



Revelation 11

Some scholars say it is the most difficult and important chapter in Revelation.

It is a deliberate summary of the rest of the book.

It is the “Cliff Notes” for Revelations...like those we used to use before a test in College (just kidding!)

“Cliff” Note: God is wonderful in the way He gives us tidbits of His plan, His provisions, and His Power...as a preview of what He has and is doing for His created Ones who love Him.

Of course, He fills in the blanks (details) as He progresses to the finish line.

John has eaten the little scroll....Taken into his mind the message of God. Now he sums up what God has proclaimed:

Scheme of the chapter = Scheme of the rest of the book.

- V.1, 2 = *Picture of the measuring of the temple. Closely parallel to the sealing and for the purposes of protection during the coming terrors that are going to happen (Jews).*
- V.3-6 = *Two witnesses/heralds of the end times.*
- V.7-10 = *First time to see the Antichrist coming on the scene...his temporary triumph which results in the death of the two witnesses.*
- V.11-13 = *restoration of life for the two witnesses; consequent repentance and conversion of the Jews.*
- V.14-19 = *First sketch of the final triumph of Christ; the 1000 years of His initial reign; the rising of the nations; the defeat of the nations; the judgment of the dead (the unsaved); and the establishment of the Kingdom of God and of His Anointed One.*

Revelation 11:1-2, “I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. ² But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.”

42 months = half of the seven (7) year tribulation period.

The measuring of the Temple = This lets the reader know that John sees the earthly temple being used by the Jews left on earth (vision found in Ezekiel). The Gentiles (unholy nations and the God-haters) and they will overtake the holy city (Jerusalem) for 3 ½ years. They will savagely destroy Jerusalem and try to kill all who worship God.

“³ And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” ⁴ They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” ⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. ⁶ They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.”

The Two Witnesses

- **Some theologians and Bible teachers say, Elijah and Enoch...because “it is appointed to man once to die and after that the judgment.” Elijah and Enoch are the only two people that did not die that we know from the Word of God. For the Scripture to be exact and never wrong...these are the two it should be for the Scripture to be accurate. There are things that we don’t know...and won’t know until it is explained and taught/explained in heaven.**
- **Some theologians and Bible teachers say, Elijah and Moses...because “they were at the Mount of Transfiguration...and it talks about being able to call down fire and cause the plagues to come on the ungodly people of the earth.”**

These two (2) witnesses have “beyond human/superhuman” qualities and dynamics that no human has ever had. Fire...from their mouths??

Revelation 11:7-13, “Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

⁸ Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. ⁹ For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. ¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. ¹¹ But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their

enemies looked on. ¹³ At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

The Beast = 1st time to be introduced as a personage. He is well known to the student of Bible prophecy.

He is called by at least twenty (20) names...most commonly referred to as Antichrist.

- Just as Jesus Christ is the promised “seed of the woman” (Genesis 3:15), the Antichrist is seen as a type “seed from the evil one”...one who opposes Christ (particularly one teaching anything contrary to the deity of Christ is “antichrist”).
- This one...will oppose everything which Christ represents.

Titles given to Antichrist in the Scriptures:

Isaiah 14:4—“king of Babylon”

Isaiah 14:12—“Lucifer”

Daniel 7:8; 8:9—“little horn”

Daniel 8:23—“a king of fierce countenance”

Daniel 9:26—“the prince that shall come”

Daniel 11:36—“the willful king”

2 Thessalonians 2:3-8—“that man of sin,” “the son of perdition,” “that wicked one”

1 John 2:18—“antichrist”

Revelation 11:7; 13:1—“the beast.”

The one used by the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, “the man of sin,” is the most descriptive.

As the “man of sin” he will come on the scene in the last days as the embodiment of all the sinful men who have ever lived.

Hitler, Nero, Herod, Mussolini, etc.

Antichrist’s conduct:

2 Thessalonians 2:4... “Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he, as God, sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

The antichrist is the epidemic of evil:

- Christ comes as a peace offering. The antichrist comes as a counterfeit peace offering.
- Christ performs miracles for the good of man; the antichrist performs miracles to trick and deceive mankind.
- Christ is the healer; the antichrist is the appealer.
- Christ heals; the antichrist kills.

The Antichrist makes war against the two witnesses and kills them...leaves them on the street for 3 ½ days.

The world watches and cheers as the bodies are lying in the streets. People are celebrating and partying because their sins seem to no longer be judged outwardly by these two witnesses.

Sin to the End...their motto.

**People have been saying for centuries (especially today)...
“What right do you have to judge my sins? You are not God.”**

The breath of God (Holy Spirit of God) lifts the two witnesses (their bodies, spirit and soul) up-----They are summoned up to heaven when God calls-----

People will be breathless...and...

All television and media types will record this live event.

**Immediately there is a great earthquake in which 7000 are killed.
The rest of the witnesses give glory to God.**

¹⁴ *The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.* ¹⁵ *The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”* ¹⁶ *And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,* ¹⁷ *saying: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.* ¹⁸ *The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”* ¹⁹ *Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.*

Rev. 11:14-19-----Forecast/Summary of Things to Come

- (1) There is victory in which the Kingdoms of the World become the Kingdom of the Lord God and of His Anointed One.
- (2) This victory leads to a time when God takes His supreme authority (v.17). (Leads to 1000 years of peace and prosperity)...the millennium; 1000-year reign of the Lord.
- (3) At the end of the millennium, there comes the final attack of the hostile powers (v.18). They will be finally defeated and then will follow the last judgment.

The Arc of the Covenant is seen meaning, “The Glory of the Lord will be fully displayed.”

The full display:

- The Arc...Covenant with His people, Israel (the Jews)...He has not forgotten them
- The Gentiles will be brought in as “joint heirs” with their belief in Jesus, the Son of God.

“As many as received Him, gave them the power to become the sons (children) of God; even to them that believe on His name...” John 1:12

A Summary of the Summary:

God wins (duh!)-the final triumph over evil by Christ, the whole church and elders (all heaven) break out in victory chant (thanksgiving to the Lord God Almighty).

A thousand year (millennium) reign by the Almighty Christ; the rising of the nations (sin enters the picture again and there is another final battle...A FULL REVELATION OF THIS IS IN CHAPTER 20); the unsaved dead are judged; and then the eternal state with the Father and Son. God’s Spirit will be seen and not just felt; seen and not just heard; and seen and be with us to dwell forever.