Resurvection Life of Jesus Church THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST SERIES RLJ-809 JOHN S. TORELL FEBRUARY 24, 2002 PART 13: THE MYSTERY OF TIMES

CHAPTER EIGHT

God now reveals to the Apostle John the severity of the judgments that will take place on the earth during the reign of the Antichrist. In order to fully understand the severity and the intensity of these judgments, look at the chart at the back of this outline.

VERSE 1

It is now time to destroy another myth which we have accepted without having looked at the facts. There is no place in the Bible where it states that the Tribulation period will be last seven years. The pre-tribulation rapture teachers always talk about the 70th week of Daniel. Let's take a closer look at the book of Daniel.

In **Daniel 9:1-3**, we find Daniel seeking an answer from God regarding how long the people from Jerusalem will be in captivity. He refers to **Jeremiah 25:11** and **29:10**, which predicted 70 years and that is how long it lasted. When the angel from the Lord arrives, he uses the time measurement "week." If we want to be true to the text, a "week" is the same as "one earth year." Therefore, if we look at **Daniel 9:25-27**, we must use years for the time table given. Verse 25 talks about 7 years and 62 years. Verse 26 talks about another 62 years and the so-called "70th" week of Daniel is in reality a period of one year.

If we compare this time measurement with **Daniel 12:7**, it is obvious that we cannot understand the time measurements used by God. If we go to **2 Peter 3:8**, we find another definition:

- □ 1 hour for God is 41.67 years for man
- □ 1 minute for God is 8 months and 8 days for man
- □ 1 second for God is 3 days and 22 hours for man

Looking at **Revelation 8:1** and **17:12**, my personal belief is that the timetable found in the book of Revelation is the same as described in **2 Peter 3:8**. This means that the silence mentioned in Revelation 8:1 is talking about a period of 20.84 years and if we add this to Revelation 17:12, it means that the tribulation period will last more than 62.51 years!

VERSES 2-4

We are informed that the prayers of the saints are saved before the Lord in heaven and no prayer is ever wasted. **Psalms 141:2; Acts 10:1-4**



VERSE 5

God is receiving attention from the people on the earth as fire is cast down to the earth as a sign of what will happen next.

VERSE 6

The seven angels are ready to blow their trumpets.

VERSE 7

This judgment will be an ecological disaster. With one third of all trees gone, the oxygen level in the air will be lower and men will have difficulty breathing. Compare this with **Ezekiel 38:18-23**

VERSES 8-9

This judgment will also be an ecological disaster as the oceans produce the rain. With more than 33% of the oceans turning into blood, it will create havoc on the earth. Compare this with **Exodus 7:17-21**

VERSES 10-11

I believe that this is a reference to the Devil, who up to this time has been the prince of the air. **Ephesians 2:1-2**

He will be thrown to the surface of the earth and make great damage. Anyone drinking at the well of the Devil will be bitterly disappointed and destroyed. **John 10:10**

VERSE 12

God has used darkness in the past as a judgment. Reducing light will be another ecological disaster that will alter the climate, change food growth and bring diseases upon people. Compare this with **Exodus 10:22-23**

VERSE 13

It's going to get worse yet!

Do you have an ear to hear with?