

Revelation 11: 1-19

A. 11:1-14

1. The Temple (vv. 1-2)
 - a. Measuring—Zechariah 2:1-2: measuring in the sense of preserving.
 - b. Courts surrounding the temple; i.e. Gentiles, women, etc.—Holy of Holies—innermost section.
 - c. Greek word used for temple—*naos*; sacred parts of the temple. Represents the church as the faithful remnant of Israel (Jews and grafted in Gentiles).
 - d. Gentiles court is not preserved—will trample on the city for 42 months.
2. Identity of the two Witnesses
 - a. olive trees—anoointed witnesses (i.e. anoointed king in Zech. 4:11-14); olive symbol of peace;
 - b. Lamp stands—light in the temple; light of God; the presence of the Holy Spirit moving in a world of darkness.
 - c. Moses and Elijah—1 possibility; Zerubbabel and Joshua—another possibility. They have full power.
 - d. Will prophesy for 3.5 years. Tribulation—reverting back to Daniel.
 - e. Symbolism—witnesses are the church; Why 2? Biblical rules of evidence required a minimum of 2 witnesses for valid testimony (Deut. 17:6, 19:15 and Matthew 18:16, John 8:17, Acts 5:32).
3. History of the two Witnesses
 - a. Authorized to speak God's message; repentance.
 - b. The beast from the Abyss wages war on them.
 - c. Sodom and Egypt—referring to Jerusalem under judgment Isaiah 1:9-10)
 - d. Treated with disgrace—However, true justice (vindication) will prevail spiritually through Christ Jesus.

B. 11:15-19

1. The Seventh Trumpet Sounds—the end is here; the VICTORY IS WON!
2. The 24 elders—symbolic of the 12 tribes and apostles worship the Lamb of God!
3. Justification through faith—and the mystery of God (hidden things) will be revealed to those who have been faithful throughout history. (symbolic—ark of the covenant).