



THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation 11

- Chapter 11 seems to continue from chapter 10 and possibly begins the prophecy from the little scroll that John was to give
- This chapter contains three sections:
 - The Temple that stands during the 70th week (vs 1–2)
 - The “two witnesses” (vs 3–13)
 - The seventh trumpet (vs 14–19)

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Revelation 11:1–2—Jerusalem Temple

- There will be a functioning temple built before or during the first half of the 70th week
- God will allow this temple to be desecrated and “trampled” by Gentiles for 42 months
 - The coming prince (Daniel 9:26) will put an end to sacrifices (Daniel 8:13-14; 9:27)
 - He will erect an *“abomination...standing in the holy place”* (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15), and *“takes his seat in God’s temple, displaying himself as God”* (2 Thess 2:4)

Revelation 11:1–2—Jerusalem Temple

42 months (Rev 11:2; 13:5)

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1,260 days (Rev 11:3; 12:6)

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“time, times, and half a time” (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 12:14)

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The second half of the 70th week
(*“the times of the Gentiles”*; Luke 21:24)

Revelation 11:1–2—Jerusalem Temple

- The concept of measuring can refer to either judgment or protection, but it always includes knowing exactly what is happening
 - The temple — the Holy Place and Most Holy Place
 - The altar — the place of sacrifices to God
 - The worshipers — the faithful people
- God knows who/what is his and is taking count before Satan's attack comes in force

Revelation 11:3–13—Two Witnesses

- During the Gentile tramping of God's temple and Jerusalem, he will have two witnesses keep preaching
 - Moses and Elijah — they were with Jesus at his transfiguration and the miracles are similar to theirs
 - Enoch and Elijah — the only two OT saints raptured
 - Malachi 4 says that Elijah will come before the “great and terrible day of the LORD”**
 - Zerubbabel and Joshua — the olive trees in Zech 4 (double reference); empowered by the Holy Spirit

Revelation 11:3–13—Two Witnesses

- The two witnesses will be killed when their ministry is complete
 - *“beast...from the abyss”* — not yet identified
 - Ministry and death in Jerusalem; *“spiritually called Sodom and Egypt”* — shows the depth of the depravity at this time; *“where their Lord was also crucified”*
 - No burial — complete disrespect
 - All the world will celebrate their death
 - Literal, physical resurrection and ascension


Revelation 11:3–13—Two Witnesses

- Results:
 - Tremendous fear
 - Great earthquake
 - 1/10th of the city destroyed
 - 7,000 people killed
 - “*glory to the God of heaven*” — does not necessarily indicate salvation

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Revelation 11:14–19—Seventh Trumpet

- Third “woe”
- Commences the final wrath of God
- All heaven worships because God’s justice will finally be finished, and the kingdom will begin soon
- The only time the heavenly ark is mentioned in Revelation
- *“lightning...thunder...earthquake”* (4:5; 8:5; 11:19; 16:18)



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