

THE FLIGHT OF THE RADIANT WOMAN  
STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY

IV. The Ecclesia in the New Testament.

Study Sheet #12 - The Church Age in the Revelation of John.

H. The Church Age in Revelation.

1. The four Apocalyptic Horsemen.

a. The scroll and the Lamb, Rev. 5:1-14.

i. The scroll, vs. 1.

"in the right hand"

"a scroll written within and on the back"

"sealed with seven seals"

ii. The Lamb, vs. 2-6.

1) The identity of the Lamb.

- The Lion of Judah, Gen. 49:9-10.

- The Root of David, Isa. 11:1.

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### 2) The location of the Lamb...

"And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders "

### 3) The appearance of the Lamb.

- Looking as if he had been slain.

- With seven horns.

- With seven eyes.

### iii. The Lamb takes the scroll, vs. 7.

"and took the scroll from the right hand..."

### b. Opening the seals, Rev. 6:1-8.

#### i. The first seal: the white horse, vs. 1-2.

##### 1) The command to come forth, vs. 1.

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2) Determining the identity.

a) The Christ, Rev. 19:11.

b) The antichrist.

c) The Gospel or a reflection of the Gospel, Matt. 24:14, 6, 7, 9.

ii. The second seal: the fiery red horse, vs. 3-4, Matt. 10:34-35, 24:6-7.

"And out came another horse, fiery red"

"Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth"

"so that people should slay one another"

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"he was given a great sword"

iii. The third seal: the black horse, vs. 5-6.

"I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures"

"a quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius"

"but do not harm the oil and wine"

iv. The fourth seal: the pale horse, vs. 7-8, Eze 14:21.

"a pale horse"

"its rider's name was Death"

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"and Hades followed him."

"and they were given authority over a fourth of the earth"

"to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wiled  
beasts of the earth"

c. Visions of the Gospel Age.

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4. The blood of the martyrs, Rev. 9-11.
  - a. Souls under the altar, vs. 9, Lev. 17:11
  
  - b. Reasons for martyrdom.
    - i. Killed for the Word of God.
  
    - ii. Killed for the witness they had borne.
      - 1) Personal witness.
  
      - 2) Christ's witness.
  
  - c. A cry for vengeance, vs. 10, Luke 23:34, Acts 7:60.
    - i. Being a good saint... Rom. 12:19
  
    - ii. Longing for justice.
  
  - d. All in God's timing, vs. 11.
    - i. Robes of white.
  
    - ii. Waiting "a little longer", 2Pet. 3:8.
  
    - iii. Patiently awaiting the completion of God's will.
  
  - e. The reality of persecution.

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5. Protection and persecution, Matt. 16:18.

a. The mighty angel of the Gospel, Rev. 10:1-11.

i. The mighty angel over land and sea, vs. 1-7.

1) The appearance of the mighty angel, vs. 1-3a.

2) The seven thunders, vs. 3b-4.

3) The message of the mighty angel, vs. 5-7.

ii. The "little" scroll, vs. 8-10.

1) The voice from heaven, vs. 8.

2) Safe in God's providential will, vs. 9a.

3) Eating the scroll, vs. 9b-10.

iii. The mandate to prophesy, vs. 11.

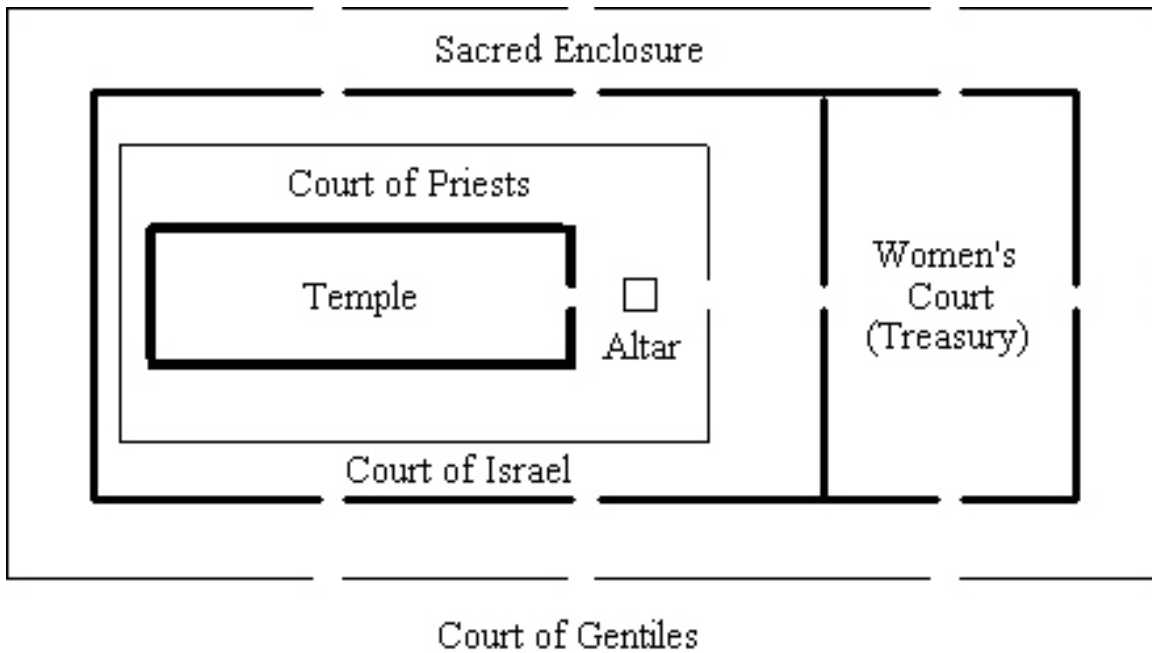
iv. Mighty to save!

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b. The trampled church, Rev. 11:1-2.

i. Measuring the temple of God, vs. 1, Eze. 43:4-7.

1) The physical temple complex.



2) The spiritual temple, 1Cor. 3:16, 2Cor. 6:16, Eph. 2:20-22, Heb. 12:22-23, Rev. 21:22.



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### 3) The "inner" and "outer" temple.

"measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there"

### 4) Measuring the inner temple.

## ii. The trampling of the church, vs. 2.

### 1) Leaving out the outer courts, Matt. 15:8-9, John 4:21,23.

"but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out"

### 2) The "giving over" of the outer court, vs. 2b.

"for it is given over to the nations,"

### 3) Identifying the "holy city", vs. 2c.

"the holy city"

### 4) The trampling of the holy city.

"they will trample"

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- a) Defilement and apostasy from within the church.
  
- b) Persecution from outside the church.
  
  
- 5) The duration of the "trampling", vs. 2d.
  - a) For forty-two months, Rev. 13:5.
  
  - b) For 1260 days, Rev. 11:3, 12:6.
  
  - c) For "time, times and a half", Rev. 12:14.
  
  - d) Looking back to Daniel, Dan. 9:27, 7:25.
  
  - e) Digging out the meaning.

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c. The two witnesses, Rev. 11:3-12.

1) Who are the witnesses? (vs. 3)

a) Literal view...

b) The figurative view, Matt. 28:18-19, Luke 10:1.

2) Headed for persecution.

a) Sackcloth and ashes, John 15:18,20, Rev. 10:11.

b) The duration of their witness.

3) The olive trees and lampstands, vs. 4, Zech. 4:2-3.

4) Protected from harm, vs. 5-6.

a) The power of the Gospel, vs. 5, Jer. 5:14.

b) The power to change the world, vs. 6.

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- 5) The persecution of the witnesses, vs. 7-10.
  - a) Life and death struggle with the beast, vs. 7.
  
  - b) The reaction of the earth, vs. 8.
  
  - c) The death of the church, vs. 9-10.
  
- 6) The resurrection of the church, vs. 11-12.