

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)
Study Notes
Chapter 11 PT. 1: The Two Witness of God

Revelation 11:1-12 (NASB) – “¹ Then there was given to me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, ‘Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.’ ² Leave out the courtyard which is outside the temple and do not measure it, because it has been given to the nations; and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. ³ And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 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 wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. ⁶ These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

⁷ 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* on the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. ⁹ Those from the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. ¹⁰ And those who live on the earth *will* rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who live 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 watching 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 watched them.”

Understanding: Now John has taken the book from the hand of the angel and was told in **Revelation 10:11**, that “thou must prophesy again”. Now, in **Revelation 11:1-2**, this same angel is giving John new instructions.

- The Church is gone.
- The Anti-Christ is revealed.
- This is during the 1st 3½ years of the final week - The Great Tribulation!

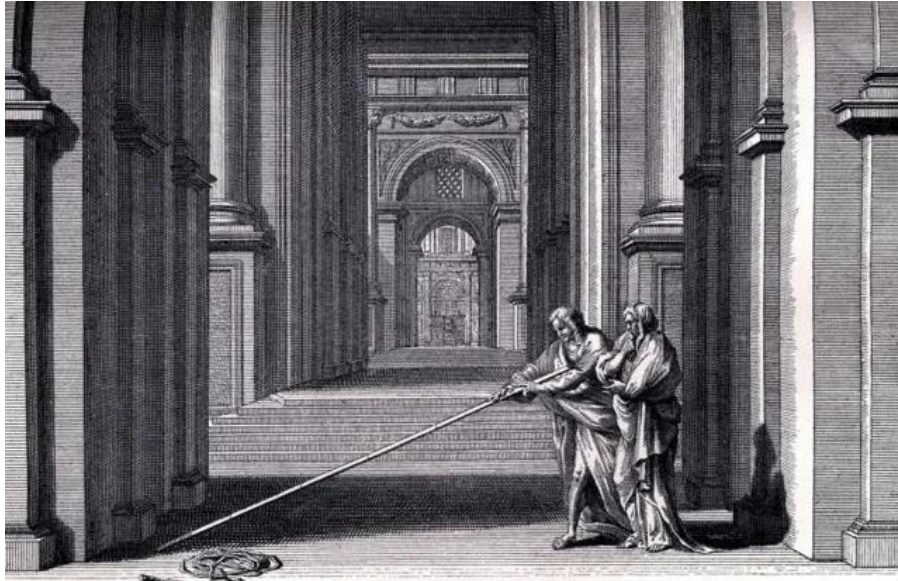


Verses 1-2

Key: John is given a rod to measure.

- The Temple of God - The preservation of the Temple In the Earth- Israel at the time of the Tribulation.
- The Altar - The heart of Israel is being measured in the Tribulation time.
- “Them that worship in it” - These are **not** true believers. Remember, the true believers have already run to the mountains.

Understanding: This is believed to be referencing the same thing in Ezekiel’s vision in **Ezekiel 40:3**.



Ezekiel 40:3 (NASB) – “So He brought me there; and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a thread of flax and a measuring rod in his hand; and he was standing in the gateway.”

- The end of book of Ezekiel is like Revelation 11:1-2.
- Ezekiel is taken to a high mountain from which he can observe events in Jerusalem.
- He meets an angel (a man with the appearance of bronze) with a measuring rod in his hands.
- After the measuring is complete, the glory of the Lord returns to the temple.

Verse 2

“Leave Out The Courtyard”

- This was a measurement of the Holy of Holies of the Tribulation temple, not the outer courtyard.
- God is measuring out the things pertaining to the **Jews**, not Gentiles.
- The outer courtyard was the court of the Gentiles.
- God’s focus is now the Jews, not the Gentiles.

Verse 3



Revelation 11: 3-4 (NASB) – “³ ‘And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy **for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.**’ ⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.”

- Scripture does not say who they are.
- Most Theologians believe them to be:
 - **Moses and Elijah** - because they appeared during the transfiguration of Jesus.
- OR**
- **Enoch and Elijah** - because they are the only two people in the Scriptures who did not die as required.

Granted Authority:

- They are given authority to speak for God as Prophets.
- They are now God's mouthpieces to the Jews in the Tribulation.
- They are here to bring warning to the Jews.

One Thousand, Two Hundred & Sixty (1,260) Days:

Note: This is the time in Revelation referred to in three different ways.

- Three and a half years.

- 42 months.
- 1,260 days.

Note: They are all the same, also known as "a time and times and half a time"

Understanding: "time" is a year, and "times" is thus two years. "Half a time," then, is half a year. So, added together, they are 3½ years. Half of the Seven Year Tribulation Time. This is the beginning 3 ½ years.

Sackcloth and Ashes



Biblical Meaning:

- Mourning
- Repentance
- Humility before God

Understanding: Here it represents the humility of the wearer. This is why it is believed that they are not identified. They are representing God, not themselves.

Verse 4

“Two Olive Trees” and “Two Lampstands that Stand Before the Lord”

Note: The prophet Zachariah gets an introduction to these two witnesses in his own vision of a “Golden Lampstand and Olive Trees” (**Zechariah 4**).



Zechariah 4:14 (NASB) – “Then he said, ‘These are the two anointed ones, who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.’”

- These two prophets rank very high to God.
- Olive oil was used in the Old Testament times to fuel the Lampstands.
- The Lampstands represent truth; The Oil is the Anointing of God.
- They are both the Fuel of Truth and the Source of Truth.
- They are the Fire of Holy Spirit.
- They are the fullness of the Witness of the Church that is now removed (**Revelation 1:20**).

Verse 5

Revelation 11:5 (NASB) - “And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and *so* if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.”



Verse 6

They Have Unlimited Authority and Power

- These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying.
 - What Prophet did this? Answer: Elijah for 3½ years.
- They have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.
 - What Prophet did this? Answer: Moses.

Verses 7-8

Note: Eventually, they are allowed to be killed, but not until they have finished witnessing.

Revelation 11:7-8 (NASB) - “⁷ 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* on the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.”

- Jerusalem one day will be referred to as Sodom - Due to their immorality.
- Jerusalem one day will be referred to as Egypt - Due to their lust for material things.

Note: This is why a New Jerusalem, New Heaven and a New Earth is **required!**

Verses 9-10

“A Demonic Celebration”

Note: Nothing torments the devil and his people more than a Believer’s Witness! They are savoring the death of the two witnesses.

- Those from the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days.
- They will not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.
- Those who live on the earth *will* rejoice over them and celebrate, and they will send gifts to one another.

- **WHY?** Because the two prophets tormented those who live on the earth with their witness.

Verses 11-12

The Excitement Does Not Last!



Revelation 11:11-12 (NASB) – “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 watching 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 watched them.”

Key: Where did we hear the command “Come up here” previously?

- **Revelation 4:1 (NASB)** – “¹ After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like **the sound of a trumpet** speaking with me, said, ‘**Come up here,** and I will show you what must take place after these things.’”
 - Father did it for Jesus, and then for John. He will soon do it for us, too!

“COME UP HERE!”

Will you be ready? Is your salvation sure? Is your mind renewed?

Selah...

The End