

Prophecy devo 25 – The judgments of the Tribulation

Revelation 11: The temple and two witnesses

THE TEMPLE (1-2). A new temple will be built during the Tribulation. This will be a fulfillment of prophecy (II Thessalonians 2:4). Antichrist will confirm a covenant with Israel and break it after three and a half years (9:27). This covenant will allow Israel to build their temple and worship in it. John was told to measure the temple, but not the court, for it was given to the Gentiles to tread under foot for three and a half years (2). Today the Dome of the Rock is on the Temple Mount. Jewish scholars believe this Muslim worship center is where the temple court used to be.

THE TWO WITNESSES (3-14). They will prophesy for 3 ½ years clothed in sackcloth . They will have power to keep it from raining in the days they of their prophecy. They will have power to turn waters to blood and to strike the earth with plagues. When they finish their testimony they will be killed by the Antichrist, and their bodies will lie in a street in Jerusalem. After 3 ½ days they will ascend to Heaven in a cloud. This will be followed by a great earthquake, and one tenth of the city will fall, killing 7,000 people. We aren't told who these witnesses are. Moses and Elijah are possibilities. Moses represents the Law, and Elijah represents the Prophets. The miracles are like what Moses performed. Elijah will come again to restore all things (Malachi 4:5). Then end of the Tribulation will be so near, that the announcement of it is made (11-19).