



2025 Focus: Committed to Executing the Word

James 1:22

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THE WITNESSES RESURRECTED

Revelation Chapter 11:11-19

Verse 11. While the celebration is going on in Verse 10, after three and one-half days the festivities abruptly end. God vindicates His faithful witnesses by resurrecting them in Verse 11. Imagine that sight. No wonder fear came upon them all.

Verses 12. At the same time a voice from heaven said to the two witnesses "Come up here." The two witnesses ascended to heaven in a cloud and their enemies saw them. At this time, no preaching is done, God would not allow any preaching at his time – note **Luke 16:31**. Those who hated and dishonored the two witnesses will watch their vindication.

Verse 13. In the same hour, God punctuates the ascension of His prophets with a shattering earthquake. A tenth of the city was destroyed. In the earthquake, seven thousand people were killed (the antichrist). The rest refers to the Jews still living who will not yet have come to faith in Christ. They gave glory to God. This term refers to a genuine experience of salvation of the Jews-**Luke 17:18-19**- in contrast to those who blaspheme and refuse to glorify God-**Revelation 16:9**. This is a key fulfillment of prophecy to save Israel-**Zechariah 12:10**. In God's own perfect time and by His own power He will sovereignly act to save Israel-**Romans 11:25-27**.

Verse 14. These events end the second woe and the third woe is to come quickly. Remember, things are happening rapidly now. Israel's repentance will shortly usher in the millennial Kingdom-**Acts 3:18-21**.

Verse 15. The Seventh Trumpet includes the seven bowls and the final judgments, depicted in **Chapter 16**. The long rebellion of the world kingdom will end with the victorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ to defeat His enemies and establish His Messianic Kingdom.

The Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ – despite its many political and cultural divisions, the Bible views the world, the world spiritually as one Kingdom, with one ruler – Satan – **John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11, 2 Corinthians 4:4**. Following Satan's lead, the human rulers of this world will be hostile to Christ. The long rebellions of the world will end with the victorious return of the Lord Jesus to defeat His enemies and establish His Messianic Kingdom.

Verses 16-17. Worship breaks out. The coming of the kingdom is no longer future; it will be immediate. In **Revelation 4:10-11** the elders praised the Creator-**Revelation 5:9-14**–; they worshiped the Redeemer. Here the emphasis is on the Conqueror and King.

Verse 18. We have the table of contents for the remainder of the book of Revelation. These events do not take place the instant the angel blew his trumpet. He simply signaled the beginning of the process and now these events would take place as planned.

*Note the change of the attitudes shown by the nations of the world-**Revelation 11:2**–, the nations ruthlessly take over Jerusalem. In **Revelation 11:9**, they rejoice at the death of the two witnesses. But now they are angry. Their arrogance and joy did not last long: these belligerent attitudes caused the nations to unite to fight God at the great battle of Armageddon.

1. God's wrath has come.
2. The dead will be judged.
3. God will reward His servants.
4. He destroys the enemy.

Verses 19. The chapter opens with a temple on earth, but ends with the Temple in heaven. The focus of attention is on the ark of God, the symbol of God's presence with His people.

Once again John saw and heard the lightning, noises, thundering, earthquake and great hail. Greater judgment is about to fall on the rebellious people of the earth. The end is near. The ark represents God's protection for His own and destruction for all those who do not believe.

The stage is set for the dramatic appearance of the beast, Satan's masterpiece, the false Christ, who will control the world.