

Sunday Bible Study Session 2 – December 7, 2014

"A Dark Hour in Israel" – (Revelation 11:4)

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

TWO WITNESSES:

- [Verse 1](#) – John is given a reed (a surveyor's instrument to measure).
 1. Measure the TEMPLE
 2. Measure the ALTAR
 3. Measure the worshipping ones
- [Verse 2](#) – Leave out the court (the place where the Gentiles could come). This is saying that in the last ½ of the Tribulation, the Gentiles would run Jerusalem. The dictator of the Revived Roman Empire is actually the ruler of Jerusalem – his image is in the temple, in the Holy of Holies. Read Luke 21:24. These two witnesses will be preaching this entire 3 ½ years, minus two weeks (42 months is 3 ½ years Minus 2 weeks). In those two weeks they are killed, resurrected and then taken to Heaven.
- [Verse 3](#) – "*They shall prophesy*" that's their ministry – the preaching ministry of the two witnesses – wearing "*sackcloth*", preaching every single day.
- [Verse 4](#) – Analogy: Zechariah 4 – God raised up the prophet to stir the spiritual leaders. God gave him 10 visions, all in one night ([Note the study of the Ten Visions of Zechariah](#)).
- [Verse 5](#) – Protection and provision of these two witnesses.
- [Verse 6](#) – God's Power at work.
- [Verses 7-9](#) – Death of the two witnesses (World-wide coverage).
- [Verse 10](#) – CHRISTMAS FOR SATAN.
- [Verse 11, 12](#) – A GREAT SURPRISE (RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION of the two witnesses).
- [Verse 13](#) – JUDGMENT THE SAME HOUR.
- [Verse 14](#) – THIRD WOE – 6TH TRUMPET = BAPTISM OF FIRE.

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ZECHARIAH'S VISIONS ([Zechariah 1:7-6:8](#)):

[Revelation 11:4](#) *"two Olive trees – two candlesticks"*

In the Old Testament, the emphasis is on Zerrubbabel (Governor-head and representative of the Royal house of David) and Joshua (High Priest-from the tribe of Levi) Family of Aaron; the High Priest is presented in [Zechariah 3:1-8](#).

In the New Testament, the *"two Olive Trees"* represent Moses and Elijah.

VISIONS

1. Horseman among the myrtle trees ([Zechariah 1:7-17](#))
2. Four horns and four craftsmen ([1:18-21](#))
3. The surveyor ([2:1-13](#))
4. Joshua/Satan ([3:1-10](#))
5. Golden Lampstand / two olive trees ([4:1-14](#))
6. Flying scroll ([5:1-4](#))
7. Woman in the Ephah (basket – [5:5-11](#))
8. 4 Chariots ([6:1-8](#))

VISIONS EXPLAINED

- A call for Israel to Repent
 - God's Plan for Israel-Jerusalem and the Temple
 - Coming of the Future Messiah
1. *"...Horseman among myrtle trees"* ([Zechariah 1:7-17](#)) – The angel tells the prophet that God still loves Israel, and would restore Jerusalem (Verse 17).
 2. *"4 horns / 4 craftsmen"* ([1:18-21](#)) – The horns represent the 4 kingdoms that opposed Israel (Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, and Medo-Persia). The craftsmen will *"throw down their horns"* – God defeats Israel's enemies.
 3. The surveyor ([2:1-13](#)) holds a measuring line – God's promise that Jerusalem will be expanded, and its people will one day live in safety, as the Lord judges Israel's enemies.

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4. Joshua the high priest ([3:1-10](#)) in filthy clothes – Satan is there, and is rebuked. Joshua then is given rich, clean, clothes. A beautiful symbol of Israel's restoration as God's "*Priestly nation*" ([Exodus 19:6](#)). Note: the ultimate High Priest is Jesus Christ, *the Branch*.
5. "...*Golden lampstand and two olives trees*" ([4:1-14](#)). Two olive trees feed the golden lampstand. God provides for His own.
6. "...*Flying scroll*" ([5:1-4](#)) written on both sides, flying over the land – Speaks of God's Judgment on those who disobey.
7. "...*Woman in the basket*" ([5:5-11](#)) – An ephah is 3/5 of a bushel, with a lead cover. The angel opens, then seals, with the heavy cover. Two other women appear with stork-like wings – pick up the basket and carry it to Babylon – which is a strange picture of *WICKEDNESS* to be banished to Babylon ([Revelation 17](#)).
8. "...*Four chariots*" ([6:1-8](#)) – Zechariah sees 4 horses, of different colors, pulling 4 chariots. This must be a picture of judgment upon the enemies of Israel (*1st 4 seals*), and then "*REST*" comes ([Revelation 6:1-8](#)). As Israel returns to Jerusalem and rebuilds the temple, they will find God's favor. "...*Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD ALMIGHTY*". [-Zechariah 4:6](#)