

Revelation Chapter Eleven

- As chapter 11 begins John is given instructions to measure the Trib. temple [11:1].
 - In Ezekiel 40-48 the Millennial temple is measured.
 - In Zech 2:1-2 Jerusalem itself is measured.
- John is then told to omit the temple court which will be defiled for forty-two months (3 ½ years) [11:2].
 - Daniel spoke of these 3 ½ years [Dan 7:25; 12:7] of the Tribulation.
 - The Lord Jesus Christ spoke of Jerusalem being trampled under foot [Luke 21:24].
- John then learns about two witnesses who will prophesy during the forty-two months of the Tribulation [11:3].
 - The forty-two months [v. 2] are now described as 1260 days [v. 3] which aligns with the Jewish prophetic calendar of 30 day months.
 - The two witnesses are not named, but their humble attire of sackcloth is mentioned, similar to the way Elijah [2 Kings 1:8] and John the Baptizer [Matt 3:4] were described.
- The two witnesses are called olive trees and lampstands which will stand before the Lord [11:4] which is reminiscent of the way Joshua the high priest and Zerubbabel are described in Zech 4:2-14.
- The two witnesses will be granted amazing powers [11:5-6] similar to the miraculous powers given to Moses [Exod 7-12, 14; Num 16:28-35; Psalm 78:43-51; 105:26-36] and Elijah [2 Kings 1:10-12; James 5:17-18].
- The two witnesses will be killed by Antichrist [11:7].
- The bodies of the two witnesses will be left lying in the streets of Jerusalem for 3 ½ days [11:8-10].
 - Jerusalem is figuratively referred to as Sodom and Egypt because of the apostasy and the people's rejection of God.
 - People from all over the world will witness their dead bodies lying in the street.
 - The "earth dwellers" will rejoice over their dead bodies because the testimony of the two witnesses will torment them and they do not repent.
- At the end of the 3 ½ days the two witnesses will be resurrected bringing forth fear in the hearts of the earth dwellers [11:11].

- Then the two witnesses will ascend into heaven while everyone is watching [11:12].
- When they ascend into heaven an earthquake will destroy 1/10 of the city of Jerusalem [11:13].
 - 7,000 people will be killed in the quake.
 - The people of Jerusalem who survive will respond with positive volition.
- Many people have speculated about the identity of the two witnesses.
 - Some say they are Elijah and Enoch because neither experienced physical death [2 Kings 2:11; Heb 11:5].
 - Some say they are Moses and Elijah because of the signs they are allowed to perform and because they were seen during the Transfiguration [Mt 17:3].
 - It is just as likely that these are two previously unknown prophets who get saved and are called into service during the Tribulation.
- The 6th trumpet (2nd woe) is complete and the 7th trumpet is sounded [11:14-15].
 - The heavenly response to the sounding of the 7th trumpet is recorded in Rev 11:15-19.
 - The earthly consequence of the sounding of the 7th trumpet is not given until chapter 16.
 - Chapters 12-13 give us a panoramic view of the angelic conflict underlying the Tribulation.
 - Chapters 14-15 describe the heavenly scene in preparation of the pouring out of the seven bowls.