

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE TWO WITNESSES ARE MINE!!! -- 11:1-4

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### The Measurement and its Purpose:

*Rev 11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying,*

*"Rise and measure*

*the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.*

*Vs. 1-2 Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there THE MEASUREMENT OF THE TEMPLE “temple” – naos (whole structure and compound), not hieron (Holy of Holies). - Cf. Daniel 9:27; 12:11; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:1-4*

*Rise and measure ..... - The purpose - Ezekiel 40:2-4 - “measured” - used 28 times in Ezekiel 40-42; Zechariah 2:1-13; Revelation 21:15-17 It is God’s way of being told it’s literally going to be there!!! The place where the holy of holies will be desecrated with actually be built and will be in place*

*“Temple of God” 9 times in NT:*

Refers to *“the tabernacle of the LORD”* at Shiloh – *1 Sam. 1:9; 3:3*

Refers to the temple of Solomon – only until the glory departed.

Herod’s temple called *“the temple of God”* in *Matt. 21:12*

Refers to body of believers *“the temple of God”* – *1 Cor. 3:16, 17; “the temple of God & the temple of the living God” - 2 Cor. 6:16*

Refers to tribulation temple – *2 Thess. 2:4*

Refers to future temple of the Messiah (Orthodox Jews refer to this one as the Third Temple – *Zech. 6:12-13*

**“THE TWO WITNESSES ARE MINE” - Revelation 11:1-14**

vs. 1-2 **THE MEASUREMENT OF THE TEMPLE**

v. 3 **THE MESSAGE OF THE TWO WITNESSES**

v. 4 **THE MEANING OF THESE TWO WITNESSES**

v. 5 **THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE PROTECTED**

v. 6 **THE MEANS BY WHICH THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR POWER**

vs. 7-10 **THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY ARE KILLED**

vs. 11-14 **THE MIRACLE THAT HAPPENS**

**Tabernacle; House of the Lord; House of God, etc.**

**“The tabernacle of the Lord”** – 12 times

**“The house of the Lord”** – 234 times

**“The Lord’s house”** – 21 times

**“The house of God”** – 81 times

**“Temple”** – English KJV 204 times, 117 in NT.

**“Tabernacle”** – 328 times; 20 in NT.

**“Temple of God” 9 times in NT.**

**“Temple of the Lord”** – 24 times – once in *Luke 1:9*

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### The Message of the Two Witnesses:

Rev 11:3 And I will give power to my two witnesses,

and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days,

clothed in sackcloth."

"But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles." The prohibition -  
- cf. Luke 21:24

"And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months."  
- The prophecy (revelation of God) - cf. Mt. 24:21-22  
of the persecution that is coming! A domination by the Gentiles as never before. Antiochus Epiphanies; Satan is kicked out of heaven

v. 3 "to my two witnesses," - in the original language, the definite article "the" is in the emphatic position – THE TWO WITNESSES ARE MINE!!! - The message of the two witnesses – They will preach it or proclaim it as special messengers from God. As if they had been there before!

and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days - They will PROPHESY 1260 days - (part of the sixth trumpet judgment - cf. 11:14; Dan. 9:27 – indicates the middle of the Great Tribulation

"clothed in sackcloth" - They will PREACH a message of repentance

### Questions:

1. In verses 1-2, what is the purpose of measuring the Temple of God? What or which temple is being spoken of?
2. Do you see any problem in Chapter 11, that in middle of God's wrath being poured out on the earth, we see instructions for John to measure the temple of God, the altar and those who worship there? Who do you think will worship there-Court of Gentiles outside?
3. In verse 2, why is John told not to include the court outside the temple?
4. When do you think construction of the Tribulation Temple will begin? Does the Bible tell us, when, or that it will begin after the Rapture? How do we know it will be of ancient design? Who will dedicate it (Temple of God) - 2 Thess. 2:4? What is one of the most serious problems today for that to occur? (see photos) – The Rapture; The Revelation
5. Do you think you will be helping to construct the Millennial Temple? Who does the Bible say will build it? (Zech. 6:12-13)
6. When did the "times of the Gentiles" begin? When will or did it end? 1967?
7. What verse in Rev. tells us that the Tribulation period can be split into two equal parts?
8. When will the persecution by the Gentiles of Israel be the worst?
9. What is the *Abomination of Desolation* ? - Dan. 11:31; 12:11; Matt. 24:15. When will it occur again?
10. Who was *Antiochus Epiphanies*? In *Daniel 11:21-35*, the prophet reveals the rise and rule of Antiochus IV Epiphanies, the Seleucid king who reigned from 175-164 B.C. Daniel's prediction involves the rise of Antiochus to power, the conflicts of Antiochus with Egypt (i.e., the king of the South), and his hostilities towards Israel, which included polluting the altar by offering a swine on it.

## **The Meaning of the Two Witnesses:**

**Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.**

*Rev 11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.*

*Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.*

*Rev 11:7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.*

*Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

*Rev 11:9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.*

*Rev 11:10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.*

*Rev 11:11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.*

*Rev 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.*

*Rev 11:13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

*Rev 11:14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.*

v. 4 the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. - **THE MEANING OF THESE TWO WITNESSES** - Cf. Zech. 4:1-14 - Probably these two witnesses witnessing the entire first half of the Tribulation period; possibly used in the 144,000 coming to the Lord. – “not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit” - Used to re-establish the worship in the Land.

**HISTORICALLY** – Joshua (High Priest) and Zerubbabel (Civic Leader); Zerubbabel in Messianic line – Matt. 1:12; Luke 3:27 cf. Haggai 2:1-9

**PROPHETICALLY** - Moses and Elijah –  
– **THE TWO WITNESSES ARE MINE!!! cf.** - I'll give power to My two witnesses who have been here before!

Who was at the Mount of Transfiguration? - Matt. 17:3; - And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ”

Who were the two men at the Resurrection? - Luke 24:4-7 - “two men stood by them in shining garments.”

Who were the two men at the Ascension? - Acts 1:9-11 – “two men stood by them in white apparel.”

Moses - Dt. 31:29

Elijah - Malachi 4:5-6; Matt. 11:14; Luke 1:17

**Moses & Elijah –**

**Rev 11:5-6 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. [6] These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.**

11. Who do you think the two witnesses are? Joshua and Zerubbabel?  
Elijah and Enoch?  
Elijah and John the Baptist?  
Elijah and Moses?

12. What is the significance of the attire (clothed in sackcloth) of the two witnesses? Is it connected with their message?

**SUMMARY:**  
**MAY WE KEEP OUR BODIES,**  
**OUR TEMPLES, PURE!**  
**MAY WE BE READY FOR HIS**  
**SOON COMING!**

**Luke 12:40 “Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”**

**Luke 21:28 “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”**

**ARE YOU READY?**  
**ARE YOUR LOVED ONES**  
**READY?**

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