

## Two Witnesses to Israel Revelation 11

### I. Reclaiming Israel for God – 11:1-2

1. John was given a measuring rod – 1  
This was to survey an area to mark for the owner
2. He was to measure the area where God's Temple sat – 1  
He was to survey the area and reclaim it for God  
He was also to survey where the altar sat  
The altar where sacrifices were offered to God
3. He was also to measure the area where people worshipped – 1  
God was reclaiming His people (Israel) for Himself
4. He was not to measure the court outside of the temple – 2  
He was to leave that court for the Gentile nations  
They will continue to trample the holy city 42 months (3 ½ years)

### II. God's Two Witnesses – 11:3-

1. They have God-given authority to minister – 3  
They will prophesy for 1,260 days (3 ½ years)  
They will appear in sackcloth –  
(grieving clothes of prophets)
2. As 2 olive trees & 2 lampstands before the Lord – 4  
2 olive trees providing oil continually for lampstands  
This was promised in Zechariah 4 when they rebuilt the Temple  
Pictured Holy Spirit flowing as light through witness
3. God will protect these witnesses from enemies - 5  
If anyone tried to hurt them, fire would flow from their mouths  
fire would cause death like Prophet Elijah –  
2 Kings 1:10-14
4. Witnesses had miracle-working power – 6  
To shut the sky that no rain fall during the days of Prophesying - Like Elijah did in 1 Kings 17:1  
To turn water into blood & to strike the earth with Plagues - Like Moses did in the book of Exodus
5. Consider this in light of Luke 9:30-31  
Moses & Elijah appeared with Jesus at His transfiguration  
Talked with Him about what He was to accomplish at Jerusalem  
While the 3 disciples were "heavy with sleep"  
Content of this discussion must have focused on their witness  
Moses pointed to One who was to be The Prophet – Deut. 18:15-19 Of Him, Moses said "Listen to Him"  
God promised to send Elijah before the return of Messiah – Mal. 4:5-6  
These words are the final verses of Old Testament

### III. Testimony in Their Death – 11:7-10

1. When they finished their testimony – 7

The beast that rises from bottomless pit will make war  
Note that their testimony was finished  
Satan will now make war & this beast rises out of the Pit - He kills these two witnesses – 7

2. In defiance of God they make sport of dead ones –8-10  
They let their dead bodies lie in the street - 8  
City is Jerusalem identified symbolically as Sodom & Egypt - Pagan cities that God destroyed  
Where their Lord was crucified  
Many celebrated the death of these witnesses for 3 ½ days – 9-10  
They refused to let these bodies be placed in a tomb  
Rejoiced over the witnesses & exchanged presents –10  
"These prophets tormented earth dwellers"

### IV. The Testimony Continues – 11:11-14

1. "But" God responded with great power – 11  
God's breath of life entered in them & they stood  
Great fear fell on those who saw them
2. God spoke from heaven "come up here" – 12  
They ascended to heaven in a cloud  
And their enemies watched them
3. At that hour God shook earth with great earthquake 13  
One tenth of the city fell with 7,000 people killed  
Rest were terrified & gave glory to the God of heaven
4. Second woe has passed, third woe, soon to come–14

### V. Heaven Celebrates The King – 11:15-19

1. Then the 7<sup>th</sup> angel blew his trumpet – 15  
After God's Israel acknowledged their Messiah (Jesus)  
Through the testimony of the 2 witnesses
2. There were loud voices in heaven – 15  
All of heaven celebrates Christ the King
3. "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of Our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever" – 15  
What God has promised will become a reality in our world  
In the New heaven & the New earth, forever & ever
4. The 24 elders fell on their faces & worshiped God – 16  
These are the redeemed ones, both Jew and Gentile
5. They praise God for what He has done – 17-18  
"You have taken your great power & begun to reign"
6. "The nations raged" (Psalm 2) "but your wrath came"  
God is gracious but He also is just & must hold men responsible for their rebellion and rejection of His Son's ministry of redemption
7. The time has come for the dead to be judged, justice  
"The time for rewarding your servants, the prophets & saints" and those who fear Your name, small & great" –
8. And for destroying the destroyers of the earth" – 18  
Satan (Tempter) & those fallen angels in his kingdom  
If goodness & grace is fulfilled in God's creation
9. Celebration continues when Christ rules & reigns – 19  
There is eternal access to God's presence & fulness of His power

## God's Message of Comfort Revelation 10

### I. The Mighty Angel – 10:1-7

A messenger from heaven – 1

This angel is called “another angel” – one different from the seven

The 7 angels who announced the judgements of God

He is also called a “mighty angel” - His message has power, authority

He comes “down from heaven” – He comes with God's authority

2. He comes wrapped in a cloud – 1

Is this the glory cloud seen at the ascension? –

Acts 1:9-11

The one in which He (God's Son) will return

Note also “with a rainbow” over his head – God's solemn promise to man (Noah)

Gen. 9:13 – God calls the rainbow “My bow”

That bow was seen around the throne of God – Rev. 4:3

His face was “like the sun” – note Matt. 17:2

His legs - like “pillars of fire” – Rev. 1:15

Judging all that is evil

Is He not the messenger of God? – Revealing Him – Heb. 1:1-2

3. He had a little scroll “open” in His hand – 2

Was He not the one who opened the 7 sealed scroll?

He is the only One worthy to open God's plan of redemption

He comes now to comfort John in the midst of opening these seals

4. He set His right foot on the sea & His left foot on the land – 2

He is in complete control, His feet are firmly fixed

5. He called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring – 3

When He called, the seven thunders sounded

6. When the 7 thunders had sounded, John was about to write – 4

But a voice from heaven said, “Seal up what the 7 thunders have said, and do not write it down”

7. This angel (messenger) who John saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven – 5-6

8. “He swore by Him who lives forever and ever – 6

The One who created heaven and what is in it,

The earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it,

That there would be no more delay,”

9. “But that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as He announced to His servants the prophets” - 7

This was a call to us to rest our faith in what God has promised

We have the promise of the prophets backed by the oath of God

10. In the midst of these 7 judgments God has a comforting message – 6-7

If this message comes through His Son is this not another evidence of God's grace?

In the midst of the 7 seals God also had a message of comfort - Rev. 7:15-17

II. John Eats the Scroll – 10:8-11

1. Voice from heaven tells John to go and take this scroll – 8

Same voice He had heard, says “go to One standing on sea & land”

“Take the scroll that is open in the messenger's hand”

2. John went to the angel & asked for the little scroll – 9

He gave it to him and he told him,

“Take and eat it, it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey”

3. John took the scroll and ate it – 10

He found it to be sweet as honey in his mouth

But when he had eaten it his stomach was made bitter We need to not only read but chew on what God says to us.

God's message for us is that evil must be destroyed if God's new creation is to be created, in which we live eternally with God

4. This messenger from God tells John there is more to say – 10

“You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings”

God now reveals to John those who will have a part in God's plan

Some will be sweet, but still those that are bitter

The two witnesses who will minister redemption for Israel – 11

The continuing conflict between the woman (Israel) & the dragon (Satan) – 12

And how God will fight for Israel & bring them to faith in His Son

The two beasts who will persecute Israel in the tribulation – 13

The Lamb (Jesus) and the 144,000 of Israel celebrating victory – 14

The seven Angels and the Seven Plagues – 15

The seven bowls of God's wrath – 16

The great prostitute and the beast – 17

The fall of Babylon – 18

he celebration in heaven & Christ's return in victory – 19

The Thousand year reign of Jesus Christ & defeat of Satan – 20

The New heaven and the New earth –

God's Glorious plan eternally fulfill – 21-22

Attacks on Humans  
Revelation 9

**I A Taste of Hell – 9:1-6**

1. The Fifth Angel Blew his Trumpet – 1  
This announces the first “woe” - 12
2. John sees a star fallen from heaven - 1  
“Fallen star” may refer to Satan or one who fell with him – 12:3-4  
This fallen angel was given the key to the bottomless pit  
These fallen angels have a king (Satan) – 11  
Satan is still accountable to God, as in Job  
He is seen in Rev. 12:10 as one who “accuses the brethren”
3. He opened the shaft to the pit – 2  
Smoke, like from a great furnace, rose from the pit  
This smoke darkened the sun
4. With the smoke, came locusts to the earth - 3  
These locusts were given power like scorpions on earth
5. However they were different – 4  
They were told not to harm the grass or green plants  
Their mission, people who did not have God’s seal  
These were the 144,000 of Israel marked by God
6. They were to torment people for 5 months - 5  
But not permitted to kill them  
Rather to sting them like a scorpion
7. People will seek death but not find it – 6  
Long to die but death will flee from them  
God will allow them to experience hell  
But there will be no repentance – **9:20-21**

**II. Description of these Locusts – 9:7-12**

1. These locusts were prepared for battle – 7  
On their heads what looked like gold crowns  
Those who had gained victories over enemies  
Faces were like human faces, in tune with men
2. Their hair like women’s hair – 8  
Attractive to those they will sting  
But with sharp teeth, like lions, able to hurt
3. Capable of inflicting fear – 9  
Breastplates like iron – great strength  
Noise of many chariots & horses rushing into battle
4. Equipped to hurt people - 10  
They have tails and stings like scorpions  
Their mission is to hurt people for 5 months
5. Their King over them is Satan – 11  
His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, in Greek, Apollyon  
Both of these words means “destroyer”
6. This is the first “woe” two more to come  
Is this not a sign of grace when God tells sinners  
what is to come?

**III. A Spiritual Battle – 9:13-21**

1. The sixth angel sounds his trumpet – 13  
John hears a voice from the golden altar of God  
This is the incense altar where prayers arise to God  
The voice comes from the 4 horns of the altar  
This voice comes as a response to prayer
2. The voice speaks to the 6<sup>th</sup> angel -14  
“Release the four angels who are bound at the Euphrates River”  
These angels were prepared for this specific time  
Prepared for this hour, the day, the month, the year  
Since they are bound & have been they are probably fallen angels  
These angels have a mission for which they have been bound  
To kill a third of mankind
3. The River had been a natural boundary  
Between God’s people (Israel) & Babylon  
Tower of Babel was man’s attempt to reach God – Gen. 11:4  
When God called Abraham he took him to another land  
Across the Euphrates – River became a boundary  
God set Israel’s boundaries – From River of Egypt to Euphrates – Gen.15:18  
Joshua set the boundaries when they divided the Land for tribes – Josh. 1:4  
David and Solomon recognized these boundaries  
1 Chron.18:3  
Babylon became a seat of Satan’s warfare
4. The 4 angels were released to open the way – 15-16  
To allow a massive army to cross the river  
200 million were gathered to kill one third of mankind – 16  
Prophet Ezekiel speaks of such an attack on Israel
5. This army is fully equipped for their mission – 17-19  
Breastplates color of fire, sapphire & sulfur  
Heads like lions shooting fire & sulfur out of their mouths  
Their tails were like serpents wounding & killing 1/3
6. Those who survive refuse to repent – 20-21  
Those who were not killed by these plagues  
Did not repent of their evil works  
Worshipping demons – idols of gold & silver, bronze, stone & wood  
These idols cannot see, hear or walk  
Nor do they repent of murders, sorceries, sexual immorality or thefts

## Judging Man's Environment Revelation 8

Star was blazing like a torch it fell on one third of fresh water

On rivers and springs of water

This star was named "Wormwood"

Many people died from the water, because it was made bitter

5. Fourth trumpet brought partial darkness to the earth – 8:12

One third of the sun was struck

One third of the moon was struck

One third of the stars were struck

Causing one third of their light was darkened

One third of the day kept from shining

Likewise one third of the night kept from shining

6. Then John saw an eagle crying with a loud voice – 13  
It flew directly overhead

Crying "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth

This warning anticipates the next three judgments

At the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow"

These next 3 judgments will impact men on earth

7. One thing we find missing in these judgments is repentance

Even when these 3 woes come, note – 9:20-21

Judgment must come but it still comes with a note of grace

### I. A Solemn Scene in Heaven – 8:1-5

1. Opening the seventh seal – 1

Remember it is the Lamb who opens the seals

But there is no celebration in heaven

2. There is silence in heaven for about half an hour

Silence suggests something about God's nature

He is not one who is filled with rage, as is true often with our anger

He is holy, righteous but He is also just

"God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked"

– Ezek. 33:11

But as holy He must hold sinners accountable for their actions

"He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" - 2 Peter 3:9

He is just and must judge those who refuse to accept the remedy for sin (His Son)

3. John next sees 7 angels stand before God – 2

7 trumpets were given to them

Each angel will blow his trumpet announcing God's judgment

4. Another angel stood at the incense altar – 3

This incense altar is right before the throne

It carries the prayers of believers to God's throne

It also carried the prayers of the martyrs for justice – 4:9-11

5. The angel filled the censer with fire from the altar – 5

He threw the fire on the earth (justice must come)

There were peals of thunder rumblings, flashes of lightning & an earthquake

6. This is a solemn scene but note these first 4 trumpets

### II. First Four Trumpets – 8:6-13

1. Note there is still a touch of God's grace

Man's environment is first judged

Certainly affecting man but not always touching him

2. First trumpet brought hail and fire, mixed with blood

– 7

Resulting in one third of earth being burned up

One third of the trees were burned up

All green grass was burned up

3. Second trumpet brought something "like a great mountain" – 8-9

This large mass was burning with fire

It was thrown into the sea & one third of the sea became blood

One third of the living creatures in the sea died

One third of the ships were destroyed

4. Third trumpet brought a great star falling from heaven – 8:10-11

## **The Raptured Church Revelation 7:9-17**

### **I. A Glorious Sight – 7:9-12**

1. John, having seen God's protection for Israel –1-8  
His attention is turned to a sight in heaven – 9-10
2. What he sees, a great multitude "that no one could number" – 9  
This is in comparison to 144,000 believers in Israel  
They are sealed as belonging to God & protected
3. This number is beyond ability to count – 9  
Also from every nation, from all tribes, people & languages  
This multitude is from every people group in this world
4. They stand before the Lamb – belonging to Him– 9  
Having been purchased by His own precious blood  
Clothed in white robes - declared righteous by His cleansing  
"With palm branches in their hands"  
Expressions of praise & worship (celebration)
5. Crying out in worship, with a loud voice – 10  
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, & to the Lamb"  
They rejoice over God's provision, sending His Son, to save us from our sin  
His sacrifice on Calvary cleanses us & restores us to God
6. All heaven rejoices in the work of redemption –11-12  
All the angels standing around the throne - 11  
Around the elders (believers already in heaven) – Rev. 4:4  
And the four living creatures (Cherubim) – 4:6-8  
These angels fall on their faces before the throne & worshipped God–12  
Saying "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen"  
All heaven rejoices in God's work of redemption and restoration  
The glory of His new creation has been won in Jesus Christ

### **II. Who is this Multitude? – 7:13-17**

1. One of the elders asked John this question -13  
"Who are these, clothed in white robes?"  
"And from where have they come?"

2. John looks to the elder to answer these questions–14  
"Sir, you know"  
The elder gives answers to these questions
3. "These are coming out of the great tribulation"  
Jesus promised this to the Philadelphia Church- 3:10  
"I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world"  
Great tribulation: time when God's wrath is poured out  
God's wrath was poured out on His Son. Rom. 8:1  
"There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus"  
"They have washed their robes & made them white in the blood of the Lamb"
4. "Therefore they are before the throne of God"- 15  
They can stand before God in righteousness of Christ  
"They serve Him (God) day and night in His temple  
What a privilege to serve God in His temple  
"He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence"  
Protects those who are His children with His own presence
5. As a loving Father He will provide for all their needs–16  
"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore"  
"The sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat"
6. "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd and He will guide them to springs of living waters" 17  
Note that He (The Lamb) is in the "midst of the throne"  
Father and Son are together in "oneness" on the throne  
Jesus is the shepherd who leads and guides those who are His to the living waters that satisfies our need
7. All of earth's sorrows will be forever gone – 17  
"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"  
They are the believing church to whom the rapture was promised  
Jesus promised His return to take His believers – John 14:1-3  
Angels promised His return at His ascension – Acts 1:11

### **III. Rapture Means New Life – 1 Cor. 15:50-58**

1. Rapture means more than just escape from Tribulation  
More than just a safe place where life is perfect
2. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God -50  
If we could go to heaven as we are we would not fit in  
"The perishable cannot inherit the imperishable"
3. "We shall all be changed" – 51  
It is not just that we must be forgiven of our sins  
That is accomplished in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ  
We must all be changed, there is a basic need in our fallen nature - 52  
"This perishable body must put on imperishable"– 53  
"And this mortal body must put on immortality" – 54  
Christ died to save us from our sins but He also died to deliver us from death - 55

4. Christ died to deliver us from "death" – 56  
To transform us into "eternal life" – 2 Cor. 5:17  
As Christ lives in us He seeks to transform us into His likeness  
When He comes we shall be like Him – 1 Jn. 3:2  
God's eternal plan is to conform us to image of His Son – Rom. 8:29  
Rapture will bring His plan to fulfillment  
Eternally living together as God's children through His Son

### **God Protects True Israel Revelation 7:1-8**

#### **I. Holding Back the Winds of Wrath – 7:1-3**

1. Four angels stand at 4 corners of earth – 1  
Assignment: "Hold back the winds of wrath"  
"Do not allow the winds to blow on earth or sea"  
"Not even against any tree"  
There is further instruction from God
2. Another angel comes with God's seal – 2  
This angel speaks with a loud voice (clear instruction)  
Message is for these 4 angels holding back the winds of wrath  
God's grace must prevail
3. "Do not harm earth and sea or trees" – 3  
"Until God's servants are sealed on their foreheads"

#### **II. Full Measure of God's Protection – 7:4-8**

1. God's seal is placed on 144,000 – Sons of Israel  
The number of Israel's sons was 12  
12,000 sealed is 12,000 from each tribe  
Suggesting that that each tribe has a full compliment
2. When God sent 10 plagues on Egypt  
He spared the people of Israel  
God again marks His people of Israel from "God's Wrath"
3. This seal is seen again in Rev. 14:1-5  
The 144,000 are seen with the Lamb on Mt. Zion  
Not only protected but also redeemed by the Lamb  
Celebrating this fact of redemption provided by the Lamb

#### **III. Israel's Path to Redemption – Dan. 9:24-27**

1. God's plan for Israel – 24  
As Daniel prepares for return after 70 years of exile  
God sends an angel extending it to 70 times 7  
490 years Israel will be under Gentile control
2. Those 70 x 7's will restore Israel to God – 24  
Israel's path will ultimately bring redemption  
Finish transgression, put an end to sin, atone for iniquity  
Bring in everlasting righteousness  
Seal both vision and prophet  
Anoint a most holy place
3. Sixty nine 7's would mark rejection of Israel's Messiah – 25-26

- Jesus would fulfill the work of redemption  
But Jesus weeps for Israel's rejection – Lk. 19:41-44  
And prophecies of troubles for Israel
4. Daniel also predicted this trouble - Dan. 9:26  
Destruction of Jerusalem & its Temple  
End would come like a flood  
There would be war & desolations are decreed
  5. But there must be a 70<sup>th</sup> period (Tribulation) – 9:27  
Gentile powers still over Israel  
Beginning with a strong covenant with many (Israel)

Covenant for 7 years

But this ruler will break the covenant after 3 ½ years  
"Putting an end of sacrifice and offering"

6. Jesus spoke of this as "abomination of desolation" – Matt. 24:15-24  
This term comes from Daniel's prediction under Greek rule  
When Alexander the Great died 4 generals took over  
Antiochus Epiphanes created an abomination in the Temple by offering a sow as a sacrifice desolating the Temple  
The Jews rose up with God's help, defeating him  
The Feast of Hanukkah remembers this victory  
Jesus used this event to warn of antichrist's abomination
7. Consider words in 2 Thess.2:3-4 & Rev. 13:5-8, 11-15  
When man of sin sits on God's throne & is worshipped as god  
This marks the abomination shortening the Tribulation  
Jesus warns Israelites to flee for His protection

#### **IV. God's Messengers – Rev. 11**

1. Two witnesses appear – like 2 lampstands - 11:4  
They have power to protect themselves – 5-6  
Power to bring fire out of his mouth (like Elijah)  
Power to shut the sky that no rain may fall during their prophesying  
Power over waters to turn water into blood (like Moses)  
Power to strike the earth with every kind of plague
2. Note: Moses & Elijah appeared at Jesus' transfiguration -  
When Jesus spoke with them about His departure, which  
He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem – Luke 9:28-31
3. When these witnesses finished their testimony to Israel – 7  
The beast out of the bottomless pit killed them  
Their dead bodies will lay in the streets of Jerusalem for 3 ½ days
4. People on earth will celebrate their death – 10  
But their celebration was brief
5. After 3 ½ days breath of life from God entered them –

11

They stood on their feet & great fear fell on those who saw them

6. A loud voice from heaven said, “come up here” – 12  
They went to heaven in a cloud & their enemies watched them
7. At that hour there was a great earthquake – 13  
A tenth of the city fell & 7,000 people were killed  
The rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven

4. They were each given “a white robe” – 11  
“Told to rest a little longer” – God declares them righteous  
“Until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers”  
“Should be complete who were killed as they themselves had been
5. These 4 horses lead to more martyrs – Matt. 24:15  
This prince will break his covenant with Israel – Dan. 9:27  
He will do something to desolate the temple  
Partial fulfillment with Antiochus and the sow  
But Jesus speaks of this abomination & desolator
6. Consider words in 2 Thess. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:5-8, 11-15  
This anti-christ sits in the temple, worshipped as god  
Brings on the “Great Tribulation” and many martyrs
7. Is this not a worthy reason why God should judge?

## II. Disturbance in God’s Creation – 6:12-14

1. God shakes what man thought was unmovable – 12-14  
When the Lamb opens the 6<sup>th</sup> seal  
All creation seems to come apart – Col. 1:17  
The God who created this universe can cause it to come apart
2. Note how the various parts begin to unravel – 12-14

There was a “great earthquake” – (God’s Word says (“great”) - 12

So “great” that it may be felt all over the earth

The sun became “black as sackcloth” – 12

That which was made to give humans light is now hidden in darkness

Those separated from God in sin get a taste of “outer darkness” – Matt.22:13

The full moon became “like blood” – 13

The glory of the “full moon” becomes marked by “bloodshed”

The “stars of the sky fell to the earth” - 13

As a fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale”

Man has for a long time dreaded “falling stars”

The Sky vanished “like a scroll that is being rolled up” – 14

God seems to remove, for at least a brief time, when these heavenly things disappear

The land masses begin to shift from place to place– 14

“Every mountain and island was removed from its place”

It is difficult for us to imagine such a shaking when God removes His hand

## III. Humans Try to Hide from God – 6:15-17

1. Man seeks a place to hide - 15

## Opening 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Seal Revelation 6:9-17

### I. Cry of the Martyrs – 6:9-11

1. The Lamb opens the 5<sup>th</sup> seal – 6:9  
John saw souls under the altar  
This altar is the altar of “incense”  
Where the prayers of God’s people rose like “incense” to God – Rev. 8:3-4  
These souls under the altar were souls of the martyrs – 9  
“Souls of those who had been slain for the Word of God”  
“And for the witness they had borne”
2. These souls cried out with a loud voice – 10  
“O Sovereign Lord, holy and true,” – God is absolutely “Just”  
“How long before you will judge and avenge our blood” -  
“On those who dwell on the earth?”  
Cry for Justice
3. Think of how great that number of those martyred  
Think of those listed in Scripture  
Like John the Baptist, Stephen, James  
Those listed in Church History  
Like Peter, Paul, most of the Apostles  
Like those listed in Foxe’s Book of Martyrs  
Those in our own life-time  
Like missionaries killed by Auca Indians  
Like those now being killed in “Persecuted Churches”

When creation seems to come apart  
Like Adam & Eve, guilty sinners try to hide from  
God

Some men may appear to have greater opportunity  
To hide  
The Kings and the great ones, generals of earth may  
have a bunker

Surely the rich and the powerful must have a place  
But, not so, everyone, slave and free, hid themselves  
in caves

Hid themselves among the rocks of the mountains

2. Man, in terror calls to the mountains & rocks – 16  
Crying out for the rocks and mountains to fall on them  
“Hide us from the face of Him who is seated on the  
Throne”

“And from the wrath of the Lamb”

3. “For the great day of their wrath has come” – 17  
“And who can stand”

4. There is one more seal to be opened – 8:1  
And that 7<sup>th</sup> seal will open two other descriptions of  
God’s wrath

The 7<sup>th</sup> seal will unfold 7 trumpets sounding God’s  
judgment

And the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet will sound two descriptions of  
“Bowls of wrath”

But chapter 7 gives bright hope for God’s people