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## **Episode 32 - Trumpet 6: 1260 Days**

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The significance of the 42 months and 1260-day prophecies is explored in this podcast. The two olive trees and two candlesticks are also discussed.

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Hi. This is Scott Stanley exploring the deep things of God in the book of Revelation. This is our thirty-second podcast covering the book of Revelation, and we have been in the timing of the sixth trumpet. We're at Revelation 11. This is an extremely spiritual chapter, really, all of them in Revelation are, but there are so many symbols in Revelation 11 that we need to cover, and it just takes time.

We're looking at the two witnesses, and I pointed out that those two witnesses have to be truth, because it's Zion that goes to Jacob. In this chapter, we see that you don't go to the Gentiles. That only leaves the Jew. So, I want to highlight even more that we know: this represents two truths - to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself. On those two commandments hang all of the law, Matthew 22:40.

So, those two commandments are what it's all about: to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. If I am going to love God, the only way I can show that is to walk in

obedience and do what? Love my neighbor as myself. That's why in Galatians 5:14, Paul says,

Gal 5:14 All the law is fulfilled in one concept; Love your neighbour as yourself.

In doing that, I'm fulfilling the first one of loving God.

So, in this, Revelation 11, where we are right now, we're going to look first of all at these two time-frames given us in verse 2: 42 months, and in verse 3, 1,260 days. First of all, 1,260 days is 42 months. So why make a distinction between months and days? In Revelation, when you're looking at months, that always applies to the wicked. When he talks about days, that applies to the righteous. You judge months by the moon; you judge days by the sun.

So, 42 months: 42 is 6 times 7, and I can look at this and see 6 is the number of man, 7 is a fullness number. I've been told it's the number of perfection. It is not. It is fullness, and I say that because when I look at time, when I have 7 days, it fulfills a week. But then you have yet another week, and then another week, and then another week. So the 7 is a fullness.

But when I look at, say, the number 3, and I look at time, I have past, present, and future. That's all of it. That's more of a complete number. When I look at 6 times 7 and see it's 42 months, and I see the evil that they're trampling underfoot the holy city for 42 months, then I see 666666. I see 7 sixes.

Why? Why 7 sixes and not 6 sevens? And maybe you think this is foolish, but I want you to consider this. When I look at 42 months, I see the man first. I see the 6 first, and then fulfilling the fulfillment of man and his wickedness.

But if you put the 7 first, you see 7, and you see 6 of them. You see the fullness first in man. See, that's the opposite. So we're looking at the negative. So I see the man first reaching his fullness of iniquity, and I just see these 42 months, it's perfecting wickedness. But as you read verse 3,

Rev 11:3 I will give unto my two witnesses these two truths (the church carrying these truths), and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and threescore days (sixty days), clothed in sackcloth.

What is 1260? Well, you might want to write this down: 3 times 10, times 7, times 6, and just look at what they mean. Three is that complete number. Ten is "God's understanding." So I could say "a complete understanding of the fullness of man."

As the wicked are perfecting wickedness, 42 months, God's people are being perfected in righteousness, 1260 days, and they will prophesy 1260 days or until they come to a complete understanding of the fullness of man as God sees it: 3 times 10, times 7, times 6. You see that their testimony goes all the way to verse 7, when they shall have finished their testimony. So the 1260 days are not literal. It's a spiritual number. It's positive. It's days, not months. This is when the church of God, in delivering this message to Jacob, reaches a fullness of salvation.

So, going back again to verse 3, they're clothed in sackcloth. Well, sackcloth is a symbol of sadness (I got that from Psalm 30:11). Why would they be sad? Well, there are a couple of things here. One of them is that they know their message is going to be rejected. God has already told them that in Ezekiel 2-3 when he says, "*Eat the book.*" He says, "*These people will not listen to me. They're not going to listen to you either.*" Ezekiel walks off in the bitterness of his spirit. Sweet message turns bitter.

Well, that's one reason it's sackcloth. But another reason I believe is (and I don't know that we've covered this yet, we will), looking at Matthew 24:29, "*Then immediately after the tribulation, the sun, the moon, and the stars have no light.*" That is referring to Revelation 11:2, where they trample underfoot the holy city.

See, by this time, the trumpets have been given to the Gentiles, and you reach a point where there aren't any more that will come into the truth. For the people, for the church giving this message, that includes their family. That includes everyone on the planet, their loved ones, their friends... when God says, "*Alright, don't go to the Gentile anymore. Let's go to Jacob. Let's go to the Jew,*" and you walk in sadness because time is up for your family.

Again, not only is time up for your family, but you also know Jacob isn't going to receive it either. We know there will be some Jews who receive it, but that's what this chapter is going to bring out, that rejection of truth. Now, verse 4 is another verse that brings out that what we're looking at are 2 messages. When he makes the statement here,

Rev 11:4 These are two olive trees, and two candlesticks...

That word candlestick is actually lampstands. There weren't candlesticks in the sanctuary; it was lampstands. This goes back, playing off of Proverbs chapter 6. I want to start reading at verse 20.

Pro 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of your mother:

Now remember, if I'm reading this spiritually, the Father's commandment is to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. The law of the mother, the mother is New Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit. So,

Pro 6:20 My son, keep your father's commandment, and don't forsake the instruction, or the teaching of your mother.

Pro 6:21 Bind them continually upon your heart, and tie them about your neck.

Pro 6:22 When thou go, it (meaning your conscience) will lead you; when thou sleep, your conscience will keep you; and when you awake, your conscience will talk to you.

Why would it be "your conscience will do this"? Because in Jeremiah chapter 3:17, Jerusalem, which in this case is going to be New Jerusalem, *is the throne of Jehovah. The throne is the conscience.* So Jeremiah 3:17 fits right in to Proverbs 6:22. Your conscience is going to speak with you. It's the Holy Spirit when once you're on that level of understanding the cross. Now, verse 23 is what we're trying to get to.

Pro 6:23 The commandment is a lamp ...

What did we just read in Revelation 11 verse 4? These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands. *The commandment is a lamp.* Well, here I've got two lampstands. Again, love God and love your neighbor.

Pro 6:23 ... and the law (or the instruction of the Holy Spirit) is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

See, I've got the Holy Spirit in my conscience. So, as I go through my life, and people are making me angry, people doing what they do, being people, I have a way of looking at them that God has taught me from the cross. The Holy Spirit in my conscience will constantly be reproofing me to stay in God's love.

Now, the two olive trees. If you look at the two olive trees, this is Zechariah chapter 4. And, interestingly, this is the message given to Zerubbabel. Who is Zerubbabel?

Zerubbabel means "born in Babylon." Zechariah sees this vision, and the message to Zerubbabel is, "*Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD*" (Zec 4:6).

So it's all in spirit of the Father, which is the Holy Spirit. He sees this lamp stand with the golden pipes and the bowls, and asks this question:

Zec 4:11 What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left?

Zec 4:12 And I answered again, and I said, What are these two olive branches which through the golden pipes (gold always refers to the faith of Christ), golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves (or the Holy Spirit)?

Zec 4:14 These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

That word "anointed ones," if you look in your margin, these are "sons of oil." This is where the oil comes from. Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. They are feeding into the bowl to walk in love, and it isn't by power or might, it's by the spirit of the Father, which is the Holy Spirit.

Again, what you're seeing in Revelation 11 are two concepts of loving God and loving your neighbor. You're seeing the mind of the church bringing the message to Jacob. And I tried to point out in our last podcast how that could be done using the Old Testament, because if you're going to go to Jacob, you're not going to be using the New Testament.

So, here we have the two sons of oil, and this is concerning the love of God. So, therefore, when I look at Revelation 11:5,

Rev 11:5 If anyone (King James put "man" right there), if anyone will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: if anyone will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

So he says this twice, *if anyone will hurt them*. Well, anybody coming against the concept of walking in love toward God and loving his neighbor, especially a Jew, then the fire of God... Remember, when John the Baptist was giving his testimony about Christ, he said, "*I'm baptizing you in water, but there's one coming who's going to immerse you in fire and Holy Spirit*" (Mat 3:11). If anybody is going to come against the concept of walking in love toward God, these truths are like a fire that will consume their iniquity. It will devour their enemies.

The enemy is the lie. It is not the person. But then he says, *"If anyone will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed."* You're at the end of the world when you're looking at Revelation 11. Christ is soon to appear. When he does, he comes in the fire (2Th 1:8). There will be fire, but I'm telling you now that fire is not caused by God. It's caused by man. We can get into that if you want to look at 2 Peter, chapter 3. That's fire by man. Man is going to destroy this planet, not God.

God knows the end from the beginning. God knows the exact time that's going to happen, the day and the hour (Mat 24:36). Jesus did not know that. The Father knows when that is, and it is the Father preparing his church for that day. He knows how much time we have left. He knows how to move us along to prepare us to survive that time and be brought into eternity with His Son. God knows exactly how much time there is, and at this point, remember, God gave this prophecy (you go back to Revelation 1:1).

So again, these men who are rejecting this truth will be destroyed by fire at the end of the world, literally. But God is not doing that. Man is doing that. *He must, in this manner, be killed.* These two truths of walking in love, Revelation 11:6, *have authority to shut your heavens, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy.* There's a verse in Deuteronomy chapter 11, verse 17.

Deu 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

Deu 11:17 And then Jehovah's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heavens, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and you perish from off the good of the land which Jehovah has given you.

These two truths are what life is about for a Christian. This is what the Bible is about. This is why the Son of God was brought forth in eternity, to bear witness to the truth. Why would he do that? So that we could see the problem with ourselves. We could see the iniquity and see how to overcome it. If somebody is going to fight that and deny that truth, these truths have authority to shut the heavens so that they receive no more truth in what they're believing. That is exactly what happens to the Gentiles.

When he says *immediately after the tribulation, the sun, the moon, and the stars will not give their light*, Matthew 24, they have denied the truth of the love of God... and those truths have authority to shut the heavens. That's what you see in the heavens: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the nations. What are they doing? Well, they're trampling underfoot the holy city.

Well, that's what we're talking about in Revelation 11:6. If you're going to do that and deny the truth of God's love and how to get there,

Rev 11:6 These have authority to shut the heavens, that you get no more water from heaven all the days of their prophecy. They have authority over your understanding to turn it to blood (where you're realizing this is only self. If I'm getting no water from heaven, the only water I'm getting is from myself. It's my own understanding). They can smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will.

Why a plague? This message is a reed. It's soft and flowing. It's the love of God. But because Jacob is where he is, this becomes a message of correction, a rod. So when you're telling them, this is the truth, if they have a soft heart, it's a blessing. If they have a hard heart and don't want to know what you're teaching, it becomes a plague. The word of God can be water, bread, lightning, thunder. All of these descriptions describe God's word, but it's the state of your heart that makes it what it is.

Do you need to be cleansed? Then you go to the water of the word. Do you need nourishment? You go eat the bread. See, lightning, light flashes, and gives you understanding. Thunder is rebuke. It's all the state of your own heart. The people giving this message are simply giving the message. Again, as they give this, they know it's going to be rejected. That's what we're going to see in the next few podcasts.

We're going to see this rejection and what takes place. Therefore, if you're going to give somebody a message and say, *"I want you to go give this message, and they're going to reject it. This is a rebellious people. These people aren't listening to me. I know they're not going to listen to you, but go tell them anyway..."* So, you see them fighting against the truth in Revelation 11.

Well, why in the world am I there when we already know they're going to reject it? It's because some will not reject it. If I'm giving a message of the love of God like Jesus did, then I am beginning to understand greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends (Jhn 15:13).

Remember, they're going to finish their testimony. What finishes the testimony in verse 7 is the rejection of their message, and they're shut down. We're going to start that in verse 7 in our next podcast. Again, it's pretty clear what we're reading in Revelation 11. Zion is bringing the message of the love of God to Jacob, fulfilling Isaiah 59:20 & 21. Bringing them the message of God's love, knowing the Gentiles have already rejected it, the Jews are going to reject it, too.

So you're going in sackcloth. But you're giving the message of love, and you're fulfilling the 1260 days. That 1260 days applies to you, the message giver, coming to the fullness of how God sees the fullness of man. How does he see the fullness of man? You lay down your life. No greater love is any man than this. You're willing to lay down your life to give this message, no different than Jesus Christ, because you're carrying the same message he carried. You're picking up where he left off.

He came giving the message. They killed him. God turns to the Gentiles. At the end, he turns back to the Jew. *The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance* (Rom 11:29), and you're picking up where Jesus left off. Again, if I could just look at Isaiah 59:20-21, just read this with me. He says,

Isa 59:20 The Redeemer (Jesus) shall come to Zion (first), and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob ...

So, there will be those in Jacob who will turn from rebellion against the truth.

Isa 59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith Jehovah; My spirit that is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, saith Jehovah, from henceforth and for ever.

Paul quotes that in Romans 11, and it's interesting the way he puts this.

Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that you be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits (in your own understanding); blindness in part has happened to literal Israel, until the fulness of the nations be come in.

When you give the message to the Gentiles, God will turn to the Jew, and he'll say, *"Don't go to the Gentiles."* See, the fullness has happened.

Rom 11:26 So all (spiritual) Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Rom 11:27 This is my covenant unto them, when I'll take away their sins.

That was what Jesus came to do. So consider what I'm saying. At the end of the world, the gentile church that reaches the fullness will go to Jacob and attempt to fulfill the very thing Christ came to Jacob to do. *This is my covenant to them. I'll turn them from their sin.*

Think about it. Those are some pretty big shoes to fill, and I hope it inspires you to seek the Lord, to be relieved of any pride you have. Your motive is not to find glory because you know what you know. Your motive is to save a soul, and that always comes first.

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we are your children, and without you, we are nothing. May we be found rightly dividing your word and expressing truth to those who have ears to hear. We pray in Jesus' name always. Amen.