



THE TWO WITNESSES OF REV. 11:3-12

The Battle between Organized Atheism and the Bible

The real nature of Satan's original rebellion has been to do away with God, and since he was cast on the earth and is not able to handle God, he has waged his war relentlessly upon those who have God dwelling in them! From the beginning of sin on the earth the prophecy of Gen. 3:15, showed that there would be enmity between the seed of Satan – wicked men, and the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, and this enmity continued in the persecution of the righteous by the wicked as was very early testified to in the slaying of Abel by Cain, and in the great persecutions that swept the true church all throughout history! When the wicked attack the righteous, it is Satan that is seeking to do away with God from in them, and the fact that true Christianity has suffered persecution by Roman Catholicism and its rebellious child communism is a testimony that Christ is indeed God, and He is with us. The prophecy of Rev. 11:3-12 is an account of Satan's war against Christ by using evil men in an attempt to destroy his Word, the Bible, and how Christ overcomes them! The meek and propitiations Lamb overcomes expiation by simply showing himself, as he is, gracious and forgiving! In verse three of the prophecy it is identified that the first and second witness of the Holy Scriptures, in which is the power of God, the Gospel, are to bear their testimony in hiding and great destruction, for the Bible was a banned book forbidden to be read by the common people on pain of death by the Roman Church for 1260 years when they ruled officially over the hearts of men! Verse four to verse six shows that the Word of God is the oil of the olive trees, the light of the candlestick! It is the Word of God that brought retribution to those who rejected it in the form of drought, fire, blood and plagues that fell upon men!

Verse seven shows that just before the close of the 1260 years of Papal supremacy a new atheistic power, arising out of social chaos and disorder shall make war against the Bible and shall, efficiently destroy its influence from that particular land in which it rises is brought by this Godless power into a state of sodomy and atheism! That nation in particular rejected Christ in the great protestant reformation, crucifying him afresh! France is the only nation that fits the exact time and incidents of the prophecy in the ill famed Bartholomew massacre, French Revolution and Reign of Terror that transpired within its borders!

Verse nine identifies that the Bible was banned in France for three years and a half, it was publicly burned in the streets in heaps in the sight of the nations of the world

as they watched along in horror! But its retributive influence was not dead, it was covertly working, while, according to verse ten, the infidels, skeptics and atheists rejoiced and held public celebrations all over the country that they had gotten rid of the Word of God that convicted them of sin and of righteousness day and night! In verse eleven is brought to view the fact that the legislative council of France realized that the absence of the Word of God was ruining the country in much retributions, so they lifted the ban after three years and a half, restoring the Bible to the country! The skeptics, infidels and atheists were defeated and great fear fell upon them that they, with their sinful influence would be swept away by the influence of the Holy Scriptures! In verse twelve is revealed that only after that time the Bible became a greatly exalted book! Bible societies were organized to translate and mass print the Bible for distribution to the furthest ends of the earth! Voltaire's, who was, the greatest of French infidels, home became the housing of a Bible society, France was rocked like an earthquake (vs. 13) in all these events that came upon it, and God won the battle!

Many lessons are taught in this prophecy that would do us well in these times if we learn them! These events are to be replayed on a global scale in the last few closing days of this earth's history! Atheism is the ultimate, and with it unipolytheism shall be rampant! The real issue upon this earth is an attempt by the expiatory carnal mind to do away with God and supply his place with oblivion! Those that believe Christ and is therefore justified shall escape the onslaught brought by communism on all apostate religions! To be covered within with the life of Christ is to be covered in an objective substitutionary sense with his death! May God save us by this atonement as we submit to him, in Jesus holy name, amen!

NOTES ON REVELATION 11:3-12

- 1)
 - a. Vs. 3. Power (This is the gospel. Rom. 1:16).
 - b. Two witness (This is the whole scriptures or bible). The first witness: Jn. 5:39; Lk. 4:16-21. The second witness: Jn. 20:30,31; 2 Pet. 3:15,16.
 - c. 1260 days, (days are years: Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:6. This is the official reign of the papacy, (Rev. 13:1-3,5-7) in 538 A.C.B. to 1798 A.C.B.
 - d. Sackcloth (implies moaning and suffering. Gen. 37:34; 2 Sam. 3:31; Esther. 4:1).
 - e. To prophesy is to preach. 1 Cor. 14:4; Eze. 35:1,2.
- 2)
 - a. Vs. 4. Olive trees and candlesticks (Ps. 18:28); (they are the oil of the spirit of truth. Zech. 4:1-6; The Spirit is truth. (1 Jn. 5:6). And the word is truth. (Jn. 17:17). They are the word of God.

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 - a. Vs. 5. Fire proceedeth out of their mouth. (Retribution for transgressing God's word. Lev. 10:1-6; Gen. 19:13-15,17,24).
 - b. In this manner should be killed. Matt. 26:52; Rev. 13:10.
- 4)
 - a. Vs. 6. To shut heaven with no rain. 1 Kin. 17:1; 1 Kin. 18:17,18.
 - b. To turn waters into blood. Ex. 7:19-21.
 - c. Plagues. Ps. 106:28-30.
- 5)
 - a. Vs. 7. Shall have finished (Greek Literally reads "when ever they should be finishing..." Concordant Version of Greek Scriptures, pg. 709).
 - b. Beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit. (it is identified in Rev. 17:3,8,11). It is organized atheism (communism) by the fact that it fights against and causes the final downfall of all religions. Rev. 17:12,13,16,17.
 - c. Bottomless pit (Greek: Abyass, chaos, disorder. (Gen. 1:2, deep). Rev. 20:1).
 - d. Kill: (Not literally kill: Eze. 34:3).
- 6)
 - a. Vs. 8. Sodom (Homosexuality and sexual immorality: Gen. 19:4-11).
 - b. Egypt: (Atheism: Ex. 5:2).
 - c. Where our Lord was crucified (rejecting Christ: Heb. 6:4-6; Lk. 23:21).
- 7)
 - a. Vs. 9. Three days and a half (three and a half years: Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:6).
 - b. Nor suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves... (influence not finished, more yet to come: 1 Kin. 17:17-21).
- 8)
 - a. Vs 10. They that dwell on the earth rejoice... (Wicked temporary triumph: Job. 20:5; Eccl. 7:6).
 - b. Two prophets: (word of God prophesieth: 2 Pet. 1:19-21; Rev. 22:18,19).
 - c. Tormented them that dwell on the earth: Acts. 9:5; Ps.119:142; Jn. 17:17; Zech. 5:1-4.
- 9)
 - a. Vs. 11. Spirit of life entered into them (word revived in the land: 1 Kin. 17:21-24).
 - b. Great fear fell upon them: Pr. 28:1; Isa. 57:20,21.

10. a. Vs. 12 Ascended up to heaven in a cloud... (God's word exalted, the bible more prominent in the world: Pr. 4:7, 8; Job. 5:11, 12; Pr. 16:15, 16; Heb. 12:1; Ps. 57:10; Ps. 108:4.