

# Wednesday Bible Study – December 10, 2014

## "Protection, Provision, Departure" – (Revelation 11:5-9)

Read [Revelation 11:1-14](#).

Review the [Revelation 11 Outline](#).

Note again the [Biblical Timeline Diagram](#):

Review the [Revelation 11 Introduction](#).

### [REVELATION 11:1-4](#) – Review

[Verse 1](#) – Someone gave John a reed, just like a rod. A reed is a surveyor's instrument, perhaps shaped like a rod, to do some measuring.

- The Angel said to John – measure the temple. This is the Tribulation Temple, the altar, and the ones worshipping.
- 1. TEMPLE – This is the temple which is rebuilt by the Jews in the Tribulation – built by unbelievers, a part of revived Judaism; it has *nothing to do* with the real temple, which is to reveal the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - o This temple worship is sponsored by the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRIBULATION – in the Temple a gold statue of the dictator of Rome will be placed, called the *Abomination of Desolation* of [Matthew 24:15](#); [Daniel 9:27](#); [11:31](#); [12:11](#).
  - o There are two dictators in the Tribulation who are involved in this worship in the Temple.
  - o One is a GENTILE dictator – the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire – who has two hats: a religious hat, and a political hat.
  - o The second dictator is a JEW – In [Revelation 11:1-12](#) we have two witness of the Lord Jesus Christ. In [Revelation 13](#) we have the two witnesses of Satan (the "Beasts" from the sea and from the earth) – both Dictators. Note: God has two witnesses and Satan has two witnesses.
- 2. ALTAR – speaks of the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Thousands and thousands of Jews will walk by that ALTAR, and it will not speak to them of Christ. They will ignore the meaning of the Altar; these people are negative to God and His message. They will be influenced greatly by the miracles and tongue movement performed by the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire. Satan has always had a way of causing people to be suckers to a religious system.
  - o Factor I – Temple; Factor II – Altar

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3. ONES WORSHIPPING – Unbelieving Jews of the Tribulation – Here are apostate Jews who need the message of the two witnesses. They are lost, and need salvation; they are involved in vain, empty, meaningless worship.

[Verse 2](#) – The court is the place where the Gentiles can come; they were told not to measure it. It was "*given over to the Gentiles – and the holy city shall they tread under foot 42 months.*" [Read Luke 21:24, Daniel 9:24-25](#). Now look at [Daniel 12:9-12](#); "*end time*" in verse 9 means the Tribulation. Verses 10-11 refer to the time during the Tribulation when the regular sacrifice is abolished and replaced with the *abomination of desolation*, and refers to a period of "*1290 days*".

[Verse 3](#) – Power to the two ministers (MOSES / ELIJAH); "*they shall prophesy*" for 1260 DAYS – 3 ½ yrs. The witnessing will be great – the power will be transforming; many will be redeemed. We know that following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent will be the 1000-year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. Noting again the passage in Daniel 12:11 the period of "1290 days", and continuing with verse 12 we see "*how blessed is he who attains to the 1335 days!*" we see a difference of 45 days. We need to take note of the periods of time in Revelation 11:2 and the passage in Daniel: 42 months (from Rev. 11:2) is 1260 days; that subtracted from the 1290 days referred to in Daniel 12:11 is 30 days. The difference between the 1335 days of verse 12 and 1290 days of verse 11 is 45 days. The thirty days plus the 45 days adds up to 75 days; this is also the difference between the 1290 days of Daniel and the 42 months of Revelation 11 (1260 days)... 75 days. This appears to be the period of "clean-up" following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent in to begin the Kingdom of the Millennium. The results of the Tribulation will have left a great mess, which apparently the Lord will clean up during this brief period at the start of the Millennium.

[Verse 4](#) – These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the earth, and was emphasized last [Sunday](#) with the [study of Zechariah 4](#).

So much for the review of the first 4 verses; now we look at our verses for today's study.

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#### [Revelation 11:5-12](#)

[Verse 5](#) – PROTECTION of the two witnesses: "*And if anyone wishes to harm*" 1st class (if and it is true) – then we have the present active infinitive of θέλω. The Infinitive indicates *desires from emotion* to harm Moses and Elijah. Anyone trying to harm them will die by fire proceeding "*from their mouths*".

- The religious crowd will want to kill Moses and Elijah.
  - o It was religion that put Christ on the Cross.
  - o It is religion that hates the Truth.
  - o It is religion that despises the principles of Grace.
  - o Under *Grace* God does the doing, and God receives the credit.
  - o Under *religion* man does the doing, and man gets the credit.

GOD PROTECTS!

[Verse 6](#) – POWER of the two witnesses – It appears here that there will be some reproduction of the plagues used by Moses in Egypt. "*These have power to shut heaven, that it rained not*"...Elijah Prayed – no rain for 3 ½ yrs. Elijah Prayed again – Rain came.

[Verses 7-9](#) – DEATH of the two witnesses: "*And when they had finished their testimony.*" When our ministry is finished God takes us home. DEATH!

These two witnesses operate for a certain period of time. Then they finish their witnessing, and are then removed.

"The beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them." This beast is the super-demon who indwells the *dictator of the revived Roman Empire* – the one who leads the famous scorpion army of [Revelation 9:3-10](#). God removes the protection, so that the super-demon can kill Moses and Elijah. Read [Revelation 11:8](#). The "*great city*" is Jerusalem, called Sodom and Egypt in the Tribulation. Sodom in this verse refers to *PERVERSION*; Egypt refers to *RELIGION and WORLDLINESS*.

We will look at verses 9-12 next week.

We definitely see here that *God is in control*. He has His Hand on our lives, and we won't know His plan if we do not know His Word. That's why our preacher teaches the way he does, and why we listen and study the way we do, so that we can learn, and grow, and know *and live* God's Plan for our lives.