

Revelation 11

New Temple & Two Witnesses

John was told to eat the scroll, by angel--Lord, trust deed of ch 5. It was sweet to the taste (**word**) but bitter to the stomach (**judgment**). *"You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."*

11:1-14 still stop action—parenthesis--continues the pause in narrative of judgment that began in ch 10 giving more critical details around and pertaining to tribulation at vs15 chronology of judgment continues as 7th trumpet sounds

1 And there was given me a **measuring rod** like a staff; and someone said, "Rise and measure the **temple** of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. **2** "And **leave out** the court which is outside the temple, and do **not measure** it, for it has been given to the **nations**; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

Temple rebuilt & told to measure (**no temple when John wrote 70 AD destroyed**)—will be rebuilt soon **or** first half 7 yr tribulation by **antichrist**

Dan 9:27 *"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."*

12:11 *"And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days."*

2Thes 2:3-4 *Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.*

Matt 24:15 *"Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;*

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Measuring rod, like tape measure 10' long reed-grew in Jordan valley. Temple measured means Jew back in land w/ grain offerings & sacrifices **Dan 9:27**. Antichrist on scene not show true colors **white horse** man of peace.

Temple mount is about 37 acres (**picture aerial view**)--to measure signifies taking possession-come, dwell & rule. Problem 3rd holiest site to Islam, mosque Omar & Golden Dome (**picture**) shrine--speculation where temple stood. Bulldoze? (**½ billion Muslims Holy War**). Earthquake? Palestinian rockets? Recent archeological studies by Asher Koffman prof Hebrew University—believed original temple 522' N (**Mt Olives view**)--a **copula** (**Picture dome of spirits/tablets**) covering outcropping of natural bedrock (**Picture of bedrock**) believed place where Holy of Holies was. Orthodox not walk. Arabs named it dome of the spirits, dome of the tablets (**OT shikinah/tablets**)

Not measure outer court given nations (UN) Ezekiel told to measure millennial temple—the wall around--**Ez 42:20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.**

Golden Dome (**Picture**) has writing in Arabic denying Jesus son of God & trinity.

“There is no god but God alone, w/o partner do not go beyond the bounds in your religion, The Messiah Jesus son of Mary, was only God’s messenger, His word that He committed to Mary & a spirit proceeding from Him. So believe in God & His messengers. Do not say ‘three’. O God, bless your messenger & servant, Jesus: son of Mary. Peace be upon him the day he was born, the day he dies--It is not for God to take a son.

Prof. Shlomo Dov Goitein says a polemic (**contentious rhetoric**) against Christianity, *‘God has no companion’ is repeated five times, which strongly deny Jesus’ sonship to God,*

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Tread Holy city 42 months last half tribulation *antichrist* sets image in H of H demands worship *Lk 21:24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

Jews re-gathered after Assyrian/Babylonia conquered 6th BC as sovereign nation in 1948--regained Jerusalem in sovereign control 1967 after 2500--Must lose it again to gain it back at Christ return--**Rev 12** woman, dragon, child hidden for 3 1/2 yrs as *antichrist* breaks covenant

Mat 24:15-21 *“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; 17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; 18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. 19 “But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! 20 “But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; 21 for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.*

3 *“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”* 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if anyone desires to harm them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if anyone would desire to harm them, in this manner he must be killed. 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, in order that rain may not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

Two witnesses—God is never w/o a witness--prophecy 3 1/2 yrs *sackcloth* garment mourning-grief-doom & woe. 1260 day Babylonian calendar of 360 days.

Who? *Elijah-Mal 4:5 “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. Jesus speaking of John the Baptist*

Matt 11:14-15 *“And if you care to accept it, he himself is Elijah, who was to come. 15 “He who has ears to hear, let him hear. Lk 1:17 “And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”*

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Elijah stops rain *1Ki 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." Ja 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.*

Fire from heaven **2Kings 1:9-15**

2nd witness **Moses?** In Egypt *Ex 7:20 Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. 21 And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.*

Ex 9:14 "For this time I will send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.

Moses and Elijah on Mt transfiguration *Matt 17:22 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.*

Two olive trees-2 lampstands standing before God *Zech 4:1-6 "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it; 3 also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side." 4 Then I answered and said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, my lord?" 5 So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." 6 Then he answered and said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. **Perpetual supply.** Priest duty daily, trim wicks, supply oil—Lord's work thru us 'not by might...'*

Today we are Gods witness on earth. He supplies power *2Pet 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.* How is Gods power experienced--by true knowledge of Him.

David *Thy word have I hid in my heart... Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

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Dt 11:18 “You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead....Christian life w/o word is like wick w/o oil

Enoch? *walked w/ God and He was not for God took him Gen 5:24. Heb 9:27 appointed once to die then judgment...* Elijah in fiery chariot but church at rapture and not die.

7 And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. **8** And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. **9** And those from the **peoples** and **tribes** and **tongues** and **nations** *will look at their dead bodies* for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. **10** And those who dwell on the earth *will rejoice* over them and make merry; and they will **send gifts** to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. **11** And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they **stood** on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them. **12** And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, **“Come up here.”** And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them.

Beast-Satan from bottomless pit 36 x's in Rev—beast out of sea **13:1** world dictator (**antichrist**) **13:11** beast out of earth-false prophet. Unholy trinity beast, false prophet, Satan. 2 witnesses untouched until God finished.

Jerusalem-Holy City-God's capital *2Chr 33:7 ‘Jerusalem the city I will put my name forever’* yet spiritual condition earned them name Sodom and Egypt insulting terms because they brought insult to God.

Satanic holiday—celebrate killing of God's witnesses—but how in John's day could he say all the world's population will see these dead bodies. Vs9

On June **26 1967**, from 5:00 AM (**Australian Eastern Standard Time**), the world's first global live television program was broadcast. Titled, "Our World", it was viewed live in 31 countries w/ an estimated audience of 400 million w/ 14 countries involved. 55yrs ago

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13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly. 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.*" 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who was, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign.

Terrified & recognized true God, convicted but not converted. With this event the 2nd woe concludes. We've waited since 8:13; 1st woe past 9:12. 3rd woe is contained in 7th trumpet and is coming quickly....end is near

Earth's rule by man is passing into the hands of God a much declared truth Ez 21:26-27; Dan 35, 44; **Zec 14:9 *And the LORD will be King over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one and His name the only one.***

But wait, 7 vial judgments are yet to come & termination of worldly powers.

15) 7th trumpet which brings 3rd woe 8:13 and w/ the blast comes a proclamation of victory—choirs of heaven sing—soon Jesus will claim His right of redemption and will rule...***obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.*** It is heavens declaration of what will soon be true on earth. Satan is still ruling physical earth, god of this world's woke culture. Jesus reigns in the spiritual realm & reigning in judgment during tribulation.

7x's have elders appeared as worshipers when Jesus fulfill ***Ps 2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.***"

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18 “And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.” 19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

Angry because lose power and position. Play on words orge—enraged and wrath-lit saying how dare you God

Earths temple defiled

Daniel ‘Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Ch began w/ measuring temple on earth (defiled) and now see temple in heaven—ark represents God’s presence w/ His people

Storm is great judgment continues yet Gods mercy is present..Stage now set for Satan incarnate unholy trinity Beast who rules world for short time.