

Revelation 11

Verses 1-2

- *There have already been two temples. The first built by Solomon and repaired by Ezra. This temple was destroyed by the Babylonians.*
- *The second temple was built by Herod and destroyed by Titus and the Roman army in 70 A.D., which Jesus spoke about, and no temple has since been built.*

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- *There now resides on the Temple Mount a Mosque called the Dome of the Rock (al-Aqsa Mosque).*
- *It seems that during the time of peace, both the Temple and Mosque will share the same area*

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- *1 Kings 6:2-4 - ² The Temple that King Solomon built for the Lord was 90 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 45 feet high. ³ The entry room at the front of the Temple was 30 feet wide, running across the entire width of the Temple. It projected outward 15 feet from the front of the Temple. ⁴ Solomon also made narrow recessed windows throughout the Temple. (NLT)*
- *The idea of measuring in the Bible normally indicates either destruction or preservation. Preservation is the agreed upon meaning.*

Verses 1-2

- ***Daniel 9:27 - ²⁷ And he will enter into a binding and irrevocable covenant with the many for one week (seven years), but in the middle of the week he will stop the sacrifice and grain offering [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until the complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who causes the horror.” (AMP)***

Verses 1-2

- ***42 months – three-and-a-half-years. Seemingly when the Antichrist breaks the treaty with Israel and demands to be worship by all of mankind.***
- ***Daniel 7:25 - ²⁵ He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time. (NLT)***

Verses 3-4

- *During the last half of the Tribulation, two prophets will arise.*
- *Sackcloth denotes mourning, normally for sin. These men will be mourning for the sin of the world. That does not mean they are taking responsibility for the sin, but they are grieved that the world has chosen to reject Jesus Christ and embrace the Antichrist and his true master, Satan.*

Verses 3-4

- ***Zechariah 4:1-6 - Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. ² And he said to me, “What do you see?” So, I said, “I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. ³ Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.”***

Verses 3-4

- ***⁴ So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, “What are these, my lord?” ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” ⁶ So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts.***

Verses 3-4

- *These men are filled with the Holy Spirit and their job is to preach the Gospel message and declare that Jesus alone is Lord.*
- *Each translation is the same; these two witnesses are said to stand in the presence of the Lord.*
- *The picture is that of total surrender to Jesus and His will and a total reliance on the Holy Spirit's power.*

Verses 5-6

- *They have power reminiscent of Moses and Elijah. Moses turned water into blood and Elijah called fire down from heaven, three times.*
- *Exodus 7:17-18 (The Nile being turned into blood)*
- *1 Kings 18:38-39 & 2 Kings 1:9-12 (The challenge to the prophets of Baal and the killing of Ahaziah's soldiers)*

Verses 5-6

- *Elijah, through the Holy Spirit, shut up the rain in Israel. (1 Kings 17)*
- *These two men also appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration in Matthew 17:1-7.*
- *However, John never gives the witnesses names.*

Verses 5-6

- *Others point out that Enoch and Elijah never died as men do and according to Hebrews 9:27 - ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...*
- *These two theories, Moses and Elijah and Enoch and Elijah are the most common.*

Verses 5-6

- *Here's what we know:*
- *They will be witnesses for Jesus.*
- *They will “prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”*
- *No one may harm them and if they try, fire will consume them.*

Verses 5-6

- *Here is what we know:*
- *They can withhold rain on the earth.*
- *They can turn oceans and rivers to blood. This is on top of the plagues that have already been mentioned. These men can reduce the drinking water or fish population (food supply).*
- *They can strike the earth with any plague they wish, but they will always be under the power and instruction of the Holy Spirit.*

Verses 7-8

- *There is some debate as to who the beast is.*
- *The beast is normally a reference to the Antichrist; however, some see this as either Satan or Abaddon/Apollyon.*
- *However, it is likely that the Antichrist, the beast, whose power comes from Satan himself, will be responsible for their death.*

Verses 7-8

- *The Greek word used for beast here is the same word in chapter 13 when speaking of the Antichrist and the False Prophet.*
- *Revelation 13:7 - ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (Similar wording to that of chapter 11)*

Verses 7-8

- ***Daniel 8:8-12 - ⁸ Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. ⁹ And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. ¹⁰ And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. ¹¹ He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. ¹² Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.***

Verses 7-8

- ***Daniel 8:23-25 -²³ “At the end of their rule, when their sin is at its height, a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. ²⁴ He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people. ²⁵ He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. He will even take on the Prince of princes in battle, but he will be broken, though not by human power. (NLT)***

Verses 9-10

- *After all the turmoil that these two witnesses have caused the world will rejoice that they are dead and will not even afford them the dignity of being buried.*
- *Tormented is what that Greek word means, people will have felt tortured.*
- *They will be so excited, it will be three-and-a-half days of Christmas. The Antichrist finally prevailed.*

Verses 11-12

- *For three days they could celebrate because it seems that the witnesses were wrong and their God was not as powerful as the Antichrist and the god he serves.*
- *Now, the God of Heaven breathes life back into the two witnesses and carries them to heaven. Death did not win this time. Every other saint the Antichrist waged war against perished and stayed dead, but not these two.*

Verse 13

- ***13 And in that [very] hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell and was destroyed; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest [who survived] were overcome with terror, and they glorified the God of heaven [as they recognized His awesome power]. (AMP)***

Verse 13

- *Now, does the fact that people gave God glory mean that they repented or that they just acknowledged God's power?*
- *Sometimes people acknowledge God but never truly surrender to Him and His only begotten Son.*
- *Remember, faith in God does not save you, you must have faith in Jesus Christ to truly find salvation.*

Verse 14

- *The meaning seems to be that once the witnesses have finished their work and the city of Jerusalem is rocked by an earthquake, the last trumpet is ready to sound and the final judgments are going to happen in quick succession.*

Verse 15

- *The seventh trumpet announces the victory of Jesus.*
- *There is no more delay, there is nothing and no one that can stand in opposition to Jesus. The time which the Church has longed for has arrived. Jesus is about to take His place as rightful Ruler of this world.*
- *The coming judgments are final and complete and will unleash God's wrath on the world.*

Verses 16-18

- *Reminder that the 24 Elders represent the Church of all time. (Old and New Testament Saints)*
- *The saints rejoice because that which we have longed for is about to happen.*

Verses 16-18

- ***¹⁷ And they said, “We give thanks to you, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who is and who always was, for now you have assumed your great power and have begun to reign. ¹⁸ The nations were filled with wrath, but now the time of your wrath has come. It is time to judge the dead and reward your servants the prophets, as well as your holy people, and all who fear your name, from the least to the greatest. It is time to destroy all who have caused destruction on the earth.” (NLT)***

Verses 16-18

- ***Psalm 2:1-3 - Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, ³ “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.”***

Verses 16-18

- ***2 Corinthians 4:3-4 - ³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.***

Verses 16-18

- ***John 16:8-11 - ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.***

Verse 19

- ***Jeremiah 3:16-17 - ¹⁶ “Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,” says the Lord, “that they will say no more, ‘The ark of the covenant of the Lord.’ It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore. ¹⁷ “At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts.***

Verse 19

- *The things that Moses made were copies of heavenly things.*
- *Hebrews 8:1-6 - Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore, it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.*

Verse 19

- ***⁴ For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; ⁵ who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.” ⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.***

Verse 19

- ***Hebrews 9:11-14***

- ***Hebrews 9:23-28***