

Sunday Bible Studies – December 14, 2014

"Christmas Becomes 'Satan-mas'" – (Revelation 11:10)

Read [Revelation 11:1-14](#).

Review the [notes](#) from last Wednesday night Bible study, and the [Biblical Timeline](#).

In Revelation 11:5 last week we emphasized the Two Witnesses in the subject "Protection, Provision, Departure".

Review of [Revelation 11:5-12](#) from Wednesday:

[Verse 5](#) – PROTECTION of the two witnesses: "*And if anyone wishes to harm*" 1st class (if and it is true) – then we have the present active infinitive of $\theta\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\omega$. The Infinitive indicates *desires from emotion* to harm Moses and Elijah. Anyone trying to harm them will die by fire proceeding "*from their mouths*".

- The religious crowd will want to kill Moses and Elijah.
 - o It was religion that put Christ on the Cross.
 - o It is religion that hates the Truth.
 - o It is religion that despises the principles of Grace.
 - o Under *Grace* God does the doing, and God receives the credit.
 - o Under *religion* man does the doing, and man gets the credit.

GOD PROTECTS!

[Verse 6](#) – POWER of the two witnesses – It appears here that there will be some reproduction of the plagues used by Moses in Egypt. "*These have power to shut heaven, that it rained not*"...Elijah Prayed – no rain for 3 ½ yrs. Elijah Prayed again – Rain came.

[Verses 7-9](#) – DEATH of the two witnesses: "*And when they had finished their testimony.*" When our ministry is finished God takes us home. DEATH!

These two witnesses operate for a certain period of time. Then they finish their witnessing, and are then removed.

"The beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them." This beast is the super-demon who indwells the *dictator of the revived Roman Empire* – the one who leads the famous scorpion army of [Revelation 9:3-10](#). God removes the protection, so that the super-demon can kill Moses and Elijah. Read [Revelation 11:8](#). The "*great city*" is Jerusalem, called Sodom and Egypt in the Tribulation. Sodom in this verse refers to *PERVERSION*; Egypt refers to *RELIGION and WORLDLINESS*.

Now we will see how *Christmas* becomes *Satan-mas*.

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Continuing Revelation 11:5-12 from Verse 9:

[Verse 9](#) – This becomes news worthy – Worldwide coverage for 3 ½ days – not buried, and seen by perhaps millions. CHRISTMAS BECOMES SATAN-MAS – Unbelievers and Satan are extremely happy to get rid of these two Gospel ministers. They had been disturbed by the message – *they would not accept Jesus Christ as Savior.*

Note: ATTITUDE OF RELIGION

1. Religion (lost or saved) is always happy to lose its opposition.
2. Religion despises the Truth. The Death of a speaker *does not imply the death of Truth.* Truth never dies, *only those who teach it.*
3. Religion which talks of sweetness and love can be – and very often is – vicious, cruel, mean and rude.
4. Behind this facade of sweetness, often, is tremendous hostility toward people.
5. Some of the most vicious and evil people on this earth are saved, non-perceptive people, who malign, gossip, backbite – filled with jealousy, bitterness, envy, strife and bitterness.

[Verse 10](#) – These people are celebrating over the death of Moses and Elijah, and they send gifts one to another.

- They are having a party – In our day it would be a Christmas celebration – But they are having a SATAN-MAS PARTY.
- These "two prophets HAD tormented them", meaning *mental torture* – PEOPLE WHO RESIST, RESENT, REFUSE THE TRUTH ARE MENTALLY TORMENTED. NOW MOSES AND ELIJAH ARE DEAD!
- They are delighted when God's men are killed, with their bodies lying in the streets.
 - "they rejoice"
 - "they make merry"
 - They "send gifts to one another of the same kind" – THEY DESIRED THE GIFTS OF MEN MORE THAN THE GIFT OF GOD – SALVATION THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

We will see next session in verses 11-13 how God's Spirit entered Moses and Elijah again after 3 ½ days of satanic revelry, and the resulting fear and discipline to the people so glad to see them dead... *Surprise!*

Our Lord will come someday – it could happen at any time – and take His Own home; in the meantime, when our time on earth is finished, He calls us home in the appropriate way, just as He will do with Moses and Elijah.