

# Revelation 11 Revealed

1). I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there.

This is a reference to the Jewish Temple that will be rebuilt in the near future. The plans for the new Temple has already been drawn up by the Sanhedrin in Israel. The first Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians and second by the Romans in 70 A.D. An outline for the new Temple can be found in the ancient book of Ezekiel chapter 40 and following.

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.

The outer court in the Jewish custom is for the Gentiles (anyone not Jewish) who come to worship). This verse can only be understood from the visions of Daniel. The Gentiles will have control over the Temple (Israel), once it is rebuilt, for 3 and a half years. Learn from Daniel chapter 2.

	Gentile Kingdom	Image Symbol	Reign over Israel
1.	Babylon (a)	Head of GOLD	625 B.C. TO 539 B.C.
2.	Medo-Persia (b)	Chest and Arms of SILVER	539 B.C. TO 331 B.C.
3.	Greece (c)	Waist and Thighs of BRONZE	331 B.C. TO 164 B.C.
4.	Rome	Legs of IRON	164 B.C. - 70 A.D.
	Rise of Church, Decline of Israel	(Not represented in image)	32 A.D. - 70 A.D. (d)
	(Church Age)	(Not represented in image)	32 A.D. - Present (e)
	Rise of Israel, Decline of Church	(Not represented in image)	1948 - Future (d)
5.	European Union? Antichrist Rises to power	Feet of IRON and CLAY	7 Future Years (f)

## Notes

- (a) Ancient Babylon was located where modern-day Iraq is now
- (b) Medo-Persian empire ruled by Darius the Mede / Cyrus of Persia
- (c) Alexander the Great's general's (Ptolemy, Lysimachus, Cassander and Seleucus) descendants Reign

(d) Israel's temporary blindness to Gospel of Jesus Christ will cease at end of Church Age (Romans 11:25-29)

(e) The Church, beginning at the Resurrection of Christ in 32 A.D., does NOT reign over Israel

(f) The 7 Future Years do not begin until after the Church Age has ended and the focus is on Israel. Remember Jesus is going to cut the 7 year tribulation in half. Matthew 24:22 and Daniel 9:27. Daniel 9:27 is when anti-christ will declare himself to be god in the middle of the seven year tribulation.

As we now know, four of these kingdoms have come and gone. And we know that Israel was destroyed by the Roman Emperor Titus Vespasian in 70 A.D. Israel was scattered to all the nations of the world; just as prophesied by God. And now, in the 20th century, we have seen the rebirth of Israel as an independent nation in 1948. This is highly significant in light of Romans 11:25-29. Israel had not been in control of their Holy City Jerusalem, as an independent nation, since 586 B.C. After 2552 years, Israel recaptured the city of Jerusalem in 1967 during the Six-Day War. The Vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is fertile again and the Fig Tree is putting forth her leaves.

3). And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

4). These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

The two witnesses are two prophets sent to witness against anti-christ and world. These are going to be Elijah and either Moses or Enoch. Most scholars today agree that it will be Elijah and Moses because they appeared with Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-9. Enoch was taken up by God into Heaven in the book of Genesis 5:24 and Jude 1:14. This explains why some scholars suggest he is one of the two witnesses. Also look at Zechariah 4. They will Preach for the first 1260 days of the Tribulation. It is also note worthy to see the prophecy of Daniel 12:11&12. These verses will come back into play later in this chapter. These men will be filled with conviction and lamenting the sins of Israel and the world, all the while preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is indicated by the clothes of sackcloth.

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.

God grants them this power for protection.

6). These men have power to shut up the sky 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.

These two prophets will be able to bring judgement upon the Earth as they will? Yes, it is the Divine Plan of God. For God to give this power to men really shows the wrath of God, because men are often less merciful than the Almighty.

7). Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

After preaching 1260 days they will be overpowered by Satan. This is when the anti-christ declares himself god. This is found in Daniel 12:11 which is the abomination the causes desolation. When the anti-christ over takes the two witnesses and kills them, then there will be 30 days for the desolation to take place. This is described by Jesus in Matthew 24:15-22. This is when the Remnant of Israel, Revelation 7:4-8, will flee to the mountain of refuge known as Petra. This is found in Isaiah 16:1 and Obadiah 1:3.

8). Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

Some say Rome, which may be spiritually called Sodom for its abominations, Egypt for its tyrannous cruelty, and the place where our Lord was crucified, because of its persecution of the members of Christ; but Jerusalem itself may be intended. Jesus Christ was crucified on Golgotha, the place of the skull, just outside the city gates of Jerusalem.

9). For three and a half days men 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.

This shows the depravity of the worldlings that refuse to repent of their wickedness. It is also note worthy that Jesus was in the grave for three and a half days. This passage also indicates the these two prophets will be giving the wicked in the world a hard time. Amen.

11). But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them.

Just as Jesus was in the grave for three and a half days and rose from the dead, so will these two prophets. A personal note: I cannot wait to see people faces when this happens, if I am still here. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life .

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.

This is a great event that will also happen to all faithful believers when the Lord is ready for us. 1Thessalonians 4:17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

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.

What does it take for people to praise God? Answer, when seven thousand people are killed by this earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Also when they see and hear Come up here !

14). The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

Could it be 30 days till the desolation is complete? At this point in the Tribulation there will be a transition time. 1260 days have passed since anti-christ took power. The seven seals have been opened and six of the seven Trumpets have sounded. Remember the prophecy of Daniel chapter 12? In verse 11 we see the abomination and now we see the desolation.  $1260 + 30 = 1290$  days, which Daniel 12:11 mentions. Also Jesus says this in Matthew 24:15

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 Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Now we see and hear the seventh Trumpet sound. This is the point in the Tribulation in which we believers will be changed. 1Corinthians 15:51&52 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. Also 1Thessalonians 4:14-17 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Listen to Jesus; Matthew 24:29-31 "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his

angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Notice in all these verse the phase last Trumpet, loud Trumpet and Trumpet call of God are used. Look now at Daniel 12:12, Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days. Is this indicating that 1,335 days into the Tribulation we will witness the Resurrection of the Church? I believe that is exactly what these verses indicate. Listen to the numbers given in Revelation 11 and Daniel 12:11 & 12. 1,335 days minus 1290 days equals 45 days. Add the 30 days for the desolation and time for the two witnesses to rise from dead and you have 75 days from the time the anti-christ kills the two witnesses until the blessing of Daniel 12:12 comes to pass, which is the Rapture of believers and the establishment of Christ and His Kingdom here on Earth. Or 1,335 days into the Tribulation then the Rapture. The last seven bowls of God's wrath upon the inhabitants of the earth who reject the Gospel message are delivered after the Church is gone!

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.

These two verses show the activity that has been taking place from the beginning. Revelation 4 & 5. We will be joining in this worship service after Resurrection (Rapture) of Church. This is also a great time to reflect on how thankful we should be now. Psalm 2 is a great cross reference. Jesus Christ will rule with an iron scepter.

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 saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great-- and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

The ungodly will receive the wrath of God through the rest of the Tribulation and finally at the Great White Throne of Judgment. Revelation 20:11-15. Also it is a time of rewards for faithful believers, which is the Judgment seat of Christ. First Corinthians 3:11-15. Also there are 5 Crowns for Faithful Believers.

1. 2Ti 4:8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2. James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

3. 1Peter 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

4. Pr 4:9 She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor."

5. Daniel 12:3 Those who are wise {3 Or <who impart wisdom>} will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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 great hailstorm.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!!! Where the Presence of the Almighty One dwells, there will be power displayed like we have never seen before. Hebrews 9:1-15 Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. {5 Traditionally <the mercy seat>} But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washing-- external regulations applying until the time of the new order. When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, {14 Or <from useless rituals>} so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance-- now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.