Revelation 11:7-14

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

* Day 1

Read Revelation 11:7-14.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

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**7**When they have finished their testimony,

the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

**8**And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city

which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt,

where also their Lord was crucified.

**9**Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations

*will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days,

and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in tomb.

**10**And those who dwell on the earth *will* rejoice over them and celebrate;

and they will send gifts to one another,

because these two prophets

tormented those who dwell on the earth.

**11**But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them,

and they stood on their feet;

and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.

**12**And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.”

Then they went up into heaven in the cloud,

and their enemies watched them.

**13**And in 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.

**14** The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

1. When will the witnesses testimony be completed?
2. Who is the beast and what has been his activity to this point in Revelation?
3. The NASB footnotes that the word translated “mystically” also could literally be translated “spiritually.” What is the interpretive difference between these two words?
4. Where was their Lord crucified? Where then is the location of this city?
5. How widespread will be the spectacle of the martyrdom of the two witnesses?
6. What are the three responses of those who dwell on earth to the death of the two witnesses?
7. What is the cause of the earth’s celebration according to 10b?

* Day 2

Read Revelation 11:7-14 again.

1. What does the celebration of the death of God’s witnesses tell us about the alignment of those living on earth in relationship to the beast?
2. The conjunction “but” contrasts the events of verses 11-14 with the events of vs. 7-10. What is the contrast?
3. What is the significance of the passage of three and a half days?
4. Where else do we see the “breath of life” in scripture?
5. What do we learn about God’s control over life and death from the statement “the breath of life FROM God come into them”?
6. Why did fear fall on those who were watching?

* Day 3

Read Revelation 11:7-14 again.

1. What were the witnesses commanded by the voice from heaven? Do we know whose voice is speaking?
2. Describe the witness ascension to heaven.
3. What takes place on earth after the witnesses ascend to heaven?
4. In verse 13 we are told that a tenth of the city falls and that 7,000 are killed. Are these likely symbolic or literal figures? Support your answer.
5. Is the response of those on earth to the ascension of the witnesses (terror and giving glory to God) a repentant believing fear or an unbelieving fear?
6. What were the first and second woes? With the second woe past where are we in the timeline of Revelation?
7. Summarize Revelation 11:7-14 in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray that Pastor Bret would have clarity in his preparation and preaching of the word and that we who hear the preached word would be humble and submissive to receive and apply it in our lives. Pray our church would fear God and give Him glory.