

I. THE SECOND WOE (SIXTH TRUMPET)

A. Trumpets and Woes

1. Differences
 - a. A Trumpet announces a great judgement proclaimed
 - b. A Woe is the effect/power of that judgement enacted
2. Many confuse the two, but consider REV. 8:13
 - a. The woes come by REASON of the voices that are yet to sound
 - b. To the INHABITERS of the Earth – the ungodly men of the world
 - c. REV. 6:10 – “And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”
3. Think of it this way: The bugler and the cavalry
 - a. The bugle does not attack but only sounds the charge!
 - b. 1 COR. 14:8 – “For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?”
4. Let us address the idea of the “last trump” 1 COR. 15:50-53
 - a. Notice the colon in the text. That expands out the thought
 - b. BEFORE the last trump... the SEVENTH angel sounds REV. 11:15
 - i. Could sound mid-tribulation unless we see that COLON!
 - ii. The context of the passage is corruption and incorruption
 - iii. When the Saved from BEFORE the Tribulation are changed
 - c. Who are the last two Saved individuals without glorified bodies?
 - i. The Two Witnesses in REV. 11:3 (if Enoch and Elijah)
 - ii. They are called to Heaven REV. 11:12
 - iii. This does NOT prove who they are – it just seems to fit
 - d. 1 JOHN 3:2 – “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”

B. God’s power demonstrated

1. Earthquakes, destruction, and death – 10% of Jerusalem destroyed
 - a. 7000 People killed – sounds like a small amount for Revelation
 - b. It is! Tens of thousands killed on average in large earthquakes
 - c. 830,000 killed in the year 1556 in China
2. The WONDER is that an earthquake can be that selective!
3. Only 10% of the city... ONLY 7000 people.
4. NUM. 16:32 – “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.”

C. The Gospel changes lives

1. These Two Witness preached the Gospel and had the world’s attention

2. ACTS 17:6 – “And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;”
3. Perhaps these two witnesses brought the REMNANT to saving faith

II. THE REMNANT

A. Rest of Jerusalem were affrighted and REACTED well

1. Two times in Scripture: PROV. 22:3/27:12 – “A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.”
2. They gave GLORY to God (vs. 13b)
3. How do you react when you see God’s hand move in your life?
 - a. It’s EASY to glorify God when something good happens
 - b. What do we do when it isn’t what we want?
 - c. What do we do when it may be chastisement?
4. A child can be told that something is hot and not fear
 - a. But when the child is burned, then “hot” becomes real
 - b. And the word will cause a reaction of RESPECT (fear)

B. Others did NOT react well

1. A few times in the book, people refuse to repent – REV. 9:20-21
2. Even when “scorched with fire from the Sun” – REV. 16:8-9

C. Who is this “remnant”?

1. It may be those spoken of in ROM. 9:27 – “Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:”
 - a. ZECH 13:1 – “In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.”
 - b. This is the same number as in the days of Elias but OPPOSITE
 - c. ROM. 11:4 – “But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.”
2. Are we being shown that the Children of Israel are returning to God?
3. First the 144,000 and now the entire city but these 7000?

III. THE KINGDOM TAKEN

A. The Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ (vs. 15)

1. It is on THIS Earth – REV. 5:9-10
2. It is in the FUTURE – REV. 20:4-6
3. Many of the older commentaries attempt to prove that it is already here
 - a. They confuse the word “Kingdom” (basileia - bas-il-i'-ah)
 - b. And the word “Church” (ekklēsia - ek-klay-see'-ah)
 - c. Salvation is the doorway to the Kingdom

- d. Baptism is the doorway to church membership
 - 4. The KINGDOM of God right now is universal and invisible
 - 5. But in the FUTURE – very visible and here on Earth
- B. This is the PROCLAMATION of the GREAT TAKEOVER! (vs. 15)
 - 1. And the 24 Elders worshipped! (vs. 16)
 - 2. In REV. 5, they worshipped with the Beasts and the Angels joined in
 - 3. Here, only they are mentioned. Why?
 - 4. This is very focused upon the kingdoms of man – the NATIONS (vs. 18)
- C. The nations are angry – their time is UP
 - 1. The wrath is come, but not just to cause death and destruction
 - 2. Trust God to JUDGE. Sinners WILL NOT get away with it!
 - 3. This is far worse than just death.
 - 4. This is JUDGEMENT OF THE DEAD (vs. 18)
 - 5. You can see that scene in REV. 20:11-15

IV. THE THIRD WOE (SEVENTH TRUMPET)

- A. Prepare yourselves for the worst yet!
 - 1. The Third Woe incorporates the 7 Bowl Judgements
 - 2. This series of judgments contain the worst horror the Earth has ever seen
 - 3. It begins at this point and continues through Chapter 19!
 - 4. Only ends when Christ comes to fight and WIN the battle of Armageddon
- B. It is important to note Christ spoke about this to the Jewish people in Matthew
 - 1. MATT. 24:21 – “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (22) And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”
 - 2. A Jewish book addressing a Jewish people about the Tribulation
 - 3. When God will turn His attention to the Jews and Jerusalem
- C. While movies have been made about the first half of the Tribulation
 - 1. It is difficult even to imagine the second half
 - 2. It is hard to even conceive of the destruction of the Third Woe

V. THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE

- A. Things pertaining to this time:
 - 1. God’s wrath has come – the Nations are angry
 - a. They will rise and try to defeat God with military might
 - b. They will gather to make war with God!
 - 2. The Dead will be Judged
 - 3. Rewards will be given
 - a. The place of every saint will be determined in the Kingdom
 - b. Many people know the Parable of the Talents in LUKE 19
 - c. And the reward of CITIES (“be thou over five cities”)

- d. But little attention is paid to the last verse in the passage!
 - e. LUKE 19:27 – “But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.”
 - 4. All wickedness will be put down – Sin is driven into dormancy
 - B. The Temple in Heaven is brought into view (vs. 19)
 - 1. Revelation chapter 11 opens and closes with the Temple of God
 - 2. This is the heavenly temple, after which the Tabernacle is patterned
 - 3. The Ark is fully in display
 - a. He testifies through the pattern of the Temple
 - b. He testifies of His Holiness
 - c. He testifies of Man’s Sin
 - d. He testifies of Christ’s Deity and Christ’s Humanity
 - 4. It PROVES 1 TIM. 2:5 – “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”
 - C. Turn to 1 COR. 15:20-28
 - 1. Do not wait a moment longer – Salvation may only be found in Jesus!
 - 2. Be Saved today!