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*The CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
Through CHRIST
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Based upon Jim McGuigan's work on the book of Revelation

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Interlude Continued: Measuring the Temple

- **In order to separate the Holy and the common**
 - 2 Sam. 8:1-2, Ezekiel 40:2ff, Zech. 2:1-5, Isaiah 28:16
- **What is to be measured?**
 - The temple, the altar, those that worship therein
 - But not the outer court given to the Gentiles
- **What does it signify?**
 - Protection of God's saints from judgment but not suffering
 - Rejection of the world
 - Even rejection of the worldly in the Church



Interlude Continued: The Two Witnesses

- **The Two Witnesses are the Church at work**
 - Harkens back to OT prophets and evangelists (v.6)
 - Are given authority to preach
 - They preach despite adverse conditions
 - Are persecuted and killed
 - Yet are resurrected and made to ascend to heaven
 - Notice use of numbers two; three-and-a-half
- **The Gospel of Jesus Christ is victorious**

The 7th Trumpet (chapter 11)

- **Now, we return to the message of judgment announced with the first six trumpets**
 - 9:20-21 There is no repentance despite warning
- **The third woe: Final judgment on Rome**
 - Great voices proclaim Christ's victory
- **Song of Praise of God as Judge**
- **Thus final victory and final defeat announced**
- **Ark of the Covenant**
 - Symbolic of God fulfilling His promise

The Glorious Woman (chapter 12)

- **The People of God viewed as a corporate whole**
 - Lamentations 1:1, Ezekiel 16:32, Isaiah 47 OT examples
 - A crown of twelve stars
 - She is a light-bearer (sun and moon)
- **Persecuted by the Dragon (see Isaiah 51)**
 - Woman and seed opposed by the serpent (Gen 3)
 - Dragon unsuccessfully seeks death of Newly Born
 - Suffers wilderness experience
 - Dragon turns to kill “rest of her seed”
 - Children (offspring) used to describe Christians as individuals

The Sea-Beast (chapter 13)

- **Seven heads (1)**
- **Ten horns (1)**
- **Ten crowns (1)**
- **Blasphemous names (1)**
- **Leopard (2)**
- **Bear (2)**
- **Lion(2)**
- **Dragon gave power (2)**
- **Death stroke (3)**
- **World marveled (3)**
- **World followed (3)**
- **World worshiped dragon (4/8)**
- **World worships beast (4)**
- **Spoke blasphemies (5)**
- **Authority 42 months (5)**
- **Made war w/ saints (7)**
- **Authority over every tribe, tongue, & nation (8)**

The Earth-Beast (chapter 13)

- **Appearance of a Lamb (“like a lamb” – vs.1)**
 - Gentle, docile
 - The appearance of religion
- **Reality of this BEAST**
 - Spoke like a dragon (vs. 1)
 - False religion
- **Acted under the authority of the sea-beast**
 - Religious parliament
 - The enforcement of emperor-worship
 - Power of life and death



The Lamb with His People (chapter 14)

- **The 144,000**
 - **Father's name on their foreheads (v.1)**
 - **Sounds of harps, singing a New Song (vv.2,3)**
 - **Redeemed from the earth (v.3)**
 - **They followed the Lamb wherever He goes (v.4)**
- **Those with the mark of the Beast (v.9,11)**
 - **Torment w/ fire-brimstone in Lamb's presence (v.10)**
 - **Smoke of torment goes up forever and ever (v.11)**
 - **No rest day and night (v.11)**
 - **Compare with condition of saints in vv.12-13**



Two Aspects of Judgment (chapter 14)

- **Reaping the Earth (vv.14-16)**
 - As viewed by the righteous
 - The figure is that of wheat
 - A symbol of righteous man, Mt. 13:30
- **Reaping the Grapes of Wrath (vv.17-20)**
 - As viewed by the unrighteous
 - Winepress of the wrath of God from Isaiah 63
 - Outside the city, i.e., Jerusalem
 - Therefore non-Christians



Prelude: 7 Angels, 7 Plagues (chap. 15)

- **God's people sing praise to Him**
 - Reaction to the coming judgment of Rome and their vindication
- **Seven Angels with Seven Plagues**
 - Come from the Temple
- **One of “four living creatures” gives them the seven bowls of wrath**
- **Temple becomes unapproachable**

The Seven Bowls (chapter 16)

- **Bowls: One – Three (vv.1-4)**
 - Possibly effects of spiritual decay
- **Reason For The Bowls (vv.5-7)**
 - God answered prayers (Rev. 6:10 – How long?)
 - It is their just due (they deserve what they get)
 - God’s judgment is right
- **Bowls: Four – Five (vv.8-11)**
 - Possibly deepening moral decay
- **Bowl: Six (vv.12-18) Figurative int’l warfare**
- **Bowl: Seven (vv.19ff) – It is done! Rome and its allies are fallen**

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The Harlot and the Scarlet Beast (chapter 17)

- **INVITATION (17:1-2)**
 - *“Come I will show you the judgment”*
- **DESCRIPTION (17:3-6)**
 - Harlot - How she is dressed, drunk, killed saints
 - Scarlet Beast - 7 heads, 10 horns, supports the harlot
- **EXPLANATION (17:7-18)**
 - Harlot is Rome
 - Scarlet-Beast is the Roman Empire



Voicing the Consequences (chapter 18)

- **Voice of Condemnation (18:1-3)**
 - Rome is doomed – Babylon is fallen
- **Voice of Separation (18:4-8)**
 - Come out from her My people
- **Voice of Lamentation (18:9-19)**
 - Kings, merchants, shipmasters wail at her fall
- **Voice of Celebration (18:20)**
 - Souls under Altar (6:10-11) - You are avenged
- **Voice of Destruction (18:21-24)**
 - Babylon will be thrown down and not found anymore

Celebration & Armageddon (chapter 19)

- **Alleluia (Praise Jehovah)**
 - Salvation, glory, honor, power belong to God (1)
 - He judged His enemies, smoke rises forever (3)
 - Twenty-four elders worshiped Him (4)
 - The Lord God Omnipotent reigns (6)
- **Marriage of the Lamb (19:7-10)**
 - The Wife has made herself ready
- **The King of Kings and Lord of Lords (11-21)**
 - The battle is over – He is victorious
 - Enemies are destroyed (lake of fire)

SYMBOLS OF REVELATION 20

SYMBOL	MEANING	MEANING
Bottomless Pit (1,2)	Realm of Satan, Depravity	
Chain (1)	Power to Control / Restrain	
1,000 Yrs Reigning (4)	Perfect, complete, full Victory	Not a Period of Time
1,000 Yrs Binding (2,3)	Perfect, complete, full Defeat	Not a Period of Time
Little While (3)	Limited, Short, Controlled	Satan is not Through
Souls - Beheaded (4)	Died for Christ	
Rest of the Dead (5)	Died for the Beast, Evil	
1st Resurrection (5)	Resurrection of a Right Cause	Reign with Christ
2nd Resurrection (12-13)	Resurrection of a Wicked Cause	Retribution on evil and Wicked
1st Death (4)	We all will Die	Those Martyred for Christ
2nd Death (6,14)	Judgment-Those with Caesar	Final Judgment = Hell
Gog & Magog (8)	All that are Anti-God	Assurance of future protection
Lake of Fire (10,14,15)	Total Irrevocable Defeat	Final Judgment- Hell
Earth, Heaven Fled (11)	21,22 speak of "New" things	Final Judgment
Book of Life (12, 14)	Active workers for God	Heaven's Attendance Book
Sea (13)	Heathen Nations	All that are dead will rise
Death & Hades (13-14)	Inflicted harm (6:8) on Saints	Final Judgment

The Church Triumphant (chapter 21)

A New Environment

- **The New Heaven and New Earth (1)**
 - **First heaven & earth fled away - Rome is gone**
 - **No more sea - hostile society or environment**
 - **Isaiah 65-66 – Israel’s return from Babylonian captivity.**
 - **A new environment, new world, the old pain is gone**
- **The New Jerusalem (2-3)- The church**
 - **As a Bride (9) - She remained faithful and pure**
 - **Tabernacle - Fellowship with God**
- **New Circumstances (4-5)**
 - **No tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain**
 - **The troubles of the past are over – AS PROMISED!**

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A Glorious City

Her Divine Origin (10)

Her Light - Glory (11)

Her Wall and Gates (11)

Her Foundations (14)

Her Shape and Size (15-17)

Her Preciousness (18-21)

Her Temple (22)

Her Light (23)

Her Testimony (24)

Her Security and Honor (24-26)

Her Holiness (27)

Central Messages

- **God alone is to be Worshiped.**
- **Dominion belongs to the Lord and Christ.**
 - **Truth is to be Maintained**
(no matter what).
 - **Rome (the World) opposes God, His Kingdom and His Purposes.**
- **Persecution, but Protection. Trouble, but Triumph. Suffering, but Sustained.**
 - **When the smoke clears ...**
the Saints are and will be Triumphant.

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