

THE BOOK OF REVELATION
CHAPTER ELEVEN
"THE TEMPLE, THE TWO WITNESSES, AND THE SEVENTH TRUMPET"

I. THE MEASURING OF THE TEMPLE (1:1-2)

A. Is what John is now commanded to do at this time (1).

1. This act of measuring the temple and its worshippers signifies that they belong to _____.
2. The temple that is measured is the _____ temple that will be constructed for the renewal of Jewish sacrifices. It will be desecrated when Antichrist makes it the home of his image or idol (Dan. 9:27; 12:11; Matt.24:15; II Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:14-15). This will happen in the middle of the tribulation period when Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel and sets himself up as God and brings about this abomination of desolation.
3. The picture that we have here of the temple is similar to things during the Babylonian captivity. At that time the temple was desecrated and destroyed when Judah was carried into captivity. But when the captivity ended God raised up Zerubbabel and Joshua, the high priest, to reclaim and rebuild things (Zech. 3 & 4). Here we see the two _____ whom God will raise up as a testimony of His power after the temple is desecrated.

B. Left out the measurements of the court outside the temple (2).

1. In this prohibition we see a particular reason for it. The territory outside and the holy city Jerusalem will be trodden under foot by the Gentile nations for _____ months.
2. In this prohibition we see the duration of Antichrist's desecration of Jerusalem and how long the city will be under Gentile control. Note 42 months are _____ years. That means from the middle of the tribulation to the end of it. The times of the Gentiles will end when Christ comes at the Second Coming (Lk. 21:24; Rev. 11:15).

II. THE MINISTRY OF THE TWO WITNESSES (3-14)

A. Is for a specific period of time and speaks of doom (3).

1. Their prophetic ministry will run _____ days which is exactly 42 months or 3 1/2 years. So we see they will carry out their ministry during the whole _____ half of the tribulation period.

2. The clothes which they will wear symbolize them to be prophets of _____ upon the earth (Isa. 37:1-2; Dan. 9:3).

B. Is described and seems to identify who they are (4-6).

1. The two witnesses are said to be the "two olive trees" and the "two lampstands" (4). This is similar to the way God raised up Joshua and Zerubbabel as lampstands or witnesses by the Spirit of God (Zech. 4:2,3). so we see these two witnesses will be empowered by the _____ of God.

2. The two witnesses will destroy their enemies who try to hurt them with fire (5). This description of their power is characteristic of both _____ and _____. Elijah called down fire from heaven (I Kings 18:38; II Kings 1). Moses did a similar thing in Num. 16:35.

3. These two witnesses have _____ also to shut up the heavens so that it might not rain, to turn the waters to blood, and to smite the earth with plagues at their will (6). Here we also see characteristics of Moses and Elijah. Note I Kings 17:1; 4:1; Ex. 7:17-19.

4. We note also when Christ was transfigured, referring to His Second Coming, there appeared _____ and _____ with Him (Matt. 17:3). We also know that Elijah must come again (Mal. 4:5).

C. Will result in their death, resurrection, and ascension (7-14).

1. After their ministry is finished the beast out of the pit who is _____ will kill them (7). This will take place then at the end of the tribulation period.

a. Note in Rev. 13:1 we have the beast out of the sea who is the world dictator or Antichrist.

b. In Rev. 13:11 we have the beast out of the land who is the false religious leader. These three beasts comprise the unholy and counterfeit trinity.

2. After the death of the two witnesses some unusual things will occur (8-11).

a. First of all their _____ will lie in the street of Jerusalem for 3 1/2 days. This will be seen by all the kindreds and nations of the earth (8-9).

1. Apparently this will be a mockery of God's servants and allow time for the multitudes who feared them to witness their death.

2. How all the kindreds and nations of the earth will see poses no problem today with TV and satellite communications.
 - b. The second thing which will occur after their death is a great time of _____ and rejoicing (10). The people of the earth will be happy thinking they have no fear of God's wrath. This will be the devil's Christmas with folks sending gifts.
3. After this unusual time of rejoicing the two witnesses will come to _____ (11).
 - a. This will cause the merrymaking to cease when they stand upon their feet.
 - b. It will also cause great fear to fall upon all that see it.
4. After the resurrection of the two witnesses they will be _____ to heaven and _____ up to heaven (12).
 - a. Notice those who see the two witnesses restored to life will also hear the voice from heaven calling them.
 - b. Secondly when they ascend in a cloud their enemies will see it. No doubt on the spot reporting, will be there with a live telecast via satellite for all the world to see.
5. At the same hour that the two witnesses ascend there will be a great _____ (13-14).
 - a. This will destroy 1/10 of the city of Jerusalem and kill 7,000 men (13).
 - b. This is said to complete the second woe and announces the third woe to come. This is the seventh trumpet.

III. THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET (15-19)

- A. Reveal _____ taking control of the Kingdoms of the world (15).
 1. This seems to be a prophesy rather than a statement of fact since Christ doesn't take control until His Second Coming.
 2. The Kingdoms of the world becoming Christ's when the seventh trumpet sounds should also be viewed as the contents of the seventh trumpet which contain the final seven bowl judgments.

B. Reveal a picture of _____ in response to Christ's reign (16-17).

1. The 24 elders worshipped God and praised Him concerning this reign.
2. In Chapter 4 they worshipped God as Creator; in Chapter 5 as Redeemer; and now they worship Him as King and Judge.

C. Reveal the particulars of Christ's _____ (18).

1. The nations will be angry about its Kingdoms being taken over by Christ (18).
2. The day of God's wrath will come in the tribulation period (6:17).
3. Following Christ's coming there will be a resurrection of the tribulation saints and the O.T. saints (Dan. 12:2,3; Rev. 20:4).
4. the saints who are resurrected will then be rewarded.
5. The wicked will then be destroyed (Matt. 25:31-46).

D. Reveal a picture of _____ (19).

1. When the temple was opened in heaven there was seen the ark of the covenant, lightnings, voices, thunderings, and earthquake and hail.
2. The ark speaks of God's righteousness while the other things symbolize a final storm of God's judgment.
3. Note that chapter 15 follows this verse chronologically and deals with the outpouring of the seven bowl judgments. Chapters 12-14 are parenthetical in nature.