

## Revelation 11

### THE TEMPLE & TWO WITNESSES

#### THE TEMPLE (1-2)

A new temple will be built during the Tribulation. What does that tell us?

- The Tribulation has a special significance for the Jews
- The purpose of the TRUMPET JUDGMENTS is to call the Jews back to Israel
- This is a fulfillment of OT prophecy
  - **Ezekiel 36:24** – *I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into YOUR land.*
  - **Ezekiel 37:1-22** – *I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel and one king shall be king to them all.*
  - **Ezekiel 37 is a prophecy concerning the restoration of Israel as a nation.** Israel is presently dead to God – They are a valley of dead bones
    - They will be regathered from among the nations
    - They will be recognized as a nation
    - They will be revived at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ
    - They will be renewed by the Holy Spirit
    - They will be ruled by their Messiah (Jesus Christ)
    - They will reign as God’s people in their land during the Millennium
  - **The process of Ezekiel 37**
    - Israel has been scattered since the war with Rome in 70 A.D.
    - They had no homeland until the 20<sup>th</sup> century
    - In 1917 the Balfour Declaration allowed them a homeland in Palestine
    - In On May 14, 1948 Israel became a nation
    - In 1967 The “Six Day War,” precipitated by an Arab invasion, resulted in Israel capturing Jerusalem and the West Bank
  - **Daniel 9:27 - Antichrist will confirm a covenant with Israel & break it after 3 ½ years**

This covenant will allow Israel to build a Temple & to worship in it

- **Antichrist will enter the Holy of Holies & declare himself to be God**
  - *The man of sin sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God (II Thessalonians 2:4)*
  - *When you see the abomination of desolation, spoken by Daniel the prophet, standing in the place...then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains (Matthew 24:15)*

### **MEASURE THE TEMPLE (1)**

- Measuring the temple signifies God's ownership of it
- John was not to measure the outer court. It was given to the Gentiles for 42 mos.
- This will happen the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation
- **Luke 21:24** – *Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles is are fulfilled (2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ)*

### **TWO WITNESSES (3-14)**

#### **1. Who are the two witnesses? The case for MOSES & ELIJAH:**

- Represent the Law & the Prophets
- Jewish tradition expect both Moses & Elijah to return
- Moses & Elijah appeared w/ Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration
- The miracle of the 2 witnesses are like the plagues of Moses & Elijah
- Elijah was taken up to Heaven w/out dying. Moses' body was hidden. Archangel Michael contended w/ Satan over the body of Moses (Jude 9)

#### **2. What will the two witnesses do?**

**v.3** - They will prophesy the last half of the Tribulation (1260 days/42 months)

*In the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses shall a thing be established*

**v.4** - They will prophecy by H.S. & the Word (2 Olive trees & 2 lampstands)

**vs. 5-6** – Supernatural powers like Moses & Elijah

**v. 7** - Killed by Antichrist

**v. 8** - Bodies will lie in the street of Jerusalem for 3 ½ days

**v. 9** - The world will see them. How?

v. 10 – A Christmas-like celebration

v. 11-12 - Resurrection & Ascension

v. 13 - Earthquake: 1/10 of the city destroyed. 7,000 people killed

v. 14 - 2<sup>nd</sup> woe is past. 3<sup>rd</sup> woe is coming quickly

## **SEVENTH TRUMPET (a synopsis of the remainder of the Revelation)**

### **1. The Kingdom of Christ on earth (15)**

- 24 elders worship Him (16)  
He is Lord, Almighty, Eternal
- 24 elders thank Him
  - He reigns in power (17)
  - He judges the dead (18)
  - He rewards His servants (18)
  - He destroys them that destroy the earth (18)

### **2. The Temple of God in Heaven (19)**

- The Heavenly Holy of Holies
- The earthly Holy of Holies will be desecrated by Antichrist
- This is the Temple in Heaven which was the pattern of the earthly temples
- The Ark of the Covenant is there
- The Mercy Seat was over the Ark
- Lightening, noises, thundering, earthquake, hail = remaining judgments

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. W/out judgment God's character can't be known – Judgment speaks to holiness
2. W/out judgment justice can't be won – Judgment speaks to justice
3. W/out judgment love can't be understood

**John 3:16-19**