

Heruli. That is why no modern names were given these three in point #4.

f. is guilty of blasphemy.

1. Claims to forgive sins, Luke 5:21 and,
2. Claims to be God, John 10:33.

Note: 1. Joseph Devarbe's catechism says, on page 279, "The priest does really and truly forgive sins in virtue of the power given to him by Christ". 2. "The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh", Catholic National, July, 1895.

g. did arise from the old Roman empire.

**No other power of history could possibly fit these points. They are too specific.**

7. The Papacy's power became supreme in Christendom in 538 A.D. due to the letter of Roman Emperor Justinian, which acknowledged the bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. This letter became a part of Justinian's code, the fundamental law of the empire. The Papal power was broken in 1798 A.D. when Napoleon's general, Berthier, took the Pope captive and he died in exile. Notice that the amount of years from 538 AD. to 1798 A.D. is exactly 1260, as prophecy predicted.
8. The period of Papal persecution is the same persecution as that referred to for the Thyatira church of Lesson 5 and the pale horse of Lesson 9.

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Right now millions of people are at war with each other. Nearly one hundred million have been killed in battle since World War II.

War may emerge anywhere, it seems, and force innocent people to flee. Homes, families, jobs and security are suddenly disrupted and controlled by the enemy. People in such crises realize they may be dead by night fall. Such happenings are, without question, tragedies of the first magnitude. Who can measure the trauma and anguish involved?

While the final count-down for this earth nears the zero hour, every person on earth is making decisions that will determine his eternal destiny. Millions are wondering which way to turn, what choices to make.

Satan is determined to draw the multitudes of earth into his camp His philosophies and theories seem to have a bewitching effect upon people. His movement is unveiled in Revelation 11. It is engulfing millions. But God has a grand message of hope and deliverance for people in these desperate hours. Further, He promises that His message will sweep across the entire world quickly in our day. His magnificent message is found in Revelation, chapter 14.

These two movements are diametrically opposed. The gospel of Christ is the basis for the first; the evolutionary theory the basis of the second [2 Peter 3:3-6]. The theory of evolution has swept into and captured the American school system in spite of the fact that God condemns it as "science, falsely so called" and "philosophy and vain deceit" [1 Tim. 6:20; Colossians 2:8].

God's message provides a joyous way out of today's confusion, heartache and crisis. Satan's plan is to lead us to personal trauma, woe and destruction. In today's Seminar, we see what Revelation tells us about the two movements. It is difficult to properly stress the importance of this seminar subject. We will look at Revelation 11 first.

PLEASE STUDY CAREFULLY EXHIBIT #1, WHICH EXPLAINS THE SYMBOLS OF THIS CHAPTER, BEFORE BEGINNING THE LESSON. REFER TO THE EXHIBIT OFTEN FOR DOCUMENTATION OF THIS LESSON.

## GOD'S TWO WITNESSES

1. **Revelation 11 features God's two witnesses. It describes the shameful treatment given them and their ultimate victory over their persecutors. Who are these two witnesses? Revelation 11:3, 4**

Ans: "These are the two olive \_\_\_\_\_ and the two \_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: As demonstrated in **Exhibit #1**, the two witnesses, the two olive trees and the two candlesticks all refer to the same thing — the Old and New Testaments, which were inspired by the Holy Ghost.

2. **Verse two of Revelation 11 speaks of a time period of forty-two months when God's people (the holy city) were to be trodden underfoot or persecuted. Verse 3 speaks of a time period of 1260 days when the two witnesses (the Bible) prophesied in sackcloth, under most trying circumstances. Using the prophetic rule of ONE PROPHETIC DAY EQUALS ONE LITERAL YEAR, how long were these time periods?**

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Forty-two prophetic months and 1260 prophetic days equal the same amount of time: 1260 literal years.

3. **When did this 1260 years of unusual persecution take place?**

Ans: From \_\_\_\_\_ AD. to \_\_\_\_\_ AD.

BEFORE ANSWERING, PLEASE STUDY **EXHIBIT #2** CAREFULLY. KEEP IT HANDY FOR REFERENCE AS WE STUDY THE REST OF THE LESSON.

The solemn warnings of Revelation 11:5-7 against attacking or interfering with the WORD OF GOD (v. 6) makes it clear (see Exhibit #1) that the WORD has power to control and punish evil. Those who oppose the WORD will be destroyed by fire.

4. **Who finally killed the two witnesses?**

Ans: "The \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ out of the bottomless \_\_\_\_\_."

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carved up the empire, Daniel 7:17, 23, 24. They are:

Anglo-Saxons (England) Franks (France) Vandals  
Alamanni (Germany) Lombards (Italy) Ostrogoths  
Burgundians (Switzerland) Suevi (Portugal) Heruli Visigoths (Spain)

5. The LITTLE HORN power, verse 8, which arose out of the Roman empire, is described carefully in Daniel 7.

The LITTLE HORN power would:

- a. be different from the other kingdoms, vs. 24.
  - b. make war with the saints and prevail (persecute), vs. 25.
  - c. think to change God's law, vs. 25.
  - d. govern for 3½ prophetic times/years (1260 literal years), vs 25.
  - e. uproot three kingdoms as it rose to power, vs. 8, 20, 24.
  - f. speak great words against the most high (blasphemy), vs. 25.
  - g. arise from old Roman empire, vs. 24.
6. There is only one power in history that could possibly fit the specifications and that one fits them perfectly. Bible scholars from reformation days have agreed that the power is the Papacy. The Papacy:
- a. was different. It was a religious power.
  - b. did persecute the saints during the Dark Ages. At least 50 million died for their faith. Papacy felt it was controlling heresy for the Lord, but the fact remains that it did persecute and destroy. Many modern Catholics strongly disapprove of these persecutions.
  - c. omitted the second and changed the fourth commandment in the catechism.
  - d. did govern for 1260 years (538 A.D. - 1798 AD.).
  - e. uprooted three kingdoms as it arose: Vandals, Ostrogoths and

The passage from Daniel 7 is perhaps easiest to identify so let's review the chapter. Read the chapter carefully before proceeding.

2. Daniel 7 pictures four beasts coming up out of the sea, Daniel 7:2-7. The BEASTS REPRESENT KINGDOMS, Daniel 7:23, and the sea or WATER REPRESENTS PEOPLE, or a populated area, Revelation 17:15.
3. Bible commentators agree that these beasts represent the FOUR WORLD KINGDOMS. The prophecy of the image of Daniel 2 also mentions these same four kingdoms. Even a novice in history will see that these beasts do indeed fit history perfectly.
  - a. The LION, the first beast, verse 4, represents BABYLON. God uses a lion to symbolize Babylon in Jeremiah 4:7 and Jeremiah 51:38. Frescoes from Babylon, discovered by archaeologists, depict winged lions to represent the kingdom — probably the same as Daniel saw in vision.
  - b. The BEAR, the second beast, verse 5, represents MEDO-PERSIA which came up on one side because Persia was more powerful than the Medes. The three ribs, most likely, represent the three kingdoms that Medo-Persia overcame as she rose to power. Babylon, Lydia and Egypt.
  - c. The LEOPARD, the third beast, verse 6, depicts GREECE. The wings represent the speed with which Alexander the Great conquered, Habakkuk 1:6-8; Jeremiah 4:13. The FOUR HEADS are the FOUR PARTS into which Alexander's empire was divided by his generals when he died. The generals were Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus and Ptolemy.
  - d. The fourth terrible NON-DESCRIPT BEAST, verse 7, with iron teeth represents ROME. The iron teeth fit the symbol. Rome is called the iron monarchy.
4. The TEN HORNS on the non-descript beast represent the ten kingdoms into which Rome was divided by barbarian tribes which

NOTE: The beast from the pit is Satan, Revelation 20:1-3, in the primary sense. However, as in Revelation 12:3, 4 cf Revelation 12:7-9 the beast also represents an earthly kingdom through which Satan successfully worked.

According to the interpretation of Rev. 11:8, 9, (see Exhibit. #1 & #2), the nation Satan used to "kill" the Bible was grossly immoral (Sodom), atheistic and God-hating (Egypt). Killing God's witnesses was considered as serious as crucifying His Son.

#### 5. How long would the two witnesses remain dead? Revelation 11:9

Ans: " \_\_\_\_\_ days and an \_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: The Bible rule is ONE PROPHETIC DAY EQUALS ONE LITERAL YEAR, Ezekiel 4:6 (1213). Thus 3 1/2 prophetic days equal 3 1/2 literal years. Satan despises the Bible because it exposes his evil plans and uplifts Jesus, his archenemy. His strategy is to keep us away from the Bible at any cost. Being too busy is one of our biggest problems. LETS STOP RIGHT HERE AND PROMISE GOD TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH HIS HOLY WORD DAILY. WHAT COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT?



#### 6. Verses 11 and 12, of Revelation 11, point out that the two witnesses would be raised after 3 1/2 years and ascend up to heaven. What is the symbolic meaning of "ascended up to heaven"? Daniel 4:22

Ans: "Thou art ... Become \_\_\_\_\_ ... for thy greatness ... reacheth unto \_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: It means the Word of God would be highly exalted after it was resurrected. And it was. The British and Foreign Bible Society was organized in 1804 and the American Bible Society in 1816. The Bible became available to the man on the street. It became a best seller and has remained so to this day.



## GOD'S WORD DESTROYED

7. According to the prophecy of Revelation 11, the nation that Satan used to "kill" the Bible did its evil work against the Scripture shortly before the 1260 year persecution ended in 1798. According to history, what nation fits the Bible specifications? (see NOTE)

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: There is only one nation that could possibly fit: the nation of France. The 3½ years were part of the reign of terror of the French revolution. The period began on November 26 of 1793 when a decree, issued in Paris, abolished religion. The period ended on June 17 of 1797, when the French government removed restrictions against religion. During the crisis the Bible was burned and banned ("killed"). All churches and temples were closed and worship of God abolished by the National Assembly. A ten-day week was voted. Every tenth day was celebrated with mirth and profanity. The existence of God was openly denied. An immoral woman was named "Goddess of Reason", and people "worshipped" her. Morals dropped to rock bottom. "Crush the wretch" (referring to Christ) was the motto of the revolution. Atheism became the "religion" of France. And it did not work. Three and one-half years later a decree granting toleration of the Scriptures was voted by the National Assembly. It carried without a dissenting vote.

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8. An earthquake in symbolism means an upheaval, a visitation of God's power. When the earthquake struck, what happened? Revelation 11:13

Ans: "The \_\_\_\_\_ part of the city \_\_\_\_\_ and in the \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ of men \_\_\_\_\_ thousand".

NOTE: The city here mentioned is the Papacy, Revelation 17:18 which was supported by the ten kings or nations, Revelation 17:12, 13. The earthquake which hit the Papacy is the capture of the Pope in 1798. France, which is one of the ten kings, is the one-tenth that fell because for a brief period she withdrew her support from the Papacy and all other churches. The 7000 men (or names as the margin says) refers to the titled nobility of the city, all of which had their titles removed during the French revolution.

## ORIGIN OF ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM

9. Militant atheism began in France but it did not end there. What does God say about the spread of evil? Galatians 5:9

Ans: "A little \_\_\_\_\_ leaveneth the \_\_\_\_\_ lump".

NOTE: A little evil can become big very quickly. The religion of atheism

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## IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING THE 1260 YEARS OF PERSECUTION

### URGENT NOTE:

Some of the things revealed in Revelation are shocking. Some will make us all squirm. The book says some things we almost wish that it didn't. But Jesus, our friend, is exposing Satan's snares and giving us classified information to prepare us for His kingdom and save our lives. He loves us so much that He speaks up even though He knows it may hurt us somewhat, initially.

Revelation gets into some very touchy and sensitive areas. Satan's hopes are that anger or prejudice will close your mind. If this happens, only Satan will have benefited. Revelation has some revealing things to say regarding France, the United States, the Roman Empire, Protestantism, Catholicism, sacred holy days, our dead loved ones, etc. But the messages are from Jesus. He knows what we need to hear, so let's trust Him to give us the information we must have.

Tonight's exhibit discusses certain activities of the Papacy. Hundreds of thousands of beautiful Christians are Catholic Christians. God loves them and they are His children. This exhibit in no way discredits our wonderful Catholic, Christian friends. They are precious. But, in Revelation, God does speak about the Papal system and many other delicate areas. Let's listen to His word and pray and study much so we will discover His life and death message for us today.

1. This period of terrible persecution is so important that it is mentioned seven times specifically in Scripture: Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 12:6, 14; 13:5 and Revelation 11:2, 3. It is referred to as 42 MONTHS, 1260 YEARS and 3½ TIMES OR YEARS. They all equal 1260 prophetic days which is 1260 literal years, Ezekiel 4:6.

### VERSE 13:

**EARTHQUAKE** means a visitation of God's anger and power, Psalm 77:14, 18; Nahum 1:3, 5-8.

**TENTH PART OF THE CITY FELL.** This refers to the city or worldwide government of spiritual Babylon of Revelation 17 and 18. Babylon is supported by ten kings or kingdoms, Revelation 17:12-14, and here she loses the support of one of them. Spiritual Babylon is called a city in Revelation 17:18.

*\* This is not to be confuse with the seven candlesticks of Revelation 1:20 which refer to the seven churches.*

(and it is a religion) spread from France to the north and east to the vast country of Russia. In the Russian political revolution of 1917 a vital part of the uprising was an attack upon religion. Today, Russia's millions are overwhelmingly atheistic. And the virus has swept across the world infiltrating everywhere and gaining adherents to an alarming degree. The school systems of the world dispense atheism in their adherence to evolution. Satan's movement to defy God has virtually captured the sciences. The devil is angry, militant, brilliant and determined. His religion of atheism has engulfed a third of the world, and is growing rapidly.



**Pharaoh's  
atheism  
symbolizes  
atheism today.**

## REVELATION'S THREE ANGELS MESSAGES

- 10. The three-point message of God's great movement is pictured in Revelation, chapter 14. It is called the everlasting gospel. How widely does. God say it will be preached? Revelation 14:6**

**Ans:** "To every \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
And \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: It will go world-wide. No one will be left out. All will clearly understand God's requirements and His love. No one has a right to preach anything he chooses and call it the gospel. God commands that the everlasting gospel of love for these last days must include His three-point message of Revelation 14:6-12.

- 11. What is the first part of God's message for today? Revelation 14:7**

**Ans:** "Fear \_\_\_\_\_, and give \_\_\_\_\_ to Him; for the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_ is come: and  
\_\_\_\_\_ Him that made \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: The message is opposed to evolution. It says "worship the Creator because the hour of His judgment is here". We will study the judgment

message in Lessons 14 and 15. Did you know the judgment has already begun? Lesson ten made it clear that God asks His people to keep His Sabbath as proof that they accept Him as Creator.

**12. What is the second part of God's great message for today?  
Revelation 14:8; 18:2, 4**

**Ans:** "Babylon is \_\_\_\_\_ . . . come \_\_\_\_\_ of her,  
\_\_\_\_\_ people, that ye be not \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_,  
and that ye receive \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_".

NOTE: The second point of the message is, "Babylon has fallen. Get out quickly or you will be involved in her sins and will receive of her plagues". We will study "Babylon" in Lesson 21 and the "Plagues" in Lesson 22. Do you know what Babylon is? Are you certain you are not in Babylon?

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**13. What warning does the third part of God's message give?  
Revelation 14:9**

**Ans:** "If \_\_\_\_\_ man worship the \_\_\_\_\_ . . . and  
\_\_\_\_\_ his mark ... the same shall \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God"

NOTE: God is here saying that if a person receives the mark of the beast he is lost and will receive the plagues. Do you know positively what the mark of the beast is? We will study the mark of the beast in Lesson 19.



## GOD WILL FINISH THE WORK

**14. What happens as soon as the three-point message reaches the entire world? Revelation 14:14**

**Ans:** "And I looked, and behold a white \_\_\_\_\_, and upon

power in the Word because Jesus is **IN the Word** and **IS the Word**, John 1:1-3, 14.

### **VERSES 7, 8:**

**BEAST FROM BOTTOMLESS PIT** is Satan, Revelation 20:1-3

**SODOM** stands for licentiousness and gross immorality. Read all of Genesis, chapter 19.

**EGYPT** symbolizes atheism with the most high-handed hatred of and rebellion against God, Exodus 5:2

**GREAT CITY** refers to a nation or governing power as in Revelation 17:18

**WHERE OUR LORD WAS CRUCIFIED.** This refers to the killing of God's saints. When one kills them or persecutes them it is the same as doing it to Jesus, Matthew 25:40; Acts 9:5.

### **VERSES 9, 10:**

**THREE DAYS AND AN HALF.** Prophetic time would be 3½ years, Ezekiel 4:6.

**TWO PROPHETS.** Another name for the Old and New Testament. All prophets are moved by the Holy Ghost, II Peter 1:21. The Bible is made up of the words of the prophets, so here, the Old and New Testaments are referred to as prophets. The Holy Spirit is said to prophesy in Acts 21:11

### **VERSES 11, 12:**

**THEY ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN.** This, in symbolic language, means they became great and well known, Daniel 4:22.

**TWO WITNESSES** refers to the Old and New Testaments of Scripture, John 5:39; Luke 24:27.

**CLOTHED IN SACKCLOTH** is a symbol of mourning over tragedy, II Samuel 3:31. The Bible is pictured as in deep trouble and mourning over a tragedy for 1260 years.

**TWO OLIVE TREES** refer to the Holy Spirit, Zechariah 4:3-6. This is very fitting since the Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments were given by the Holy Spirit, 2 Peter 1:21. And Scripture from both Old and New Testaments is "for instruction in righteousness", 2 Timothy 3:16.

**TWO CANDLESTICKS\*** refer to the Bible, God's word, Psalm 119:105, 130. Note: So the two witnesses, olive trees and candlesticks all refer to the same thing: the Bible which was given by the Holy Spirit.

### ***VERSES 5-8:***

**FIRE DEVOURS ENEMIES.** It is true that if people "hurt" or do violence to the Scripture they will in the end be destroyed by fire, 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Revelation 22:18, 19

**BE KILLED** is another way of saying that those who hurt or hinder the Scripture and obey not the gospel will be destroyed. They, in effect, sign their own death warrant, II Thessalonians 1:8, 9; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 20:15.

**POWER TO SHUT HEAVEN SO THAT IT RAIN NOT** refers to the time of Elijah when the word of God stopped all rain for 3½ years. Read all of I Kings 17 and 18.

**POWER TO TURN WATER TO BLOOD AND SMITE WITH PLAGUES** refers to the power of the Word of God to send the ten plagues of Egypt; the seven last plagues and any other plagues upon its persecutors, Exodus, chapters 7-12; Revelation, chapter 16. There is

the cloud \_\_\_\_\_ one like unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of man".

Jesus returns in the cloud as soon as His message reaches every person on earth. He won't come back until all people have heard and clearly understand His wonderful plan of salvation and His invitation for them to live with Him eternally in His glorious new kingdom. All who are lost will be lost with full understanding. Jesus is fair. He will see that all clearly see the issues.

### **15. What does God promise in regard to His great three-point message reaching the world? Romans 9:28**

**Ans:** "He will finish the \_\_\_\_\_, and cut it \_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness".

NOTE: This is a promise. God, Himself, will finish it up. He will cut short the time required. It is foolish to talk of the immensity and impossibility of the unfinished task when God has personally promised to cut it short and finish it quickly! We are the people who will live to see the King return. Are you ready?

### **16. Why will many be lost when Jesus returns? Hosea 4:6**

**Ans:** "My people are \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; because \_\_\_\_\_ hast rejected \_\_\_\_\_, I will also \_\_\_\_\_ thee".

NOTE: Many will be lost because God gave them information or knowledge and they refused to hear it. People who were lost in Noah's day "knew not" for the same reason: they wouldn't listen, Matthew 24:37-39. THE WARNING ABOUT RECEIVING THE MESSAGES OF REVELATION IS SPECIFIC: "BEHOLD. I COME QUICKLY: BLESSED IS HE THAT KEEPETH THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK", Revelation 22:7

## **JESUS CALLS HIS SHEEP**

### **17. As one of Jesus' sheep, what will I want to do? John 10:27**

**Ans:** "My sheep \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ . . . and they \_\_\_\_\_ me".

### **18. Why has Jesus given us the information contained in His Word? John 15:11**

**Ans:** "These \_\_\_\_\_ have I \_\_\_\_\_ unto you



that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ may be \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: He wants us to be happy, Following where Jesus leads and heeding His loving counsel is the only way to joy and happiness.

**19. What does Jesus promise us as a free gift? 1 Corinthians 15:57**

Ans: "But \_\_\_\_\_ be to God, which \_\_\_\_\_  
us the \_\_\_\_\_ through our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Christ".

NOTE: Victory over sin and evil is a free gift of Jesus. We need only accept it.

**20. Will you accept the victory that Jesus offers as a gift so he can fill your life with His happiness and joy?**

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SYMBOLS FOR REVELATION 11

Revelation 11 is filled with symbols. We are identifying these symbols on this exhibit to make it easier to understand the lesson and to save time in covering the lesson itself.

### VERSE 1:

**TEMPLE OF GOD** refers to the heavenly sanctuary or temple. The earthly temple had been destroyed in A.D. 70, Revelation 4:1, 2; 8:1-3.

**ALTAR** refers to the altar of burnt offerings. In the earthly sanctuary the altar was where the lambs were offered, Exodus 27:1-8. In the heavenly sanctuary instead of bringing lambs we bring ourselves as an offering, Romans 12:1.

**THEM THAT WORSHIP** refers to the people who worship the Lord, John 4:24.

**REED**. The reed is a Bible measuring device like a steel tape, Ezekiel 40:3. Here it refers to the ten commandments by which God's people are judged or measured, James 2:10-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.

### VERSES 2-4:

**HOLY CITY** refers to God's people, Revelation 21:9, 10.

**42 MONTHS -1260 DAYS**. Since in prophecy one prophetic day equals one literal year we are talking about 1260 years, Ezekiel 4:6. **See Exhibit #2** for more information regarding the 1260 years.