

End Times Superheroes

Revelation 11

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Last week in Revelation 10 we saw this mighty messenger who comes down out of heaven, who speaks and the seven thunders sound, and at the sound of the seven thunders John is told to not write down what they say but to seal it up. After the messenger speaks, John is told to go and get the open scroll in the hand of this messenger, eat the scroll, and then prophesy.

Chapter 11:

Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told: "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample over the holy city for forty-two months. And I will grant my two witnesses power to prophesy for one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth. And if any one would harm them, fire pours out from their mouth and consumes their foes; if any one would harm them, thus he is doomed to be killed.

They have power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends from the bottomless pit will make war upon them and conquer them and kill them, and their dead body will lie in the street of the great city which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.

For three days and a half men from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations gaze at their dead body and refuse to let their bodies be placed in a tomb, and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth.

But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up hither!" And in the sight of their foes they went up to heaven in a cloud.

And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever."

And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give thanks to thee, Lord God Almighty, who art and who wast, that thou hast taken thy great power and begun to reign. The nations raged, but thy wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, for rewarding thy servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear thy name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

And that's the end . . . not of the book, but the end. For the last trumpet is blown and the temple is opened. But right before the end there is a great showdown between good and evil. In verse 7, for the first time in The Revelation, we meet the beast that ascends from the bottomless pit. It's probably the antichrist.

I John 2:18: "Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour."

That was written about 75 A.D. So if *that* was the last hour, this is *really* the last hour! And many antichrists *have* come. But wouldn't you like to know the name of the big one still to come? — the one "whom Jesus will slay with the breath of his mouth at his return" (II Thessalonians 2)?

Over the last two thousand years there have been many candidates for antichrist. (Dave brought me an article this morning about Bill Gates, one guy's theory . . .) But in the twentieth century I would think that the most likely candidate would have been Adolph Hitler, who murdered 6 million Jews. Maybe he was *an* antichrist.

After Hitler, probably the biggest candidate was Anwar Sadat. As a young Egyptian, Anwar Sadat admired Hitler because Hitler hated the Brits (who occupied Egypt) and the Jews.

In 1970 Sadat became president of Egypt. In 1973 he attacked Israel in the Sinai. But strangely in 1977 he seemed to change. In 1979 he signed a peace treaty, a covenant with Israel. Christians in the United States thought this new Egyptian Pharaoh was a great candidate for antichrist . . . one who had seemed like an enemy, signing this covenant with Israel . . . that sounds a lot like Daniel 9:27.

But then Sadat was gunned down by Islamic fundamentalists and didn't come back to life.

Many Christians thought about Jimmy Carter next. If he wasn't aiding and abetting the antichrist (he set up that whole treaty) maybe he *was* the antichrist. I still have the book from 1980, Countdown to Armageddon, in which Hal Lindsey points out that Jimmy Carter *was groomed* by the trilateral commission, who clearly smacked of the one world, end times government.

We can smile and shake our heads now, but what do we do about the antichrist who is to come? It's easy to look back and see it wasn't those guys, but don't you want to know who it is to come? Don't you want to know how to read . . .

the times and
the seasons and
the wars and
the famines and
the plagues and
the geopolitical events of our day and
the meaning of the United Nations?

Don't you want to keep your eye on Israel so you'll know? So you can make a difference?

In the Left Behind series the name of the antichrist is Nicolae Carpathia, and the tribulation saints live in a bunker reading the times and the seasons so they can battle well and make a difference.

But the real superheroes of the tribulation are two, freaky witnesses who show up on the new temple mount: Elijah and Moses. They have the power to consume their enemies with fire from their mouths. And Nicolae Carpathia can't touch them until the time of their testimony is complete (which is about book seven).

In The Revelation John doesn't really tell us who these two superhero witnesses are. However, it's very clear *in* The Revelation and in all of Scripture that every believer is called to be a witness ("martyrs" in Greek, where we get our word "martyr").

Acts 1, the last time we see Jesus' earthly body:

When they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1:6-11).

That's kind of weird because Jesus says, "It's not for you to know times and seasons . . . but you shall be my witnesses."

So how are you doing? When was the last time you bore testimony to Jesus? How are you doing at being a witness? Why don't you do it *more*? Probably because you're like me. So let me guess at some of the reasons:

- 1) You just don't know what to say. And you don't want it to sound canned, like you're reading some tract or something.
- 2) You don't have all the answers to all the questions.
- 3) You secretly worry, "What if some of *their* questions damage my faith?"
- 4) You say, "I can't witness like *other* people. I can't witness like Andrew Trawick, with his clear, logical presentation of the plan of salvation. And I can't witness like Annie Thompson, who goes up to people and shares visions and sings songs. I can't witness like either of those two."
- 5) I'm weak.
- 6) It won't make a difference.

Please remember that The Revelation was written to seven, little churches in Asia Minor and you. Chapter 11 must not be bankrupt of meaning for us.

So if there are two, freaky, weird, fire-breathing prophets in a reconstituted, Israelite temple in the distant future for a 3 1/2-year period, that's just *fine*. That's *fine*. But chapter 11 must mean *more* than that, or it is bankrupt of meaning for almost all the church throughout history. And The Revelation becomes voyeuristic Bible trivia. But it's *not*. It's about *you* being a witness.

The last interlude in a series of seven was about the work of the church in history and it's protection. This interlude is too. It's about you being a witness *now*.

1) So if you say, "I can't witness; I don't know what to say!" eat the scroll like John did. You see, it's not so much *what* you say as it is who you *are*. You are called to *be* a witness. You don't simply witness. Digest the Word of God and live it out.

A shepherd feeds his sheep not so they'll regurgitate the meal on his feet but so the sheep will digest it and turn it into wool. Digest the fact that you are a sinner. God saves you by grace in Christ Jesus. Digest it, and you will be a witness: compassion-ate, humble (they are dressed in sackcloth), and genuine. It won't be canned; it will be *life* in you.

2) "But I don't have all the answers!" Let me tell you a three-word phrase that will help you immensely and bring great glory to our Father where there has been a great deal of pain:

I don't know.

You're not called to testify to the meaning of hominid fossils as they relate to Hebrew verbs in Genesis 1. And you're not called to bear witness to the meaning of everyone's sufferings all the time. The seven thunders are sealed up; you can't know. But you *are* called to bear witness to Jesus, whom you *do* know.

3) "But I might get into a debate, and what if I lose *my* faith?" As soon as John is told to testify, he is given a rod and told to measure the sanctuary or temple. Lots of people think that's proof that there's going to be a temple rebuilt in Jerusalem, but with what will it be rebuilt? In chapter 3 Jesus says, "To him who conquers I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God." We *are* the temple. John's measuring is an Old Testament picture from Zechariah and Ezekiel, a picture of setting something aside.

Because of John's witness the true church is built, set aside, and sealed even while the nations trample the outer courts. Maybe that's the *visible church*.

But if you really belong to Jesus,
He will not let you go.

What does that mean? — You can go walk on water without fear. Be a testimony to Jesus in the midst of the storm.

4) "But I can't witness like Andrew Trawick and Annie Thompson." *Fine*. All at once in verse 3 we meet these two witnesses to whom it is given to prophesy for 1,260 days, which is 42 months, which is the amount of time nations are given to trample the Holy City, which is 3 1/2 years, which is "time times and half a time," which is the amount of time the woman is protected in the wilderness, which is the amount of time allotted to the beast to blaspheme, which is the recognized amount of time in Luke 4:25 and James 5:17 that Elijah stopped the rain from falling.

It is also the amount of time Antiochus Epiphany defiled the temple (before Jesus came), it's the amount of time the Romans seized Jerusalem, and it's the amount of time Nero persecuted the church. That 3 1/2 is also the duration of Jesus' ministry on earth in His body.

That amount of time refers to a *lot*. Three and a half is also a broken seven. Seven is God's perfection. Three and a half is the time of trouble and rebellion. And at the end of Daniel, Daniel asks this man in linen, who appears to be the Son of Man hovering above the waters between two witnesses, "How long till the end of these wonders when Israel is delivered and dead people receive eternal life and stuff like that?"

This man raises his hand like the messenger in chapter 10, and instead of saying, "There will be no more time," in Daniel the man says, "It will be for a time times and half a time." Then he tells Daniel, "Go your way, for the words are sealed till the time of the end." And Daniel is told to seal the scroll. In The Revelation *John* is told to leave the scroll open, "for the time is at hand."

I don't know what it all means, but it at least means this: this is the time of the end. This is time times and half a time. It's the time of the church bearing testimony in the last days. And this is

the time of the two witnesses. The two witnesses *are* the two olive trees. (There, that helps, doesn't it?) In Zechariah the two olive trees before God are Joshua the High Priest and Zerubabel the king.

And the two witnesses are the two lampstands. In The Revelation lampstands are churches.

And the two witnesses are technically, in the Greek, one body — singular. In verses 8 and 9a it's "body" — singular. In verse 9b it's "bodies" — plural. It's like although they are many, they are one body. And they have powers like Moses and Elijah: stopping rain like Elijah; sending plagues like Moses.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration as witnesses. I think it may have been those two guys also at the ascension. But Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets. Romans 3: "The law and the prophets bear witness to the righteousness of God." That is, they bear witness to . . . Jesus. And it's very important that there are at least two. For the Old Testament law stipulated time and time again, "Nothing shall be established without the testimony of two witnesses."

So it's not enough for you to hear just the testimony of Andrew Trawick. You must also hear the testimony of Anne Thompson, and vice versa. There is a reasoned, systematic witness to the Gospel of Jesus, and there is a visionary, poetic and ecstatic witness to the Gospel of Jesus. And they are *both* prophetic; they are *both* the testimony of Jesus.

Andrew and Annie
Law and Prophet
Moses and Elijah
Logos and Rhema
Principle and Passion
Mind and Motion
Reason and Feeling
Left-brained and Right-brained
Baptists and Pentecostals

. . . maybe even . . .

Male and Female or
Female and Male

. . . but at least two witnesses.

What I am saying is, you need to digest the Word of God and be the witness God made *you* to be.

Write a book, sing a song, share your lunch;
But be the witness God made you to be.
Same scroll, different witnesses;

Same food, digested differently.

Last year Session was extremely troubled by the great degree of diversity within our church. So we carried out a top secret experiment that very few people knew about. We took Annie Thompson and Andrew Trawick, and we chained them in the basement of the church. We fed them a diet that was exactly the same, cheeseburgers and coke, for time times and half a time.

At the end of that time, we went down and examined them, expecting them to be exactly the same, because we are what we eat, you know. Lo and behold, we found out that they were *still different!* The same food digested differently. Annie was still singing songs . . . Andrew was still saying, “If you’d like to receive Jesus, repeat these three, simple steps.” Parents, you understand this. You know that you feed your kids the same stuff, and they turn out differently.

Two witnesses; one Jesus.

Satan will try very hard to get the witnesses fighting with each other. It used to bother me that Christian witness was so diverse, but now I see that Jesus is *way* too big and *way* too colorful and *way* too personal for any one witness.

Your witness, child of God, is unique, priceless, and irreplaceable. Do not be somebody else. Eat the scroll, digest the Word, then speak of the same truth of Jesus.

Two different witnesses, but the same fire proceeds from each of their mouths. After Jesus told His disciples that they would be His witnesses, He told them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promised Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit showed up, “and there appeared to them tongues as a fire distributed and resting on each of them.”

In the book of John Jesus breathes on His disciples before He leaves, and He says, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” That’s big. And Jesus had told them the Spirit would be His witness, “convincing the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.”

Listen closely: The Holy Spirit is the Word of testimony and judgment on *your lips* when you testify of Jesus.

5) So if you say, “I’m weak,” the Word—Spirit of God—isn’t. You have absolutely no idea of the power that rides out on the words of your tongue when you speak of Jesus. It’s a fire.

Did the fire disappear after Pentecost? We don’t see it later. Or is it just that we can’t *perceive* it with our eyes in this temporal world of ours? It’s still there. Speak Jesus. Speak fire. You may say, “Well, I can’t stop the rain.” Jesus said, “You’ll do greater works than these,” and he stopped the rain.

I remember standing with Andrew in a field years ago in Brazil. Andrew was preaching, and there were rain clouds everywhere. I was a little bored anyway, so I thought, “Well, I’ll just give it a try.”

I stood there while Andrew preached, I rebuked the clouds to go away in the name of Jesus, and it rained all around us but not on us. When Andrew finished his testimony, it rained.

Maybe we *have* that power sometimes . . . maybe I'm nuts in the head . . . or both. But I do know this: Paul was clear that "all things work for the good of them who love God and are called according to His purpose." And this is His purpose, that *you* would be His witnesses and testify to the mystery hidden for ages, which is Christ in us.

He is a pillar of fire that leads the captives
Out of Egypt into the promised land;
He is Word
And will not return void.

6) So if you say, "I tried it and it didn't work," biblically I'm forced to say to you, "You're wrong! You *are* a fragrance from "death unto death" or "life unto life." And the Word of God *will not* return void but will accomplish the purpose He has for it.

As you testify, the world is judged not by you but by the Word. Grace received or grace denied. More than all of that, I have found (and I believe Scripture bears me out) that we are just *terrible*, *terrible* judges of when something "works."

In the witnesses' lifetime they only see persecution and rejection. In fact, the beast and his people are allowed to *kill* them. And nobody repents. When Jesus was killed everybody scattered, just like He said they would. If we would have been there I think we would have said, "Obviously *His* life did not work. Those 3 1/2 years did not work."

The witnesses are raised after 3 1/2 days, which reminds me of somebody else. After they're raised an earthquake hits, and it's *then*, after they have ascended in a cloud, that people in The Revelation for the first time repent and give glory to God. It "worked" when nothing else in the entire Revelation had "worked" so far! It "worked," but they were no longer around (at least on earth) to see it.

Do you realize that you sow seeds that may not germinate for forty or fifty years? Seeds that may not germinate for 2,000 years? Paul writes that you have already been raised. John writes that you already have eternal life. And they both argue that your faith in the midst of suffering and tribulation is the witness that God desires. It's the seed that bears fruit.

And when you look at history you see that that's born out. The seed of the church *is* the "blood of the martyrs"—witnesses—who praise God with resurrection life, even as they die.

Yet these two witnesses seem to be more than that. They die, stay dead, and then ascend in a cloud. (Maybe one day we'll see two guys do that somewhere.) These two witnesses sound an awful lot like Jesus, almost like they're His *body* or something.

And they are.

You need to know that you testify to a Jesus who is a living presence within you. I think that's why Jesus desires people as witnesses, not just textbooks, computers, or tracts.

We are witnesses to a living person
Who inhabits our bodies;
We are *His* body,
And He lives *His* life in us.

In the end even though these two witnesses die at the hands of the antichrist, these saints *do* end up conquering the antichrist and the dragon “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.” The person Jesus *is* the Word of our testimony.

And then the last trumpet sounds. The curtain in the temple rips from the top to the bottom. Verse 19: “Then God’s temple in heaven was opened . . .” Peace with God. And we are raised with Jesus. The end.

We digest the Word, but in the end we find the Word has digested us. And we *are* the body of the Word of God. We *are* the body of Christ in this world.

So whether or not there are two, freaky, weird witnesses in the reconstituted temple in Jerusalem in the year 2059 . . . I don’t really care. Because they’re *boring* compared to you. The message is the same as it was in 70-something A.D.:

People of God, you are far more than you know.
So eat the scroll, and speak the Word of God.
You *are* the End Times Superheroes.

Let’s sum up what we’re saying:

To really make a difference, to battle the dragon, the beast, and the evil works of the antichrist, to be End Times Superheroes, we should do all we can to understand and affect the geopolitical events of our day, seeking to enact legislation regarding the nation of Israel, *and* preparing ourselves for the evil dominion of the one world government.

Right? Well, no.

In fact, I think that’s pretty much meaningless. God wants so much more from you. He wants you to tell the people in your life just how much He loves them. In a word, *Jesus*.

Long ago I heard Tony Campolo tell a story about a friend of his who had a conversation with Jimmy Carter after he lost the election to Ronald Reagan. This friend of Carter’s said Carter was incredibly depressed because he felt like such a failure . . . a geopolitical failure . . . hostages . . . all the things that were going on . . . the landslide loss to Reagan. (Not only that, but people in his own denomination thought he was the antichrist! That would be such a bummer.)

This friend said, “Jimmy, is there anything you feel good about?” Jimmy said, “I do feel pretty good about the Middle East Peace Accord. The friend said, “What I mean is, do you feel like a success before God? Did you do what you promised you would when you entered the White House? You told me you would share Jesus with anyone who spent the night at the White House.”

Jimmy thought for a minute and then said, “Actually, yes. I did do that.” He went on to share with him about a night in 1976 when Anwar Sadat spent a night at the White House. That night Jimmy got up, grabbed his Bible, and went down to Sadat’s room. He knocked on the door and asked Anwar if he could talk to him for a moment. Anwar invited him in, and Jimmy Carter and Anwar Sadat sat next to each other there on the bed. Jimmy said, “Anwar, I believe in a God who loves you so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die.”

According to the story, that night when Jimmy finished his testimony, the two of them knelt next to each other by the side of the bed and prayed to the Prince of Peace that He would come and reign in Anwar’s heart.

That next year Anwar shocked the world by going to Israel and giving a passionate speech for peace. The year after that he won the Nobel Peace Prize. The year after that the Middle East Peace Accord was signed. A few years after that he was gunned down by Islamic Fundamentalists for his liberal views.

If he *was* an antichrist, that’s how Jimmy Carter did battle.

Do you want to make a difference in the world? Share Jesus. It changed an antichrist, perhaps. It changed nations, kings, armies, empires, and geopolitical history. And even *that* is backwards. I think the truth is something more like this:

Before the foundation of the world God took His book, and with His own blood He wrote in that book a name: Anwar. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light!

And He created the heavens,
And He created the earth and all that is,
And He created the nation of Egypt,
And He created the nation of Israel,
And He told an incredible story to them.

Then He wrapped Himself in flesh and came to this world.

He descended into Egypt as a child,
He came out of Egypt into Israel,
And He suffered and died on a cross
Outside Jerusalem for the sins of the world.

He was placed in the ground like a seed, but He rose from the dead, and His kingdom grew and grew and grew . . . all the way to Georgia. And He arranged all things . . . nations, empires,

plagues, famines, rains, geopolitical history . . . such that they would work together for this incredible good, that on a particular night in 1976 the son of a Georgia peanut farmer would sit on the bed next to the son of an Egyptian store clerk and say, “Anwar, I believe in a God who loves you so much.” *Jesus. Fire.* And at that preordained, precise moment, the King of Glory rode into Anwar’s heart on those words and laid siege of His beloved.

In the end, this is always my point: Jesus is so cool that sometimes I kind of *want* to tell people about Him.

“Lord God, we thank You that before the foundation of the world, for everyone who names You as Savior and Lord, You wrote their name in Your book of Life. You said, ‘Let there be light,’ and You created the heavens and the earth. You created history, and seals were broken, and trumpets sounded.

“Then one night at camp some weird witness said, ‘Hey, do you know about Jesus?’ And You, the King of Glory, came riding in. Thanks for letting us be a part of it, Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus, if there’s anyone here who doesn’t know You, I pray that they would.”

If you’ve never given your heart to Jesus, you can do it right now. Just pray these words in the silence of your heart: “Lord Jesus, I know I’m a sinner. I want You to save me. I want You to be my Lord, and I want to rise with You.”

If you prayed that prayer for the first time, the King of Glory came riding in. And He wants you to be a part.

During World War II Martin Niemoller was a household name. He was the bishop of the dissenting Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany. (Probably no Christian did as much to fight the policies of Adolph Hitler, except for possibly Dietrich Bonhoeffer.) Toward the end of his life, Martin said he had a recurring dream in which he saw Hitler standing before Jesus on Judgment Day. Jesus got off His throne, put his arm around Hitler, and asked, “Adolph! Why did you do the ugly, evil things you did? Why were you so cruel?”

In the dream Hitler would hang his head and answer, “Because nobody ever told me how much You loved me.”

The bishop reported that at this point in the dream he would wake up in a cold sweat, remembering that during the many, many meetings he had had with Hitler, he had never once said, “By the way, Fuhrer, Jesus loves you! He loves you more than you’ll ever know. He loved you so much that He died for you.”

God is sovereign.
But maybe there is more than one way

to fight World War II.

So, witnesses of the Living God, eat the scroll, digest the Word, and speak it. Amen.

Further Reading

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Eli'jah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.

-Luke 9:28-31

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it . . .

-Romans 3:21

"The law and the prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently. . . ."

-Luke 16:16

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." . . . When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

-Acts 1:6-11, 2:1-3

"And I will grant my two witnesses power to prophesy for one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth. And if any one would harm them, fire pours out from their mouth

and consumes their foes; if any one would harm them, thus he is doomed to be killed.

-Revelation 11:3-5

"But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . ."

-John 15:26-27

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. . . ."

-John 16:7-11

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

-John 20:21-23

He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

-I John 5:10-11

"The nations raged, but thy wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, for rewarding thy servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear thy name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

-Revelation 11:18

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast

out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

-John 12:30-32

Then I Daniel looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. And I said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, "How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?" The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven; and I heard him swear by him who lives for ever that it would be for a time, two times, and half a time; and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be accomplished. I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the issue of these things?" He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. . . ."

-Daniel 12:5-9

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

-Revelation 22:10

"And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. . . ."

-Revelation 12:11

"But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. . . ."

-Luke 6:27-28