

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"Two Witnesses"
Revelation 11:1-14
Part-22

Revelation 11:3

God's Witness Is Revealed In – The witness of the rebuilt temple, God's Witness in His 2 Faithful Witnesses for 3 ½ years.

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 – the book has 3 parts:

- 1. "Things which you have seen"** – Rev. 1 – Vision of the coming of Jesus.
- 2. "The things which are"** – Rev. 2-3 – 7 Churches.
- 3. "The Things which shall take place after these things"** – Rev. 4-22.

Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes

Rev 6-19 – The Tribulation – Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments.

Thought Of Our Passage: Though God's Witness In The Final Days Will Be Rejected By The World, It Will Be Vindicated By God.

1. Verses 1-2 – The Witness Of The Temple

2. Verses 3-14 – The Witness Of Two Men

1. Verses 1-2 – The Witness Of The Temple:

Revelation 11:1

"Then" – John left off in Revelation 10, "Bittersweet Truth"; God is in control, God said there will be no delays. John's continued assignment – Revelation 10:11.

"measuring rod like a staff" – Papyrus reed, about 9 feet in length.
Ezekiel 40:5

"temple of God" – Inner Temple or Holy Place; Holy of Holies.

"and the altar," – The Brazen Alter which was outside the Holy place.

"measuring" – an act of "knowing, claiming, staking out, defining the parameters of God's possessions"; Ezekiel 40 – Future Temple carefully measured; Revelation 21:15-17 – New Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:27

Isaiah calls it a covenant of death, and an agreement with Hell –
Isaiah 28: 15.

Daniel 12: 11

Jesus Quotes Daniel – Matthew 24: 15

2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4

Revelation 13: 14-15

Revelation 11: 2

“Leave out” – “cast out”

“and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.” –
Daniel 8: 13

Luke 21: 24

Matthew 24: 15-22

2. Verses 3-14 – The Witness Of Two Men:

Revelation 11: 3

Acts 1: 8

Time Of Their Ministry: “and they will prophesy” – “to speak forth, to
proclaim, to preach.”

“clothed in sackcloth.” – “rough, heavy, coarse material, a symbol of
mourning and distress.”

Ministry Of Light: Revelation 11: 4

These are the two olive trees – Zech. 4: 3, 14 (Joshua High Priest, Spiritual
Leader, and Zerubbabel the Political Leader). They were anointed
witnesses that led to rebuilding and revival. This symbolizes “the light of
revival/salvation”.

“and the two lampstands” – “bearers of light”

Revelation 11: 5

Power To Kill Their Enemies: "fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies;"

Revelation 11:6

Power To Keep It From Raining: "These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying;"
1 Kings 17:1.

Power To Turn Water To Blood: Exodus 7:20.

Power To Bring Plagues: "and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire."

Who Are These 2 Witnesses? (Suggestions)

Elijah – fire consumes, 2 Kings 1:9-14.

Elijah would come – Malachi 4:4-5; Luke 1:17 (spirit of Elijah)

Elijah Never Died, 2 Kings 2:11.

Enoch – Enoch never died, Genesis 5:24; Jude 14-15.

Hebrews 9:27

Moses – Exodus 7-11, The 10 Plagues of Egypt.

Transfiguration was Moses and Elijah: Luke 9:30.

Verses 7-10 – Termination Of Their Ministry: Revelation 11:7.

"When they have finished their testimony," – They will accomplish their mission, the ministry that God has called them to, only then are they finished!

"the beast" – 36X; 1st Time in Revelation that comes up out of the abyss empowered by Satan himself; Anti-Christ comes out of the sea, Revelation 13:1.

Revelation 11:8

"of the great city which mystically is called Sodom ("vice") and Egypt, ("vanity") where also their Lord was crucified ("violence")."

Revelation 11:9

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

Revelation 11:10

“And those who dwell on the earth” – “unbelievers, those that live for this world.”

“will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another,”

Galatians 4:16

Verses 11-13 – God’s Witness Is Vindicated: Revelation 11:11

“But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet;” – Gospels record 3 people that Jesus raises from the dead – the centurion’s daughter, the widow’s son and Lazarus.

Revelation 11:12-13

“and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.” They recognized divine power that God did it, but did not repent.

Revelation 11:14

Application:

1. God, Out Of His Great Love, Sends Forth His Witnesses. God’s Witness Is True And Right, Even Though People May Choose To Reject It.
2. Are We Willing To Be God’s Witness To His Light, Even Though The Witness And Light Is Not Accepted And Received?
3. Like The Two Witnesses, God Has Chosen A Special Place For Each One Of Us. We Shine The Light Of Jesus Christ, So That People Can Give Glory To God, Turn From Their Sins And Place Their Faith In Jesus Christ.