

THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY

REVELATION 10-11

Let me start this morning with a Top Ten List.

Here are the Top Ten ways to recognize that a person is excited about *End Times* Bible prophecy...

10) They always ride with the top down on their convertible just in case of the rapture.

9) They never buy green bananas.

8) They're convinced Covid-19 is a pestilence of the last days, but they refuse to wear a mask.

7) Barcode scanners make them nervous.

6) Every time Israel appears in the news, they try to figure out how it matches up with *Last Days* prophecy.

5) They refuse to cash their income tax refund check because it's made out in the amount of \$666.

4) They can remember more "*signs of the end times*," than they can the Ten Commandments.

3) They've actually tried various mathematical calculations to determine the identity of the Antichrist.

2) Their favorite book is "*Left Behind*." And 1) They get goosebumps every time they hear a trumpet blast.

And I've got to admit, I'm one of those persons!

When I think that I could be part of the generation that gets raptured to Heaven, I get extremely excited.

Imagine, the trumpet blows... then in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye... we're transformed... a metamorphosis

occurs in the clouds... we peel off these mortal bodies and we model our immortality...

That's when we open our eyes and see Jesus... He roars like a Lion - we see Him *enthroned* and *in glory*.

Yet He looks like a Lamb. His scars are still visible. We're instantly reminded of the cost of our forgiveness.

And we're standing before the throne of God. An innumerable number of angels surround us. We join the redeemed of all the ages, singing, "Holy, holy, holy."

At last, our struggle is over. Tears are wiped away. Sorrow and pain are no more. Crowns are passed out.

The world today is topsy turvy. The good guy gets penalized while evil people get away with their crimes.

Cancer, hurricanes, terrorism strike indiscriminately.

But when Jesus returns, He'll right all wrongs. Faith will be vindicated. Justice will be served. Finally, Jesus will see to it that faith is rewarded and rebellion gets punished. Jesus will turn the world right-side up.

And our prayers will be answered... Our cries for justice, vindication, righteousness, an end to evil - will all be fulfilled. One day, Jesus will purge God's creation of all traces of sin and return it to a perfect utopia.

We'll live forever in unbroken fellowship with our Savior. *Who can't get excited over those prospects?*

Imagine, a world **where** greed and pride aren't corporate policy... a world **where** school teachers make seven figures, and ballplayers play for the love of the game... **where** UN peacekeepers no longer have jobs... **where** racial groups

organize street dances, not protests... **where** police officers pass out free coffee to motorists because that's all they have to do... **where** emergency room doctors become historians since the viruses they once fought no longer exist... and **where** neighborhood gangs rumble over which group will get to man the Salvation Army kettle at Christmas time...

That's the kind of world Jesus will order when He returns to reign on this Earth, *and I for one can't wait!*

There is one heavenly reward I would think every Christian should be in line to receive. 2 Timothy 4:8 lists "the crown of righteousness." Paul tells us Jesus gives this crown "to all who have loved His appearing."

I mean, *who doesn't want Jesus to return? We all should be excited at the appearing of our Lord Jesus?*

I have no doubt that the Revelation John saw on the island of Patmos caused him to love the Lord's return.

But in Chapter 10, John has a sobering experience. He now realizes that *darkness comes before daybreak, winter precedes spring, death occurs before resurrection, a wound has to be purged before it can be healed, and every birth requires labor pains...*

The idea of Jesus returning to Earth to establish His Kingdom and enforce His rule is the fulfillment of man's most noblest hopes, *but be careful for what you wish...*

The *exaltation* of Christ also means the *annihilation* of those who stand in His way. For the world to become right, wrongs have to be punished and wrongdoers have to be judged. *Even when those wrongdoers are our loved ones. The*

coming of Jesus is bitter-sweet. This is what John learns in Chapter 10.

He begins, “I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. He had a little book open in his hand.

And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.” Make no mistake about it, this “*mighty angel*” has attributes that can only be applied to our Lord.

Chapter 5 identified Jesus as the Lion of Judah. *He sits on Heaven’s throne.* He’s the King of the Jungle!

Who else but Jesus shouts “*as when a lion roars*”?

Verse 3, “When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.” The judgments in Revelation are viewed as the breaking of seven seals, the sounding of seven trumpets, and the emptying out of seven bowls.

Yet here’s another set of judgments - “*seven thunders*” - but we don’t get to hear the thunder claps...

For John tells us, “Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.” Apparently, there are some insights that are not for humans to know. God has kept us out of the loop.

This is a truth that proud, pompous, know-it-alls like us have a hard time swallowing, but it’s true. As a good father, God

knows that His kids don't always need all the information. He tells us only what we need to know.

Verse 5, "The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven..."

Realize the impressive sight we're seeing...

This "mighty angel" has a rainbow for a crown... He wears a cloud for a robe... His face shines like the sun... His feet are like dual exhaust flame throwers...

And He's got an open book in His hand!

This should be familiar. In Revelation 5, the Lion took the deed to the universe. Jesus holds the title to all God's Creation. Like a lamb, He paid for it with His own blood. Now He's cracked its seals to take possession. The trumpet judgments were the seventh and final seal.

It reminds me of the old man who met the devil. One Sunday, Satan walked right into church... Of course, when he did, everyone started jumping over pews and racing out of the building... *this was the devil himself.*

Everybody but this one old fellow. He stayed seated on the front row... *no panic at all.* Satan shouts, "Why aren't you scared of me... Don't you know who I am?"

The old boy shrugged, "Why would I be scared of the likes of you? I've lived with your sister for fifty years."

Well, this world has been wedded to Satan for a long, long time. He's had the run of the place. Satan has had a free-hand to spread his mischief. His evil is now firmly embedded in the systems of this world.

But all this evil and rebellion is about to come to a close. On the cross, Jesus redeemed the universe that was under Satan's sway. Now with the *breaking of the seals and blowing of the trumpets*, He repos the planet.

The Son of God takes back what belongs to Him. Jesus evicts the rebels and takes possession. And He ends up judging everyone who stands in His way.

This is what we see in verse 5. With one foot on the sea and with one foot on the land, Jesus straddles continents. Like a cowboy on the back of a wild horse, He saddles up a bucking planet. He's going to break it.

With one hand, He holds His proof of ownership.

Now with the other hand, He takes an oath, as in a courtroom. Verse 5, He *“raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.”*

Only Jesus can bring a finish to all God's promises.

And here the Lord pledges to solve the mystery of the ages... *“that there should be delay no longer...”*

Isn't this the great mystery that perplexes us today? *Why is God waiting to establish His kingdom? Why has He tolerated*

evil for so long? Why does He listen to the continual lies of men? Why does sin go unpunished?

Why is Satan allowed such a long leash? Why does God wait to set the Earth in order?... Why not now?

Well, by this point in the drama, the issue is a moot point for the delay is done. Judgment has now begun!

But what about for John? After this vision, he'll go back from the future to the isle of Patmos. 2000 years of inequity and injustice will await him and the Church.

The Lord Jesus does reveal to John the mystery of His delay, but He does so in a most unusual way... Not through a reason or argument, instead the Lord Jesus communicates *viscerally*, not *rationally*. He hits John in the gut with the truth. He plucks John's heart-strings.

You've heard it said, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." Well, that's the strategy the Lord uses on John (*and on us*) at the end of Chapter 10.

Verse 8, "Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me (to John) again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth." So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book."

And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth." Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter." Here's **The Revelation Realization.**

John's experience at the end of Chapter 10 is the whole point of the book! If you take *The Revelation* as nothing but a futuristic prophecy, you've missed the point. It's far more! *It is motivation for our lives today!*

As kids growing up, we all had a favorite candy. Mine was Zotz - "where the fizz izz." It has a sour center, encased in a sweet outer shell. You start out sucking on sweetness. Then after 90 seconds or so, a sour explosion shocks your tastebuds. Zotz is the ultimate *sweet and sour experience* until you read Revelation.

At first, when John eats this book, it produces a sweet taste in his mouth - but as he digested its implications and tries to stomach what it all means - the initial sweetness gets replaced with a bitter bite. What tasted like honey goes on to cause a bad case of heartburn!

Of course, eating the Revelation doesn't mean we should add ink and paper to our diet. John's experience was a metaphor. We too, need to *eat up "Revelation"* in that we read and grasp its implications!

Dwell on Jesus - not just as He once was, but as He now is and will be revealed. We need to celebrate His role as the King of the Jungle. Jesus will tame the rebellion, and evict the usurper, and right all wrongs...

And initially, this produces a sweet taste!

Jesus will one day kiss away my pain - and put an end to my fears in His loving embrace - and for the last time roll away the burdens we've carried when He welcomes His

weary travelers home... *Who among us isn't excited about the second coming of Jesus Christ?*

But when you mull over what this means for humanity as a whole - and the non-Christian members of your family - even friends, acquaintances, and co-workers... *It's hard to stomach!* It creates *heartburn*.

We're quick to condemn to Hell the nameless driver that cuts us off in traffic, but one day Hell will be unleashed on people we know and love... *the people who refuse to yield their lives to the authority of Jesus.*

If you read Revelation - then lay your Bible down and resume your normal activities - just go back to the TV, or video games, or exercise class... *you didn't get it!*

You understand Revelation when it hits you in the gut, and you realize what's at stake for you and others.

John records his reaction to his sweet and sour experience in verse 11, **"And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."** John needs to keep preaching the Gospel.

It's been said, **"Without tears the Revelation was not written, neither can it without tears be understood."**

God is wanting John to feel what He feels. God takes no personal pleasure in judgment. His thoughts are also sweet and sour. He loves us, but He hates sin.

Realize, no matter how you interpret **"the four horsemen," "the burning mountain," "the locust"** the point is this... Jesus wins in the end! He eliminates the opposition. That's why we

need to bow to Jesus, join His team, and persuade everyone else to do the same.

In the next chapter, we see God's love on display.

Even in the midst of mankind's rebellion, God seeks peace. You could say, "God holds out an olive branch to this wicked world!" Literally, He extends two olive branches. Not literal limbs, but lights - two witnesses.

Revelation 11 proves that God's love is incurable.

You can grieve God, provoke God, anger God - even push God into a corner where He's forced to judge you. *But you'll never cause God to stop loving you!*

Events seen in Chapter 11 appear in a future Temple that's yet to be built! In verse 1, John sets the stage...

"Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there."

The Revelation came to John around 95 AD - *after the Roman Legion had destroyed the Jewish Temple.*

John had frequented that Temple since he was a tot.

He had offered sacrifices there. In the same Temple precincts, Jesus taught and performed miracles. John was shocked when Jesus predicted it's destruction.

Yet true to His word, the Romans toppled the Temple. Not one stone was left upon another... Here now John gets a glimpse into the future and sees a new Temple.

For the last 1950 years, the Jews have been without a Temple. Currently, their sacred site - Mount Moriah or the Temple Mount - houses several Muslim structures.

The most prominent building, the Dome of the Rock, was built in 691 AD by Caliph Omar. For 1300 years, except for a brief time during the Crusades, the Temple Mount has remained under Islamic control - *until today!*

It was June 1967 - in the Six-Day War - that Israeli paratroopers led by General Moshe Dayan stormed East Jerusalem and took control of the sacred Mount.

For the first time in nearly 2000 years, the Jews had access to their holy site. Suddenly, the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple was now within the realm of possibility.

Yet sadly, Dayan chose to placate the Arabs by assigning the muslim religious authority administration of the Temple Mount. Today, Jews worship at the Wailing Wall - west of the mount - and Israeli soldiers patrol the 35 acre platform - but all religious activities on the mount itself are supervised by the Muslims.

Frankly, I like to defy their authority and tuck a Bible in my pants. The muslims outlaw Bible reading on the Temple Mount. And it's this muslim presence that stands in the way of the Jews rebuilding their Temple.

Yet each year, the Jewish desire to rebuild the Temple intensifies. Over the last 53 years, groups have formed. Preparations readied. Even actions plotted.

Historian, Israel Eldad, stresses the urgency Israelis feel to rebuild a Temple. "From David's liberation of Jerusalem until

the construction of the Temple by Solomon, only one generation passed. So it is with us.”

When asked what will become of the mosque, Eldad replied, “Who knows? Perhaps, an earthquake.” *But I believe a more creative solution will be found...*

Notice, in verse 1, John is told to measure the Temple, but he gets further instructions in verse 2, “But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles.”

The Temple’s outer court is given to the Gentiles.

Until recently, it was assumed by Jews and Muslims that the Dome of the Rock was built over the stone where the Ark of the Covenant sat in the Temple’s Holy of Holies. Today though, that assumption is debated.

Some archeologists now believe the true site was actually 300 yards north of the Dome directly across from the Eastern Gate. The Jewish Mishnah said the High Priest standing in the Holy of Holies could look through the veil, out the doors, and see the East Gate.

Whenever we go to the Temple Mount, I can’t wait to get to the gazebo, northwest of the Dome of the Rock. Muslims call it “The Dome of the Tablets” or “Dome of the Spirits” - both fitting names for the site of the former Temple. And under the cupola is a slab of bedrock.

For me, and for some biblical archaeologists, this is the actual location of the Temple’s Holy of Holies.

And if enough Jews reach a similar conclusion, this could figure mightily into future negotiations. This new site puts the muslim shrine in the Temple's outer court.

And notice in Revelation 11, the angel tells John to measure the Temple - *all but the "outer court" - why?*

It'll be "*given to the Gentiles.*" Perhaps the rider on the white horse - the world leader who brokers a false peace by striking a deal allowing for both a Jewish Temple **and** a muslim mosque side-by-side? Supposedly, ushering in an age of peaceful tolerance.

Verse 1 **sets the stage**. Verse 2 **sets the time**...

Of these Gentiles in verse 1, we're told, "**And they will tread the holy city underfoot for 42 months.**"

Here is the first mention in Revelation of a timetable. And it harkens back to a famous biblical time frame.

Daniel 9 appoints 70 weeks of 7 years, or 490 years, for the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. It's an amazing prophecy. It predicted the day Jesus rode His donkey down the Mount of Olives and presented Himself as Israel's Messiah - *500 years in advance*.

But the prophecy hasn't been completely fulfilled, for it leaves **one week, a final 7 year period, for the future.**

It begins when a Roman ruler signs a treaty with Israel and concludes with God's final judgment. And in between - at the midpoint of the 7 years - the 42 month mark - events occur that relate to the rebuilt Temple.

The Roman leader who signed the treaty, breaks it, and desecrates the Jewish Temple. Jesus called it, "**the**

abomination of desolation.” Like the Romans of old, he erects an idol in the Temple precincts. It’s blasphemy.

The Gentiles then “*tread the holy city underfoot*” for the last half of these seven years, or for “*42 months.*” The negotiations that allowed the Jews to rebuild their Temple will be replaced with policies of oppression.

Verse 3, “*And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1260 days, clothed in sackcloth.*” The 1,260 days is another way to count 42 months or half of 7 years. Two witnesses will speak for God in Jerusalem - the Temple - against the rebellion.

These two men will literally be God’s dynamic duo.

Along with the 144,000 witnesses - and angels in the heavens - they preach God’s final offer of salvation.

These men are clothed in sackcloth, not Gucci suits. They oppose all that this materialistic world values. They call the Earth to repentance and faith in Jesus, the true Christ. This draws the ire of the false Christ.

Verse 4, “*These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.*” This is an allusion to Zechariah 4. There the prophet saw two lamps who’s light was fueled by a perpetual flow of olive oil. They drew oil straight from the olive trees.

In Zechariah 4, the lamps represented Israel’s leaders at the time: *Joshua the Priest* and *Zerubbabel the governor*. And the olive trees were symbolic of the power that fueled these men. In Zechariah 4:6, God declared “*not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit.*”

The two men in Zechariah's day, as well as the two witnesses of the last days - *as well as, all God's witnesses, even today* - are empowered by the Holy Spirit. All Christian witness is fueled by God's Spirit.

His Spirit is a perpetual spring of love, joy, peace, goodness, and power. It's true of everyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit - and of this dynamic duo, here.

Verse 5 tells us more. "And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner." These are not your ordinary Christian soldiers. The two witnesses are special ops.

They're in a secret "Witness Protection" program.

Often times between services I go to the bathroom and brush my teeth. I don't want to talk to someone or pray with someone and *offend* them with bad breath.

But these witnesses *defend* themselves with bad breath. It's a lethal case of halitosis. They spew fire.

Verse 6, "These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire." These men are more *OT prophets* than *NT pastors*... If you know the OT, torching enemies and shutting off rain sounds like Elijah. Changing water to blood and calling up plagues is from Moses' arsenal.

It's possible that the two witnesses of Revelation 11 will be guest appearances by both Moses and Elijah.

This would be a perfect pair to reach Jews. Moses represents God's Law - Elijah was God's chief prophet.

Recall Matthew 17, on top of Mount Hermon, Jesus' countenance changed. His face shined. His clothes sparkled. His humanity was peeled back, and His glory peeked through. And guess who appeared alongside Him? There were two witnesses - Moses and Elijah.

Of course, there're other theories as to the identity of these last days witnesses, but *who they are* is not the point. What's strategic about them is *what they do* and *why...* These two men are **God's last ditch duo.**

John 1:11 says of Jesus "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." While on Earth, the Jews were Jesus' priority. He came to **the Jews first** - then to Gentiles... And the Jews will also receive His last appeal! These two men will be witnesses to the Jews.

And what happens next in verse 7 is sure to have a sobering effect... "When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them..."

Here, the hellish Beast ascends from the bottomless pit. He was the rider on the white horse who brokered the false peace of Chapter 6. He's called *the Antichrist*.

And he puts out a contract on God's two witnesses.

For 42 months, the Beast has been unable to touch them, but now that their message is delivered God lifts His witness protection. They are killed in the streets.

Verse 8, “And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.” These two men lie in the same streets through which Jesus carried His cross. This is God’s “holy city” - Jerusalem!

Yet look at its nicknames. “Sodom” was notorious for *immorality and sexual perversion*. “Egypt” was the hotbed for *idolatry and spiritual perversion*... Jerusalem is holy in name only. And that’s still the case today.

One day it’s streets will run red with innocent blood.

“Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.” The murderous Beast from Hell keeps the two corpses on ice as an example to anyone else who dares to call for repentance and witness for Jesus.

And notice the technology this anticipates - “Nations will see their dead bodies.” Prior to the first satellite TV broadcast in 1962, this was impossible. Now there’s CNN Live. In fact, log on to the Wailing Wall webcam, and you’ll see a 24 hour live stream already in place.

The Antichrist kills these men and calls it a holiday.

In verse 10, the world celebrates an *Anti-Christmas*. “And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another...”

I once saw a Christmas card that depicted a happy family around the Christmas tree. It then quoted verse 10, “make merry, and send gifts to one another.”

The quote was accurate, but the context was all wrong... Here God's servants are murdered, and folks around the world *carol, drink eggnog, exchange gifts...* It's the Anti-Christmas for an Antichrist world.

And here's why the world celebrated... "because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth." The faithfulness of two men tortured the souls of all men. Today's world wants to drown out the truth.

The world doesn't want to hear... *that marriage is only between a man and a woman... that life begins at conception... that the only one way to God is through Jesus... that the Bible is not just an opinion... that morality isn't open to your own private interpretation...*

These positions are hated now, and they will be in the future. They'll cause the death of God's servants.

Imagine, the Antichrist is throwing a party. The world is tuned in. It's like Time Square on New Year's Eve. Everybody's glass is raised. It's time for a toast.

When suddenly, the camera spins around and focuses on the corpses of the two dead witnesses...

Verse 11, "Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet..." The witnesses come to life. *Don't be shocked if Anderson Cooper swallows his microphone.*

The world is at the party, hoping to see the apple drop, but God warns them the hammer is about to fall.

And the result, “and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake 7000 people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.” The Old City of Jerusalem is tight quarters. An earthquake would cause walls to crumble and roofs to cave in. The carnage would be severe.

Yet this is what it’ll take for the Jews to be saved.

They’ll realize they’ve been following a false Christ. They’ll turn to Jesus Christ. Messiah says in Zechariah 12:10, “They will look on Me whom they have pierced.”

In Romans 11:26, Paul predicts that in the end “all Israel will be saved.” *This event is a turning point...*

Verse 14, “The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.” A seventh trumpet is about to blow. “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

In the Greek language, there’s a way to speak of a future event in the past tense - so when you hear it you realize the person has total certainty of the outcome.

This is the language used in verse 14. Heaven is anticipating the Lamb’s inevitable victory. God’s kingdom will swallow up the kingdoms of men. It’s a jungle out there, but Jesus is the King of the jungle!

“And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned.” It’s not that Jesus *will* reign. He’s reigning now. He has the open scroll. On the cross, He redeemed the world. All that’s left is to *evict the rebels* and *repo the planet*.

But don’t expect a concession speech from the opposition. Verse 18 says, “**The nations were angry...**”

Here’s man’s problem in a nutshell, people don’t like to be told what they can and can’t do. *They get angry*.

But *man’s wrath* won’t stop *God’s wrath*.

Verse 18, “**And Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.**”

Notice God’s To-Do list at the end of the age: *judge those who died in rebellion, reward His servants, and destroy those who’s rebellion caused God to destroy His own creation*. How’s that for a full day at the office!

Chapter 11 ends, “**Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.**” *It’s a tale of two temples...* In **the**

Temple on Earth, there's chaos and carnage while all is in order in Heaven's Temple.

The Earth has rebuffed God's last-ditch duo. Now the die is cast. God's love is forever, but not His pardon. Reject God long enough, and He'll honor that decision.

It's ironic, but *mankind's spiritual bankruptcy* gets revealed in **Chapter 11**. God's message is love, but the world kills His messengers. No wonder "*great hail*" awaits people of this world - *in more ways than one...*