

1 THE PROPHECY SERIES COUNTDOWN

2 **GOD'S PICTURE OF THE TRIBULATION**

3 Session One / Wednesday, January 17, 2007

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5 ★ The TRIBULATION is that 7-year period of time on earth immediately following
6 the Rapture of the Church

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8 ★ It will be a time of an outpouring of GOD'S wrath, not man's inhumanity to man.
9 Jesus spoke of it in detail - as did John, Ezekiel, Daniel and others in scripture.
10 Here are Jesus' words regarding this 7-year ordeal on earth:

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12 Matthew 24:4-26

13 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. [5] For
14 many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. [6] And ye
15 shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things
16 must come to pass, but the end is not yet. [7] For nation shall rise against nation, and
17 kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes,
18 in divers places. [8] All these are the beginning of sorrows. [9] Then shall they deliver
19 you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my
20 name's sake. [10] And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and
21 shall hate one another. [11] And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
22 [12] And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. [13] But he that
23 shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. [14] And this gospel of the kingdom
24 shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end
25 come.

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27 THIS NEXT SEGMENT DEALS WITH THE LAST 3 ½ YEARS OF THE
28 TRIBULATION KNOWN BETTER AS **THE GREAT TRIBULATION**.

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30 [15] When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the
31 prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) [16] Then let them
32 which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: [17] Let him which is on the housetop not
33 come down to take any thing out of his house: [18] Neither let him which is in the field
34 return back to take his clothes. [19] And woe unto them that are with child, and to them
35 that give suck in those days! [20] But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither
36 on the sabbath day: [21] For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the
37 beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. [22] And except those days
38 should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days
39 shall be shortened. [23] Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there;

1 believe it not. [24] For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew
2 great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very
3 elect. [25] Behold, I have told you before. [26] Wherefore if they shall say unto you,
4 Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it
5 not.

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7 ★ In succeeding Wednesday night studies we will deal with some of the details of
8 the 7-year horror, the Tribulation including:

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10 • The might and influence of Europe (now the darkest continent spiritually)
11 • The revival of Russia's power and influence
12 • The growing global animosity toward Israel
13 • The Seal Judgments, the Trumpet Judgments and the Vial Judgments
14 • The Two Witnesses
15 • The 144,000 sealed Jewish witnesses
16 • Armageddon
17 • The Second Coming — and much more

SUMMARY: (From Pentecost's PROPHECY FOR TODAY / page 32-33)

After His death, the Lord Jesus Christ continued on earth for a brief period before He was taken up into glory. On the day of Pentecost, which occurred 50 days after the Passover (the time of Jesus' death on the cross), the Holy Spirit came to take up residence in the Church, which is His body. This present age had its beginning at that time. It has continued for twenty centuries and how much longer it will continue we do not know for Scripture has not revealed to us the time when it will be terminated by the rapture of the Church when the Lord Jesus will receive all resurrected saints and all translated, living saints unto Himself. After the rapture of the Church, there will be a brief period, seven years in duration, which we call the Tribulation. At the end of the Tribulation period, the Lord will come back to the earth personally and visibly. This is called the Second Advent or the Second Coming of Christ. At that time, Jesus will institute a kingdom on earth that will last for a thousand years, which we call the Millennial Kingdom – or simply The Millennium.

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20 ★ The Tribulation, as earlier noted, will be divided into equal parts of 3 ½ years
21 each.

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23 Daniel 9:27

24 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the
25 week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of

1 abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined
2 shall be poured upon the desolate.

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4 Rev. 11:3

5 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two
6 hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

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8 • Each of these scriptures refers to periods of 3 ½ years. The “week” Daniel
9 refers to means seven years - “a week of years”

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11 ★ This entire period is referred to in scripture in various ways:

12 • Jeremiah 20:7 “...the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Israel)

13 • Isaiah 26:20 “....the indignation....”

14 • Daniel 12:1 “....a time of trouble....”

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16 ★ I will frequently refer to this phrase: THE DAY OF THE LORD. In prophecy,
17 THE DAY OF THE LORD is that period of time that begins with the rapture and
18 ends following the Millennium....thus it is a period of at least 1,007 years and
19 includes our subject tonight, THE TRIBULATION. I believe with all my heart
20 that THE DAY OF THE LORD is “dead ahead” of us!

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22 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RAPTURE IN HEAVEN.....:

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24 Rev. 5:1-7

25 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on
26 the backside, sealed with seven seals. [2] And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a
27 loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? [3] And no
28 man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to
29 look thereon. [4] And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to
30 read the book, neither to look thereon. [5] And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not:
31 behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book,
32 and to loose the seven seals thereof. [6] And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne
33 and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain,
34 having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all
35 the earth. [7] And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon
36 the throne.

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38 1. The “book” in God’s hands is a scroll. The contents indicate the various
39 outpourings of God’s wrath on the earth below, the earth and its peoples who have
40 refused God’s plan of salvation, in fact - rejected it outright.

1 The judgments will come in three main categories:

- 2 A. The SEAL judgments
- 3 B. The TRUMPET judgments
- 4 C. The VIAL judgments

5 6 **THE SEAL JUDGMENTS**

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8 THESE FIRST FOUR SEAL JUDGMENTS TELL OF RIDERS ON VARIOUS
9 COLOR HORSES - OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE
10 APOCALYPSE"

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12 1. First Seal Judgment: Antichrist arrives on a white horse

13 Rev. 6:1-2

14 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of
15 thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. [2] And I saw, and behold a white
16 horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went
17 forth conquering, and to conquer.

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19 NOTE: Antichrist will come to power on a peace platform. However, he quickly
20 shows his true colors as noted in the:

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22 2. Second Seal Judgment - The rider on the red horse

23 Rev. 6:3-4

24 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
25 [4] And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat
26 thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was
27 given unto him a great sword.

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29 This, I believe, will be the attack on Israel spoken of by Ezekiel in his chapters 38 and 39

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31 3. Third Seal Judgment - The rider on the black horse

32 Rev. 6:5-6

33 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And
34 I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.
35 [6] And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a
36 penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the
37 wine.

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39 The mid-east war will usher into the world a global famine.

1 4. Fourth Seal Judgment - The rider on the pale horse / Death

2 Rev. 6:7-8

3 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say,
4 Come and see. [8] And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him
5 was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth
6 part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts
7 of the earth.

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9 ONE FOURTH OF ALL HUMANITY WILL APPARENTLY BE KILLED IN THIS
10 EARLY ONSLAUGHT

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12 5. The Fifth Seal Judgment - The souls of the martyrs

13 Rev. 6:9-11

14 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that
15 were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: [10] And they
16 cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and
17 avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? [11] And white robes were given unto
18 every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season,
19 until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were,
20 should be fulfilled.

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22 These are “the tribulation saints” – those who are saved during the Tribulation

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24 6. The Sixth Seal Judgment - Signs in the heavens

25 Rev. 6:12-17

26 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake;
27 and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; [13] And
28 the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when
29 she is shaken of a mighty wind. [14] And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled
30 together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. [15] And the
31 kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the
32 mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in
33 the rocks of the mountains; [16] And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and
34 hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
35 [17] For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

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37 7. The Seventh Seal Judgment - Awful silence, the calm before the storm

38 Rev. 8:1-2

39 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space
40 of half an hour. [2] And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them

1 were given seven trumpets.

2 Now God prepares the earth for the SEVEN TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

BUT NOTE: THERE IS AN ENTIRE CHAPTER IN REVELATION BETWEEN SEAL JUDGMENT # 6 AND SEAL JUDGMENT # 7. CHAPTER 7 IS WHAT WE CALL A PARENTHETICAL ENTRY

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THE 144,000 SEALED JEWISH WITNESSES

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6 Rev. 7:1-8

7 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth,
8 holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the
9 sea, nor on any tree. [2] And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal
10 of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given
11 to hurt the earth and the sea, [3] Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees,
12 till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. [4] And I heard the number
13 of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand
14 of all the tribes of the children of Israel. [5] Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve
15 thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were
16 sealed twelve thousand. [6] Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe
17 of Nephtalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve
18 thousand. [7] Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi
19 were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. [8] Of
20 the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed
21 twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

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23 • WHAT CAUSED THESE 144,000 JEWS TO BECOME FERVENT
24 FOLLOWERS AND PROCLAIMERS OF CHRIST? I believe it is the result of
25 the attack on Israel, spoken of in Ezekiel 38 and 39

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27 • Ezekiel 39:22

28 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and
29 forward.

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31 AND WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE MINISTRY OF THESE 144,000
32 EVANGELISTS?

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34 • Rev. 7:9-10

35 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all
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1 nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the
2 Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; [10] And cried with a loud
3 voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
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5 • AT THIS POINT I WANT TO DEVIATE FOR A FEW MINUTES TO
6 TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE HERESY OF **REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY**.
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8 Replacement theology essentially teaches that the Church has replaced Israel in God's
9 plan. Followers of replacement theology believe that the Jews are no longer God's
10 chosen people and that God does not have specific future plans for the nation of Israel.
11 This heresy further stipulates that the Church is the replacement for Israel and that the
12 many promises made to Israel in the Bible are fulfilled in the Christian Church, not in
13 Israel. So....the prophecies in Scripture concerning the blessing and restoration of Israel
14 to the Promised Land are "spiritualized" or "allegorized" into promise of God's blessing
15 for the Church.
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17 After the Rapture, God will restore Israel to the PRIMARY FOCUS OF HIS PLAN.
18 Early in the Tribulation, Israel will be viciously attacked by an amalgamation of nations,
19 including Russia, Germany, Turkey, Libya, Ethiopia and others. The world, including
20 the U.S., will turn a blind eye to the attack. Ezekiel 39 teaches that God will sovereignly
21 intervene, as He did with Sodom and Gomorrah and destroy the invaders. As indicated
22 earlier in this syllabus, Israel will turn to God and thus be ready TO RECEIVE
23 MESSIAH when He returns. The remnant of Israel which survives the Tribulation will
24 be saved and the Lord will establish His Kingdom on this earth with the capital IN
25 JERUSALEM. With Christ reigning as King, Israel will be the leading nation in the
26 world and representatives from all nations will come to Jerusalem to honor and worship
27 the King, Jesus Christ. The Church, 7 years earlier raptured, will return with Christ and
28 will reign with him for a literal thousand years. **Rev. 20:1-5**

29 **And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit**
30 **and a great chain in his hand. [2] And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent,**
31 **which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, [3] And cast him**
32 **into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should**
33 **deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after**
34 **that he must be loosed a little season. [4] And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them,**
35 **and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded**
36 **for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the**
37 **beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in**
38 **their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. [5] But the**
39 **rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the**
40 **first resurrection.**
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THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

Rev. 8:6

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Now we are in the Great Tribulation Period, the last 3 ½ years, and the judgments, cast upon earth in the Trumpet and Seal judgments, are beyond horrible.

1. The First Trumpet Judgment - Hail, Fire and Blood

Rev. 8:7

The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

2. The Second Trumpet Judgment - The Sea Turns to Blood

Rev. 8:8-9

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; [9] And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

3. The Third Trumpet Judgment - The Pollution of Water

Rev. 8:10-11

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; [11] And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

4. The Fourth Trumpet Judgment - Sun, Moon and Stars Darkened

Rev. 8:12-13

And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

[13] And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

DURING THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPET JUDGMENTS, ONE THIRD OF THE EARTH'S VEGETATION IS DESTROYED BY WEATHER ELEMENTS. ONE THIRD OF THE SEA AND RIVERS IS POLLUTED. AND THE COSMOS STARTS TO CHANGE - THE STARS, GALAXIES, ETC. THE JUDGMENT IS LIMITED TO ONE-THIRD OF THE EARTH AND IS USED BY GOD TO GIVE WARNING TO EARTH'S BELEAGUERED CITIZENS THAT THEY HAD BETTER REPENT:

1 Rev. 9:20-21 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet
2 repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of
3 gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor
4 walk: [21] Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their
5 fornication, nor of their thefts.

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7 5. The Fifth Trumpet Judgment - a Plague of Locusts/Demons

8 Rev. 9:1-21

9 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to
10 him was given the key of the bottomless pit. [2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and
11 there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air
12 were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. [3] And there came out of the smoke
13 locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have
14 power. [4] And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth,
15 neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of
16 God in their foreheads. [5] And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but
17 that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a
18 scorpion, when he striketh a man. [6] And in those days shall men seek death, and shall
19 not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

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21 I BELIEVE THIS IS THE RELEASE OF THOSE DEMONS THAT WERE CHAINED
22 IN THE BOTTOMLESS PIT RIGHT AFTER THEIR UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT
23 TO USURP GOD'S POWER DURING SATAN'S FALL.

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25 6. The Sixth Trumpet Judgment - The Four Demonic Fallen Angel Leaders

26 Rev. 9:13-15

27 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden
28 altar which is before God, [14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose
29 the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. [15] And the four angels
30 were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to
31 slay the third part of men.

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33 STILL MANKIND IS UNREPENTANT TOWARD GOD:

34 Rev. 9:21

35 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication,
36 nor of their thefts.

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38 ★ You will remember that between the sixth and seventh SEAL judgments there was
39 a parenthetical chapter. We see it happen again here between the sixth and
40 seventh TRUMPET judgment. Chapter ten tells us the story of John's "eating" or
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1 digesting this terrible information and then in Chapter Eleven, the release of the two
2 faithful witnesses.

4 **THE TWO WITNESSES**

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6 In Revelation 11:3 two special emissaries are sent to Israel. Their ministry is
7 accompanied by signs to substantiate the divine origin of their message, according to the
8 Old Testament prophetic use of signs.

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10 Who are these two incredible men? We are not sure, although many commentaries will
11 identify them as two men who have gone on before us and have come back as testimonies
12 and witnesses to eternity: Elijah and Moses. That's pure speculation. We don't know
13 who they are. But we know this: they will anger Satan, the Antichrist and the False
14 Prophet. They are finally killed and their bodies left on the street for the public to
15 witness:

16 Rev. 11:8-10

17 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called
18 Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. [9] And they of the people and
19 kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and
20 shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. [10] And they that dwell upon the
21 earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another;
22 because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

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24 However, after three days, something happens to these two men that truly shakes up the
25 unholy Triumverate:

26 27 Rev. 11:11-13

28 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they
29 stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. [12] And they heard
30 a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to
31 heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. [13] And the same hour was there a
32 great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of
33 men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of
34 heaven.

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36 7. The Seventh Trumpet - In this trumpet declaration, the world will learn that God has
37 future use of the Earth and things are just around the corner that will make everything
38 else seem small by comparison.

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40 THE VIAL (OR BOWL) JUDGMENTS ARE YET TO COME....HOWEVER IN

1 CHAPTER TWELVE WE COME TO YET ANOTHER PARENTHESIS – THE
2 WOMAN AND THE DRAGON.

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4 This is far, far too important a subject to be quickly discussed at the end of a
5 Wednesday night session so we will leave it for the next study which will include:

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7 • The Vial or Bowl Judgments
8 • The Woman and the Dragon
9 • The Fall of Babylon
10 • And Armageddon

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12 **This study will be two weeks from tonight, Wednesday, January 31, 2007.**

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