

## REVELATION – CHAPTER 11

### Vs 1-2 The Measuring

1. “The Temple of God” refers to the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, not the outer court.

The Bible records God causing something to be measured on several occasions:

- a. Jerusalem  
Zech 2
- b. The Temple of the Future Kingdom  
Ezk 40
- c. The New Jerusalem  
Rev 21:15-17

The act of measuring seems to signify that what is being measured,

belongs to God. It is an evaluation of His property.

2. The Jewish nation was given the Holy of Holies as the place where God would meet with them.

Ex 26:31-34; Lev 16

During the tribulation it will be desecrated and becomes the home of an idol of the world ruler.

2 Thes 2:3-4; Rev 13:14-15; Dan 9:27; 12:11

3. Those who worship in it – The individuals who come to the temple, belong to God (are answerable to Him) and come up short, leaving them to the judgment to come. A Jewish Nation that has not yet believed.

Rom 11:25-27

4. The outer court and city have been granted to the Gentiles' domination for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tribulation.

Dan 9:24-27

The tribulation begins with a covenant of protection by the anti-christ, which will be broken exactly 3 1/2 years into the 7 year agreement.

Matt 24:15-21

### Vs 3-4 The Two Witnesses – 2 Prophets vs 10

1. Probably during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tribulation period because opposition by the anti-christ will not occur until then.

Their ministry will coincide with vs 2.

2. These 2 are human beings – not angelic beings:

- a. They have mouths, ears and feet vs 5, 11-12

- b. After their martyrdom, John saw their dead bodies vs 8-9

3. The Bible does not name them.
4. They are identified with the 2 olive trees and the 2 lamp stands.  
Zech 4:1-14  
(Joshua, the high priest and Zerubbabel the builder)

Why 2 lamp stands....

5. They will be clothed in sackcloth.  
Isa 37:1-2; Dan 9:3

#### Vs 5-6 The Miraculous Ministry of the Two

1. They defend themselves with fire.  
2 Kgs 1:9-12
2. They can stop the rain upon the earth.  
1 Kgs 17:1
3. They turn water into blood  
Ex 7:17-19
4. They bring plagues upon the earth as they will.  
(Plagues of Egypt)

#### Vs 7-10 The Death of the Two Witnesses

Their enemy who makes war with them, overcomes them,  
And kills them.

1. The beast, not a beast that comes up out of the abyss
2. The descriptive term "beast" is always used to describe the anti-christ

in

this book:

13:1; 14:9,11; 15:2; 16:2; 17:3; 19:20; 20:10

3. The beast who is a human world ruler will have a satanic, demonic source and character.  
2 Thes 2:8-10
4. The beast who partners with Babylon the harlot is identified with the beast who comes out of the abyss.  
Rev 17:8

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### AN OVERVIEW OF THE BEAST

#### THE BEAST AND HIS PROPHET

Dan 7:1-11                      Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts

1. The Fourth Beast    Dan 7:7-11, 19-28

- a. the 10 horns  
Dan 7:24
- b. the horn that subdues the 3 horns  
Dan 7:24-25
- 2. Paul's "man of sin (lawlessness)"  
2 Thes 2:1-12 (son of destruction)
- 3. John's anti-christ  
1 Jn 2:18,22

*Overview of Beast continued*

He rises up out of the Gentile masses.	Rev 13:1
He stands out among men.	Rev 13:4
Satan gives his own authority to this man.	Rev 13:2-4
He is worshipped (as deity).	Rev 13:4; 17:8; 2 Thes 2:4
The 10 nations who form a union will submit themselves under the beast and give their power and authority to the beast.	Rev 17:12-13
He receives the service of another great man who serves him (premier-false prophet).	Rev 13:11-17
He speaks "great things."	Rev 13:5
The "harlot" (false Christianity) who rides on the back of the 10 nation final world empire will be destroyed by the beast in the end.	Rev 17:3-5,16; 19:1-4
He opposes Christ at His Second Advent.	Rev 19:19-21
He wears diadems.	Rev 13:1
Militarily, he is supreme.	Rev 13:4
He and his prophet become the first 2 occupants of Hell.	Rev 19:20

- Vs 7            When they have finished their testimony, God will allow them to be killed.  
                   No one will lose their life before God's time – Eph 1:11b, and God has appointed a time for many of His children to die "untimely deaths".  
                   Jn 21:21-22; Rev 13:7
- Vs 8-9        So significant is their deaths to the rulers of the world, that they will not allow them to be removed from the spot where they are slain. All satellite TV viewing is focused on their dead bodies.
- The great city is Jerusalem, morally the equivalent of Sodom, and synonymous with Egypt; the slavery of Sin, and hostility which is focused on the destruction of God's chosen ones.
- From the world's perspective, God's message of judgment has died with its messenger. Kill the messenger and the message won't stand!
- Vs 10           The day of their death, the death of their message becomes a world-wide reason to celebrate.
- Man's true heart is expressing itself.
- The phrase "those who dwell on the earth", (repeated often), may well focus on more than their physical location.
- Lost humanity loves the world and the things of the world.  
                   1 Jn 2:15-17
- Their focus, their hope, their heart is limited to the present life. They are married to that which is to perish.  
                   2 Pet 3:10-13
- Vs 11-12      The Witnesses are restored to life and caught up to Heaven
- The world will be looking at the witnesses, being in the street, celebrating their deaths, when before the world's TV cameras, the Witnesses will rise from the dead.
- Note: This act of resurrection and ascending is distinct from any other resurrection.  
                   The rapture has already occurred and the resurrection of

OT believers and tribulation believers are yet future.  
Rev 20:4; Isa 26:19-21

Also Note: that the breath of life comes from God.  
Great fear does not equal a desire to be saved.  
Rev 16:10-11

Being received into Heaven is often described as being  
received into a cloud.  
Acts 1:9; 2:34

Lost humanity hears the voice from Heaven and watches the  
actual ascension (and they do not believe – Jn 16:8-14).

- Vs 13-14      The Second Woe, the Sixth Trumpet, is about to be completed.
1. a great earthquake which destroys one-tenth of Jerusalem
  2. 7 thousand people die
  3. the rest – those who are still alive
    - a. give glory to God
    - b. refuse to repent      Rev 16:11
- Vs 14      The deterioration of earth by the coming judgments will  
continue to pick up speed.  
We are very close to the Second Advent and yet have a  
number of judgments still to come.
- Vs 15      The Seventh Trumpet Sounds
1. Loud voices (plural) are heard in Heaven In the previous  
announcements a  
singular voice was heard.
  2. Older manuscripts read “the kingdom of the world” while later ones  
read  
“the kingdoms of the world”. There is but one kingdom with Satan as  
its king – yet from man’s there are many.  
Dan 2:31-35,44; 4:3; 6:26; 7:14,26-27
  3. “You are of your father the devil” – will be replaced with “children of  
God”  
alone.
  4. The kingdom has become “of our Lord and of His Christ.”  
1 Cor 15:22-28
  5. He, His Christ, will reign forever and forever.  
Dan 7:9-14

- 6. The transfer of power is spoken of as complete.  
     The end result is not in question!  
     That which is spoken of as complete is spoken of that way because God has determined it.
- 7. The reign of Christ beyond the 1000 years along with the continuation of Israel is the outworking part of the plan of God.

Vs 16-17      The Worship of the Twenty-four Elders

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> time that these elders are mentioned. These verses: Rev 4:4,10; and 5:8 give details, while the others are just references to "the elders."

They give thanks to the "Eternal One" who exercises two types of power: the ability to accomplish His will and authority.

He has begun to reign – first step – His enemies are being turned into His footstool.

- Vs 18      Events marking the reign of Christ – the main features of the Transition from the kingdom of earth to the kingdom of God
- 1. The words "enraged" and "wrath" are played upon each other.  
     What it literally says is:
    - a. The nations are angry with an impotent rage.
    - b. God is angry with an omnipotent rage.

The wrath of man is wicked, the wrath of God is Holy.

- 2. The time has come for the dead to be judged.
  - a. The dead in God will be judged concerning their reign with Him through the 1000 years.

The prophets, the saints (Christians), and righteous Men made perfect

- b. The living dead will be judged by removal from the earth, departing to Hades.

Matt 25:31-46

Vs 19      The Opening of the Temple of God in Heaven

The very fact that John sees the Ark demonstrates that the veil no longer exists.

In Rev 15:5-6, the final seven plagues are said to come out of the Ark.

The Ark housed the Ten Commandments (moral Law of God) and stood as a testimony of man's sinfulness.

The judgments of the tribulation are God's response to man's handling of that moral law.

As will be shown later the Seventh Trumpet is the Seven Bowl Judgments.

They come quickly and at the ending of the Tribulation period.

Lightning, thunder, earthquake, and a great hailstorm are part of God's finale.