



HARVEST
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Growing Deeper

*A Disciplemaking Tool of Harvest Evangelical Free Church
(for personal and/or small group study)*

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Revelation 10 & 11

Q: (v.13-14) There was an earthquake, 10% of the city was destroyed and 7,000 people perished. The terrified survivors finally gave glory to God. Only God knows if their “conversion” was genuine (2 Tim 2:19) or if they simply acknowledged God (Phil 2:10-11) yet still refused to trust in Christ for salvation. Describe in general, how it is that folks may say they believe in Jesus, yet do not live like followers of Christ? How might we at times fall into that category as well? *Ask the Lord to help reveal sin to confess and for us to allow Him to take control!* _____

Q: Yet, how does this also demonstrate the love and mercy of God and His patient desire for all to repent and find forgiveness and new life through Christ? (see 2 Pet 3:9; Ezek 33:11). _____

Q: (vv.15-19) What is proclaimed when the seventh trumpet is sounded? How do these truths enhance your worship of God? _____

Q: Notice how God is described in v.17—no more “who is to come” (i.e. Rev 1:4,8) Also notice how God will judge the spiritually dead and reward those who follow Christ. When we re-focus our heart on Almighty God, His Sovereignty, His Mercy, His True Justice, and how He will reward the faithful and judge those who reject Him, how does this motivate you to seize more opportunities He gives you to share Jesus and your faith journey with others? _____

==> Lord help those in my life that may not yet know you personally, that they would clearly know You are a Holy and Good God. Help them to repent of sin and turn to You and find mercy, grace, forgiveness and eternal life with You, through faith in Christ alone, and follow Him alone all the days of their lives. In Jesus name, Amen!

You might think that after the first six trumpet judgments that unrepentant humanity would have a change of heart and repent of sin and find forgiveness and rescue through Jesus. But still, their wicked hearts grow even more cold and angry toward God. Just as we paused after the sixth seal was opened, we now pause after the sixth trumpet judgment to hear about God’s witnesses before the final judgements bring this world to an end.

Q: Describe a time when you were frightened or in a predicament, and someone came alongside and helped you overcome?

Q: In the OT book of Daniel (chapters 10-12), a mighty angel appears (similar to Rev 10) and shares with Daniel the future events leading to the end of the world. Although the angel here has descriptions often used of God (Rev 1:7; 4:3; Exo 13:21; Matt 17:2), this is an actual angel from God. Describe any similarities between these two visions (this one and in Daniel). _____

Q: This mighty angel stands both on the land and sea. What might this imply about God reclaiming the world for His perfect Kingdom reign?

Q: (10:9) John is told to eat the scroll. It tastes sweet but in his stomach turns bitter. What could this mean in light of these other similar passages (like Ezek 2:8-3:3; Jer 15:16), and John's commissioning to prophecy to the whole world?

Q: (11:1-2) What was John told to measure? Some say this temple is symbolic of the church (1 Cor 3:16-17; Rev 3:12), and God's protection and ownership. Others say this represents an actual re-built Jewish Temple in Jerusalem before Jesus' return (similar to Zech 2:1-5; Ezek 40-42). The worshippers could either be ethnic Jews (who do not follow Jesus) or Messianic Jews (who do follow Jesus), or symbolic of the whole church. Either way, the Gentiles represent non-believers who will "trample the holy city (Jerusalem)" for 42 months (3 1/2 years). (compare to Daniel 7:25; 12:7). Why is it significant that God is putting a limit on the persecution?

Q: (vv.3-4) God sends two witnesses (Dt 19:15; Rev 1:20) to preach the Gospel to the world. How are they described and how long is their stated mission? (see Jonah 3:5-8; Zech 4:2-14).

Q: (vv.5-6) What unique power and authority are they given?

Q: Who in the Old Testament was given similar power and authority? (see 2 Kings 1:10-12; 1 Kings 17:1; 18; Luke 4:25; Exo 7:17-21; Jer 5:14)

Q: While we may not know exactly who these two witnesses are, their purpose is to bring one more opportunity for the unrepentant world to find (salvation) rescue through faith in Jesus. Who do you know that stubbornly still refuses to turn to Jesus? Your testimony (reflected in the testimonies of these two witnesses) can make a difference in other's lives. Make sure you pray for them often!

Q: (v.7) When their God-given mission is completed, what happens to them? What do we find out about the "beast?" (we will see more of this character in the next few chapters)

Q: (v.8-10) The dead bodies of these two witnesses are not buried (a great insult to them, within that culture especially). How do the people react to their death?

Q: (v.11-12) To the people's surprise, what happens next? What reaction might this have had on the people? _____

Q: Describe if you can, a time when someone you know, has witnessed what could only be described as a miracle from God, yet refused to acknowledge God? Or, when others finally came to faith in Jesus through a trial or natural disaster. What might this tell us about the hardness of human hearts apart from God's intervening grace? _____
