

Current Affairs #111 – The Completed Testimony

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We will continue now from the 7th verse of Revelation, chapter 11: “When the testimony is finished.”¹ When the testimony of those who are measured and approved, tested and approved, who then put on display the finishing work of Christ, they are like Christ. They are clothed with Christ: clothed with His purpose, clothed with His authority, clothed with His identity. Their coming forth is a prelude to the separation between those in the court of the Gentiles and those in the Holy of Holies. Some from the court of the Gentiles, upon seeing the perfect standard, will long for it, and even some from the world will long for it as well. They will say, “Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob.”² There is no indication that the whole earth will do that, nor is there any indication that all of those in the court of the Gentiles will do that, so the separation will occur.

Among those in the court of the Gentiles will be still those who, at one time, had a connection to the truth but fell away. This will be a time for them to be renewed. “Many will fall and be refined,” the Scriptures say.³ But the refinement of some will not come until the millennium, where they are assigned a portion with the unbelievers. They are excluded from those who are given the right, given the inheritance, given the *kléroó*,⁴ the clergy, if you like—which is by no means a reference to those who preach, who say they are the clergy. That is an attempt to apply a biblical principle to an unbiblical order or form. The *kléroó*, from which we get the word “clergy,” is a reference to those who have an inheritance; an allotment is actually the meaning of *kléroó*—an allotment, as in a lot of land, an allotment of land, and synonymous with having received an inheritance from the Father.

All Scripture quotations are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Revelation 11:7: “When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.”

² See Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2,

³ See Daniel 11:35: “And *some* of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify *them*, and make *them* white, *until* the time of the end; because *it is* still for the appointed time.” See also Daniel 12:10.

⁴ See *kléroó*, Strong’s Greek 2820 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/2820.htm>

You have been robbed of so many things, and you have been robbed by thieves and robbers, institutional creations of Satan that would minimize your standing as the sons of God and maximize the effect of the false. And by the way, that is what we are dealing with today, where the false, the trivial, the immature are collected together as this mob, and the leaders have lost control of the mob. The mob is doing what the mob wants to do. Parenthetically, and I will not go down this trail, I am reminded of that poetic reference by W.B. Yeats, who wrote early in the 1900s and wrote in the context of the First World War and the coming of the First World War, he wrote the words in a poem called “The Second Coming”:

Turning and turning in a widening gyre [or circle—the Irish term for circle]
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;⁵

I am looking at this riotous mob comprised of unbelievers and Christians alike, and generally referred to as a Christian mob, assaulting a nation. Look, you have got to wake up at some point. This thing has gone beyond the control of the leaders, the ones who stirred it up, the folks who kept calling the outgoing president, “Cyrus” (No. He was Nebuchadnezzar), these false ones who prophesied a second term. I am bringing prophetic Scripture into the present order of things, so you have a way of gauging and measuring. Because, you see, whenever someone does not continue to pursue growing and maturing in Christ, they inevitably default to earthly things. In America I have seen, I have witnessed with my own eyes, both those who once walked in the truth and those who never cared to walk in the truth, they go back and they embrace nationalism, and they embrace the security of a tribe, whether Black or White. But that is what the Scriptures said would happen in the last days. It said it would be *ethnos* against *ethnos*.⁶ The Greek term *ethnos*⁷ has been translated “race;” it is ethnic.

⁵ See “The Second Coming” - <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43290/the-second-coming>

⁶ See Matthew 24:6c-8: “...but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.”

⁷ See *ethnos*, Strong’s Greek 1484 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/1484.htm>

Why are we surprised? How is it we do not understand when the thing is so clear before us? An unbelieving mob comprised of those who name the name of Christ, have a form of godliness, but they rely on the power of their armed might. This is not the Body of Christ. These are delusional people. These are people who do not represent Christ, but their leaders stirred them up, and their leaders are pastors. To the very end, many of these so-called prophets kept telling the people that God was going to take out His magic wand and wave it, and their desires would come to pass. We have the croaking of certain preachers on television, easily identifiable, easily checked upon, in which they were supposedly laughing at the idea that someone else won the presidential sweepstakes. Fools and blind, false and hypocritical, they have stirred a mob. And in their crazed frenzy, this “blood-dimmed tide,” to quote W.B. Yeats, is delusional, and it thinks that it represents God. So, we are right there already. These things are unprecedented.

The Bible says that in these days people will see, and they will not see; they will hear, and they will not hear; neither will they understand. Because they only want to see what they want to see, they only want to hear what they want to hear, and if you are not telling them what they want to hear, this mob will run you over. But it is not the end yet. It is the beginnings of sorrows. The end is not yet. This chaotic happening simply sets up the legitimacy of the persecution that comes down hard in the name of order, in the name of the preservation of nations, and giving rise to the fulfillment of Scripture that says, “And you,” speaking of the true representatives of Christ, “you will be hated by all the nations because of Me.”⁸ When that occurs, you see, no one will speak in the defense of the persecuted ones. It will be as if they deserve it.

I have been saying these things for decades. The time of these things not only has come, they are unfolding right in front of us. But as clear and as obvious as they are, most people miss it. Most people do not want to hear. Even these messages, clear and obvious as they are, will hurt the ears of those who are deceived. It will. But that is the nature of deception; it cannot abide the truth. Now, in this environment the backlash will come. It will not come immediately. The separation comes first. And then, the accreditation of the *naos*⁹ of God—the accreditation of those who dwell

⁸ See Matthew 24: 9: “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.”

⁹ See *naos*, Strong’s Greek 3485 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/3485.htm>

in the secret place of the Most High, who abide under the shadow of the Almighty, who do not put their confidence in the arm of flesh, who do not see themselves as patriots of any nation but see themselves, first and foremost, as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, who do not rely on race as the basis of their togetherness and security—they will have a turn in the spotlight to put on and to put on display the full characterization of Christ.

See, the enemy is not particularly concerned about a mob. He is not particularly concerned about those who do not accurately represent Christ. Even the enemy knows that this mob does not represent Christ, so he is not apt to move swiftly to shut them down. They are no threat to him. He thrives in chaos. He loves warfare, and he loves strife, so he will countenance it. But God will swiftly cause to arise that which truly represents Him to hold this template before the rest of humanity. When that happens, the mob will be distinguished from the functioning Kingdom of God. And when that happens, the enemy will realize how late in the day it has become.

When they finish their testimony... (Revelation 11:7a).

I want to focus for just a bit on those words: “When they finish their testimony.” The word “finish” there is the word *teleós*,¹⁰ and it literally means to complete. Now in an adjective form, describing the noun, you may have a perfect man or a complete man, in which case, that is the *teleios*,¹¹ the intended result of God: that there be a man in the image and likeness of Christ. This is a corporate man; this is not an individual.

Hence, I believe that so much of this reference is to the kingly, priestly anointing, which is unmistakable by the connection to Zechariah, chapters 4 and 6, both of which speak of the two sons of oil or the two anointings,¹² typified by the two olive trees and the two lampstands,¹³ and

¹⁰ See *teleó*, Strong’s Greek 5055 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5055.htm>

¹¹ See *teleios*, Strong’s Greek 5046 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5046.htm>

¹² See Zechariah 4:14 ERV: “Then said he, ‘These are the two sons of oil, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.’ ”

¹³ See Revelation 11:4: “These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.” See also Zechariah 4:2-3, 11.

again, always two bearing witness—verily, verily—presenting the royal priesthood. Both in Zechariah chapters 4 and 6, the crown is given to Joshua, the priest;¹⁴ but a crown is typically reserved for a king. So in the heart of the restoration of the order of Levi (because they are coming back out of Babylon), you have the restoration of the symbolism of the order of Melchizedek. Because Levi's relevance is that it carries forward the types and shadows that relate to Melchizedek—because it is the once and future order of things.

Levi, actually, and the Levitical order contains rich references, by way of types and shadows, to Melchizedek. Because everything that represents an antecedent, a thing that comes before, has only the relevance of carrying the representation of the thing that comes after; and until the thing comes, the value of that which comes before is a type and shadow. So until Christ came, and in whom is the fullness, the compendium—He is the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek—you would have the type and shadow of the priests in the order of Levi. And until the temple, the *naos* of God comes, you will have the type and shadow of the *hieron*,¹⁵ or the physical temple in Jerusalem. Until the people of the promise arise, you will have the Ark of the Covenant, and so on and so forth.

But when they do arise, the Scriptures say, “When they finish their testimony,” that is the key because this is the point at which there is a disclosure of the *teleios*, the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ. The measurement of the temple, or the measurement of the *naos* culminates with the demonstration of what has been measured. “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,” God said out of heaven; the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus in the form of a dove. And then He is taken up into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil, to put on display the assertion of God relative to who He is: “He is already complete. Now I will show Him to you in the testing by the devil, so that you may know that He is already complete.” So in that sense, when they finish their testimony...

¹⁴ See Zechariah 6:9-15.

¹⁵ See *hieron*, Strong's Greek 2411 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/2411.htm>

And I am going on a bit on this because it is a reference to that which is perfect—it is substantively that which is perfect, and it is substantively the consummate human integrity and virtue. This is the reference found in Romans 12:1-2, where it says,

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable [completely acceptable] to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Romans 12:1-2).

The word *teleios*,¹⁶ in reference to men, refers to a full-grown adult of full age.

- A reference would be in Hebrews 5:14: “But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”
- And, until we rise up to the same level of knowledge that we ascribe to a full-grown man, until we are likened to the full-grown man, to the fullness or completeness of the stature that belongs to Christ—this is the principle of Ephesians 4:13: “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” So it is an absolute fulfillment, namely, the perfect, the more intelligent, ready to apprehend divine matters.
- According to 1 Corinthians 2:6: “However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing” — and it is marginally referred to in the Revised Standard Version as “the full-grown man,” as opposed to the weak or the immature. Such a man has the mind and character of one who has the proper height of virtue and integrity.
- Again, for your study references:
 - Matthew 5:48: “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

¹⁶ See *teleios*, Strong’s Greek 5046 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5046.htm>

- Matthew 19:21: “Jesus said to him, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’”
- Philippians 3:15 KJV: “Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.”
- James 1:4: “But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

But then all of these, in a sense, are physical references to what is the essential pursuit, which is, in an absolute sense, this mature man is the one in whom, if you see this man, you will see the Father. That is, of course, Matthew 5:48, and it is about understanding and goodness.

I wanted to take a moment to establish something of the *teleios*, the complete man, because it is what is prophesied. Scriptures make it abundantly clear that such a man is what the earth is designed to produce. And here we have, just before the beast comes up out of the abyss to wage war against this man, we see him as finishing his testimony. I wanted to put the brakes on, as it were, in our study of the symbols of the Book of Revelation, and to remind you that, as well as any other book in the Scriptures, the Book of Revelation sets forth the original intent of God. It just does so in prophetic format that allows us to see the matter, spoken of previously and spoken of elsewhere throughout the Scriptures, finally come to fulfillment. It is like God never to leave a matter unfinished. He does not just say, “Let Us make man in Our image and likeness,”¹⁷ and does not revisit it. When He says it, He sets in motion in creation the thing He is going to do.

Now it ought not be surprising that, when He declares the matter as complete, He does so in the context of prophetic Scripture. Why? Because prophetic Scripture, particularly the Book of Revelation, speaks of the summarizing of all things, the summation of things. So, “When they finish their testimony,” they are living the reality of the *teleios* man, of the finished man, of this accurately formed man, as measured by the fulness of the stature that belongs to Christ.

¹⁷ See Genesis 1:26: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ”

This measured *naos*, this measured dwelling place of God presented, behaves and acts in a fashion that draws together the law and the prophets. Elijah is the archetypal prophet, so the reference is that he shuts up the heavens, so that it does not rain—as in the days of Elijah. And Moses is the summation of the law; he is the archetype of the law. So the law and the prophets were fulfilled in Christ exactly as was presented at the beginning of the ministry of Christ, when He took Peter, James, and John with Him up to the Mount of Transfiguration.¹⁸ There, He appeared in company with Moses and Elijah. And then, of course, Moses was taken away, Elijah was taken away, leaving Christ as the summation of all that the law and the prophets spoke about. So now here we have this corporate man who summarizes the things that happened in the law and the prophets—as represented by Moses, as represented by Elijah, and as modeled in Christ—and now it is perfected.

So we have the *teleios* man, the corporate man. We have the Son who represents the Father—the finished work of Christ observable in this man who finishes His testimony. It was always going to be that: that this man would finish the testimony of Jesus Christ, who is the Man in the image and likeness of God Himself. When that happens, just as in the days of Jesus, the beast arises because he knows that his time is short. He knows that whatever delusional view he has of somehow winning this battle against God, in this he is going to have to move swiftly because his time is short. That is what we will encounter in the rest of it.

I am Sam Soleyn. We will continue our study in Revelation, relative to chapter 11. I will see you next time. Bye-bye.

¹⁸ See Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36.