem so it's the same theme in the prophecies to see what is the breadth thereof and what is the length thereof skipping over to chapter four and the angel that talked with me came again and woke me as a man that is bacon doubt of his sleep and said unto me what do you see and I said I have looked and behold a candlestick all of gold with a ball upon the top of it and his seven lamps thereon and seven pipes to the seven lamps which are upon the top thereof and two olive trees by it one upon the right side of the bowl and the other upon the left side of the ball so you have these olive trees that are responsible for creating the olive oil and the olive oil then pouring into the bowl and lighting the candles and this whole symbolism of the Spirit of God at work so I answered and spoke to the angel that talked with me saying what are these so there there now looking at these olive trees and asked him what are these my lord then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me no don't you know what these are and I said no my lord he didn't know then he answered and spoken to me saying this is the word of the Lord unto is a rubber ball saying not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord of hosts so what we see here is this reference that these olive trees are symbolic of the Holy Spirit of God and the working of the Holy Spirit of God so these two witnesses are symbolized by two olive trees so these are two prophets that are going to be functioning not by their own might and power but by the might and power or of the Holy Spirit of God 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 and 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 so the olive trees are emptying this oil than inland enabling the candles to shine and the answered me and said don't you know what these are and I said no my lord then said he these are the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth so again we understand from this that these two witnesses are the two anointed ones and this is also why I leaned towards in this case these two witnesses as much as they are symbolic that these are actual two individuals that are anointed for this purpose and over here in Chapter five of zechariah then i turned and lifted up my eyes and looked and behold a flying roll so we saw again in Revelation this stuff this scroll that is handed to John here in Zechariah he sees this flying roll and he wants to know what it is and he said unto me what do you see and I answered I see a flying roll the length thereof is twenty cubits the breadth thereof is ten cubits then said he unto me this is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth so remember we are in the woes of Revelation so as we looked at the fifth sixth and seventh trumpet these are also the first second and third wall so these woes are curses and so again this bitterness in the belly has to do with the judgment on mankind and the judgment on Israel in particular and he says them to me this is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth for everyone that steals shall be cut off as on this side according to it and

everyone that swears shall be cut off as
on that side according to it and
remember when John saw
the little scroll he said it was written
on both sides and so here we see this
flying roll which is a curse of the
earth and that there's basically the law
is a judgement is written on both sides
and those who are attached to their
filth attached to their iniquity
attached to their sinfulness their
judgment is sealed and so this is a wall
this is a curse that is coming upon the
earth he says so everyone that steals
shall be cut off as on this side
according to the roll and everyone that
swears shall be cut off as on that side
according to the roll I will bring it
forth said the Lord of hosts and it
shall enter into the house of the thief
and into the house of him that swears
falsely the liar by name and it shall
remain in the midst of his house and
shall consume it or destroy it with the
timber thereof and the stones thereof
this is a time of judgment and and this
is I believe this is the bitterness that
john saw though the word of god is sweet
that the kingdom of god is going to be
established as like honey but the pain
and the judgment that's going to come
upon the rebels this is painful and and
especially those rebels who are the
covenant people let's go back to
Revelation chapter 11 where we saw that
if any man tries to hurt these witnesses
fire proceeds out of their mouth and
devours their enemies and if any man
will hurt them he must in this manner be
killed and I said earlier that you know
these two witnesses could be anybody we
would have to be open we can't be rigid
and say you know I I I know a guy and
he's really good with prophecy I think

he's one of the witnesses and maybe he has a son or a brother or a wife and I think you know he she or the other it might be one of the two no no no the witnesses are who they are and they are the anointed ones and they have a very special purpose and we will know when we know so it could be anybody but you know it's healthy for us I think to speculate to kind of look into the scriptures try to understand it and as I mentioned earlier the nature of the miracles seems to be a callback to Moses and Elijah the law and the prophets and here in Luke when we studied Luke wherever it July and behold there talked with him two men two witnesses which were Moses and Elijah who appeared in glory and spoke of his Exodus which he should accomplish at Jerusalem so that's you know one one data point in numbers sixteen looking at Moses now when there was the rebellion from Korah in number sixteen the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up the fam Korah and their families and their houses and all the men that a pertains unto Korah and all their gods so there was this rebellion within Israel and the earth swallowed them up but it didn't just swallow them up look at also in verse 35 of number 16 and there came out a fire from the Lord and destroyed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense so we see here a part of Moses it's ministry when there was rebellion against him the Lord sent down fire from heaven which destroyed them we also see that with Elijah so again with Elijah what we see here you lied to answered and said unto the captain of fifty so they were they they came to basically arrest him bring him to the king if I be a man of God then let fire come down

from heaven and destroy you and your fifty and there came down fire from heaven and destroyed him and his fifty again also in second Kings 1:11 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 has the king said come down quickly and Elisha answered and said unto them if I be a man of God let fire come down from heaven and destroy you and your fifty and the fire of God came down from heaven and destroyed him and his fifty so there's this question both in the case of Moses and in the case of Elijah are you an authentic prophet of God and that there's a challenge to their prophethood and God answers that challenge personally by sending down fire from heaven and we see that in the future with these two witnesses there's going to be a challenge to their prophethood and if they truly are men of God those that are rebelling against them those that are challenging them God takes it personally and God will send down fire from heaven and destroy them so just as he did this with Moses and Elijah he's going to do this with the two witnesses and and there's just I'm just basically showing the evidence here that very well it's possible that God could resurrect Moses could resurrect Elijah and set them as the two witnesses a nothing that's the case but I'm saying you're no your guess is as good as mine but here's some evidence that indicates that there's a there's an alignment and a continuity of the the miracles that are associated with these men goes on in chapter 11 verse 6 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 the plagues as often as they will and so what we see here is that in the case of Moses we know that he was able to turn water into blood in Exodus chapter 7 the Lord spoke unto Moses saying say unto Aaron take your rod and stretch out your 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 the vessels of wood and in the vessels of stone verse 20 and Moses and Aaron Aaron did Saul as the LORD commanded and he lifted up the rod and smote the waters that were in the river in the sight of Pharaoh

again this is Pharaoh was really a symbol of Satan and this is his empire this is the bringing down of this Empire and in the sight of his servants and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood 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 the land of Egypt and so it goes on to talk about the Egyptians and let's just drop down here to first Kings 17 now so that was Moses to do with the water turning to blood now let's look at Elijah and what we see here with Elijah is the withholding of rain and Elijah the Tishbite who was of the inhabitants of Gilead said unto Ahab as the Lord God of Israel lives before whom I stand there shall not be do nor rain these years but according to my word so the power of whether or not water would fall from the sky or water would come up from the grass was held by Elijah's word and so this is the same

power that these two witnesses have they have the power of Moses and they have the power of Elijah and when they shall continue in chapter 11 and when they shall have finished their testimony so they are untouchable anybody who tries to trouble them they breathe fire they have the ability to withhold the rain from falling on the land and cause famine and drought and they have the ability to turn water into blood so people will suffer as a result of rebelling against them and their prophecy now the people of God are sealed so that they are not subject to these punishments but when they have finished their testimony the Beast that ascends it out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them so these are two very powerful individuals we know the Beast is going to be a very powerful individual but these are so powerful that he you know earlier you know there's this worshipping of the Beast that he's so powerful and who can make war with him but here he's going to make war against these two witnesses and that's really a testament to their power and then the efficacy of their ministry that he is now going to just pull out all the stops and make war against them and he shall overcome them and kill them and so the two witnesses here will actually be put to death and so it says here in verse eight and their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city which is which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt where also our Lord was crucified so I think John is very clear here and there's been a controversy in some of the commentaries about whether or not this is Jerusalem I think John is making it very clear that it's the city where

our Lord was crucified and which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt and they of the people and the Kindred's and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put into the graves and this is really an indignity this is you know you thought you were so wonderful we're going to fully humiliate you and allow you just to lie in the street and not be not have the dignity of a burial and they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them and make merry and shall send gifts one to another because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth so they claim that they're tormented by these people but they caused this problem upon themselves and after three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them and they stood upon their feet and great fear fell upon them which saw them and they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them come up here and they ascended up to heaven in a cloud and their enemies beheld them so let's look at some of the references and the callbacks so we know that this is a callback to actually this is let me just get through this yes here we go Isaiah says here in terms of Sodom you know it could Jerusalem be Sodom Isaiah 1:9 except the Lord of Hosts have left us a very small remnant we should have been as Sodom and we should have been to Kimora this is the wickedness of God's people we think you know they're the chosen people somehow they're holy the Bible repeatedly God repeatedly condemns his covenant people as being wicked beyond measure and so spiritually they are called Sodom here the word of the Lord

you rulers of Sodom is how God refers to them you rulers of Sodom give Aran to the law of our God you people of Gomorrah a continuing Isaiah the show of their countenance does witness against them and they declare their sin as Sodom they hide it not won't to their soul for they have rewarded even on evil unto themselves again the prophet Jeremiah I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing they commit adultery and walking lies these the prophets of Jerusalem they strengthen also the hands of evildoers that none returns from his wickedness they are all of them unto me as sodom and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah again Ezekiel condemns them behold this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom referring to Israel as Sodom pride fullness of bread and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters neither did she strengthen the hand and the poor of the needy so Israel is the same as Sodom and they committed the Hoarders in Egypt they committed whoredoms in their youth there were their breasts pressed and they there they bruised the teats of their virginity so there's pure of Filth and wickedness and continuing in the you know the the filth of Sodom and the filth of Egypt the people of God neither left she her whoredoms brought from Egypt for in her youth they lay with her and continuing on about to her her filth yet she multiplied or whoredoms in calling to remembrance the days of her youth wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt so this constant reference that God has throughout the prophets of Israel and Jerusalem being likened unto Sodom and Gomorrah and being likened

unto the sin and the filth of Egypt
continuing in Ezekiel that
the whoredom that you brought from the
land of Egypt back to verse 9 of chapter
11 and they of the people and Kindred's
and tongues and nations shall see their
dead bodies three-and-a-half days and
they're not going to allow them to be
buried if we look at Psalm 79 verse 2
this is what they do to humiliate the
saints of God the dead bodies of your
servants have they given to be meat unto
the fowls of the heaven the flesh of
your Saints unto the beasts of the earth
so they do not allow for a dignified
burial of God's people their blood verse
three have they shed like water round
about Jerusalem and there was none to
bury them so again just this that the
symbolism of these two witnesses lying
in the streets of Jerusalem for
three-and-a-half days is a symbol of
humiliation that the Beast makes war
against them when they he can't do
anything to them until they finish their
testimony and their testimony is there
their ministry lasts for three and a
half years and this is really why
brethren we should have no fear we
should have no fear the very hairs of
our head are numbered as long as we're
useful to God he's gonna put us to use
if we're not useful to God then there's
no reason for us to be alive really so
so really I want to encourage all of us
to do all we can to be useful to God and
then when our ministry is up our
ministry is up but our lives are in
God's hands and he's a faithful God so
it says here that they will rejoice and
make merry and send gifts to one another
and so they're rejoicing and Christ
warned us about this so it's not just
the two witnesses this is our lot as

well he says verily verily I say unto
you that you this is prophecy from the
Lord Himself you shall weep and lament
but the world shall rejoice and you
shall be sorrowful and so brother names
are very important that we are not
idolaters now we are not trying to hold
on to this life and just grab as much
happy
joy and everything we can in this life
that our vision and our commitment is
the kingdom of God and in this process
the world is going to hate us it's not
that it hates us personally we're just
not that important what it is is that
Satan hates Christ and Satan is the god
of this world and the people of this
world without the Holy Spirit are
subject to the sway of the devil you
know this week I saw in the news that it
was international no pence day and so in
major cities all around the world people
are going to work with no pencil I mean
is this madness or what and if anyone of
them were to go to work and lose their
pants they would feel humiliated they
would be so embarrassed but you know
what because everybody's doing it then
we'll do it and this is the nature of
human beings under the sway of the devil
and so under the sway of the devil
because the devil hates Christ he's
going to sway these human beings to hate
us don't take it personally you and I
are not that important it's that the
devil hates Christ and because he hates
Christ and they don't know Christ and
they don't know the father they're going
to hate us and as a result Christ tells
us that we shall weep and lament this is
a the future is not good for Christians
and we're starting to see that all
around the world you just have to Google
Christians in Egypt Christians in Iraq

Christians in Syria and see what is going on because all of that is gonna be global it's not just you know over there in fact the people who are doing it over there are being welcomed over here so it is going to be a global phenomenon the world will rejoice and ever is sending gifts to one another when they kill the two witnesses and you shall be sorrowful but your sorrow shall be turned into joy and their joy is going to be turned into sorrow so we have to play the long game here we have to see beyond the here and now and know we know Revelation chapter for know that G know that Jesus Christ and God the Father are sitting securely on their throne and their will will be done and we are now in the time of the seventh trumpet and so it's a time of no more delay now we're at this accelerated pace where the kingdom of God is going to be ushered in so after three days three and a half days the spirit of life of spirit of life from God enters into them and they stand on their feet and this is kind of a call back to Ezekiel 37 when the prophet Ezekiel was told to prophesy unto the wind and to say to the bones it says the Lord God come from the four winds o breath and breathe upon the slain that they may live and this valley of dry bones when the wind the the Spirit breathed upon these bones these dog there's army great army of Israel stood up upon their feet and these two witnesses are going to come back to life and they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them come up here and they ascended up to heaven in a cloud and their enemies beheld them in awe and the same hour there was a massive earthquake

so that very same hour there was a great earthquake and the tenth part of the city fell and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand so these these seven thousand men just a few moments ago they were sending gifts and they were rejoicing and they were so happy and then these two witnesses these two prophets came back to life they ascended up to heaven

there's a massive an earthquake a tenth part of the city falls and seven thousand men lose their lives in that moment it again is it exactly seven thousand or seven thousand a symbol we will know when it happens and the remnant were terrified so these people who are aligning themselves with the Beast and rejoicing now they're fearful and they gave glory to the God of heaven so finally there's this recognized who is the true God the second woe is past and behold the third wall comes quickly so the fifth sixth and seventh trumpets this the fifth sixth and seventh trumpet blasts are the first second and third wall so now we're coming into the seventh trumpet blast which is the third wall and and the angel just said with a loud voice woe woe woe unto the inhabitants of the earth and the seventh angel sounded so now when the seventh angel sounds were expecting to hear what is contained in this blowing of the shofar and what the curse is that it's going to bring but instead we get something else what the ultimate meaning of this seventh trumpet blast is before we get into the the the the wall and there were great voices in heaven so now this is that this is the the honey that's the sweetness of God's Word there were great voices in heaven saying the

kingdoms of this world have become the
kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ
and he shall reign for ever and ever
amen to that
so all of these kingdoms through time
that are always promising us utopia and
bring us nothing but slaughter and
oppression finally these satanic
kingdoms are gonna be brought down and
the kingdom of God is going to be
established and it's going to be
established forever and all this was
prophesied all the way back in the time
of Moses when Moses was acting or God
was acting through Moses to bring down
Pharaoh's Empire and and when he did
that it says here in the song of Moses
fear and dread shall fall upon them
that's exactly what we're seeing now by
the greatness of your arm they shall be
as still as a stone they will be
terrified till your people pass over Oh
Lord till the people pass over which you
have purchased you shall bring them in
and
plant them in the mountain of your
inheritance this is a prophecy from
Moses and this is exactly what is going
to happen in the place Oh Lord which you
have made for you to dwell in in the
sanctuary or Lord which your hands have
established the Lord shall reign forever
and ever
so all from from the Old Testament right
through to Revelation all these
prophecies converge into the book of
Revelation God is true to his word he
shall reign forever and ever and we see
this in Daniel as well then in the days
of these Kings shall the God of heaven
set up a kingdom which shall never be
destroyed and the Kingdom shall not be
left to other people but it shall break
in pieces and destroy all these kingdoms

and it shall stand forever for as much as you saw that the stone was cut off the mount out of the mountain without hands and that it broke in pieces the iron the brass the clay the silver and the gold the Great God has made known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall come to pass here after the dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure so this has been a long time coming but now in the book of Revelation it's a time of no more delay so now these prophecies that were given to Daniel are going to be unfolding very rapidly and as we says we are now entering into the seventh trumpet the declaration of the kingdom of God is made and now all the detail we're going to be going through now from I believe from chapter 11 right through to 18 all of the details that are going to be involved in bringing down the Satanic Empire and establishing the kingdom of God but you know we're going to go into detail but it's as good as done and so as the trumpet blast is made there is this great joy and worshiping of God in heaven how luleå declaring the kingdom of God because it is sure and in Daniel 7 he says I saw in the night visions and behold one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of Days and they brought him near before him so do it again you know people wonder there's one God there there are two gods in the god family right now and multiple people are going to be born into this family that's the whole purpose and mystery of God and so we have Jesus Christ coming to God the Father they brought him near before him and there was given to Christ a Dominion and glory and a kingdom that all people nations and languages should serve him his

Dominion is an everlasting Dominion
which shall not pass away and his
kingdom that which shall not be
destroyed and the kingdom and the
Dominion and the greatness of the
kingdom under the whole heaven shall be
given to the people of the saints of the
Most High hallelujah amen to that so
what you what will we not do for God
when we see the love that he has for us
and everything that he wants to do for
us we have to get our eyes firmly fixed
on the kingdom and not be distracted by
pettiness this is what God wants to give
us he shall be given to the people of
the saints of the Most High whose
kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom and
all dominions shall serve and obey Him
this is reality this is where everything
is heading everything else is an
illusion and temporary back to
revelation 11 and the four and twenty
elders which sat before God on their
seats fell upon their faces and
worshipped God saying we give you thanks
O Lord God Almighty which art and wast
and art to come because you have taken
to you your great power and you've
reigned and the nations were angry and
your wrath is come so there's this
rebellion is it's unbelievable that
human beings can be so insane as to
rebel against their creator but this is
where we are and these nations are going
to be in collusion together and they're
going to be angry and trying to resist
God but your wrath has come and the time
of the Dead that they should be judged
and that you should give reward
Hunter your servants the prophets and to
the Saints so it's not just the prophets
it's the Saints as well and then that
fear your name small and great so
there's a judgement coming and this is

reality

this is where our focus is this is where we want to be successful and you should destroy them which destroy the earth God loves the earth and there's a lot of different philosophy and ideology and religion around that basically says that God hates the earth and can't wait has nothing to do with the earth and just wants us just to skirt off to heaven and live in the clouds forever and have nothing to do with the earth God loves the earth and he's going to destroy those who destroy the earth and he's going to give the earth to those who love and obey Him and and this is a call back to Psalms to where David asked the question why did the heathen rage why do the nation's rage and the people imagine a vain thing the kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed saying let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us you know what he that sits in the heavens shall laugh the Lord shall have them in derision then he shall he speak unto them in his wrath and vex them in his sore displeasure yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion and again in Psalms David writes that the heathen rage and the kingdoms were moved he uttered his voice the earth melted in 115 he will bless them that fear the Lord both small and great so Revelation is calling back to what is written in the prophets we'll just uh wrap up the second part in here as we wind down in Revelation 11:15 and the seventh angel sounded and there were great voices in heaven and we read that now they're rejoicing and saying what's coming in the four and twenty elders they worship Him worship God giving him

thanks and the nations are angry and
he's going to destroy those that destroy
the earth and then finally
and the Temple of the Lord the temple of
God was opened in heaven and there was
seen in his temple the Ark of his
covenant and there were lightnings and
voices and thunderings and an earthquake
and great hail so this goes back to the
very promise of the covenant that God
has made with his people and in heaven
in the temple of God was opened in
heaven and there was seen in his temple
the Ark of his Testament and there were
lightnings and voices and thunderings
and an earthquake and great hail so this
brings us to the end of Revelation
chapter 11 the seventh trumpet the
seventh troph are has been blown the
kingdom of God has been declared it is
certain but the seventh trumpet also is
the third wall and we have a rebellious
mankind and so John is now going to take
us through some of the detail a little
bit earlier in chapter 12 we're going to
deal with some more symbolism but
through 11 to chapter 18 we're going to
see in detail what it means that this
seventh trumpet has been blown what a
wonderful book what a great privilege it
is for us to see the future in advance
and Christ wants us to know the future
in advance so that as these things
unfold we're not going to be caught off
guard we're not going to be offended
we're not going to betray one another
we're going to be faithful we're going
to be faithful to Lord Jesus Christ
the one true king the rightful ruler of
the earth our future husband our king
our God and he is gonna make all things
right he's gonna wipe away all tears and
he's going to establish this kingdom
forever but mankind is rebellious and so

as we continue in the book we're going to see this rebellion finally quashed so looking forward to continuing that said next week because we're going to Revelation chapter 12 and looking forward to joining you on the chat and also if you have any questions regarding the opening where pastor Murray was talking about one of the questions that came from Revelation chapter 9 regarding those four angels released from the river Euphrates so thanks very much for joining us Jesus Christ is great he's our God he's our king may his name be praised forever