

Revelation 11
The Two Witnesses

Prophesying for three and one-half years (1-3)

Timing is debated – but I lean toward the first half of the trib, before the Jews flee
Counting the worshippers – measuring the temple (Ezekiel 43:10-12) **God is watching**
Courts trampled by the Gentiles (42 months 1260 days – Daniel 12:7) **Man is defiling**
Clothed in sackcloth (II Kings 6:30) **Things are not as they ought to be**

Prophesying in power (4-6)

Boldly speaking God's truth to a wicked generation
Position given to them (Luke 9:28-31 – representing the Law and the Prophets)
Two olive trees (Zechariah 4:3-6, 11-14) **Political and religious leaders**
Two lamp stands **to light a revival**
Protection provided for them (Psalm 119:154-159) **safety in walking with God**
Power given to them **similar to Moses and Elijah**

Prophesy is terminated (7-10) **the antichrist has heard enough**

Because their testimony was finished (John 19:30) **the message was heard**
Beast attacks and overpowers them (John 16:20-22) **thinking victory**
Bodies are left unburied **display of his might (similar to the cross)**
Becomes a celebration throughout the earth (Esther 9:1-2) **the tables will be turned**

Prophets resurrected (11-14)

God's breath of life enters them (Genesis 2:7) **Victory through resurrection!**
Great fear results (Revelation 6:16-17) **who can stop this God?**
God takes them home (John 14:1-3) **the invitation, "Come up here!"**
Great earthquake occurs (Luke 21:11 / Revelation 6:12; 8:5; 11:13, 19; 16:18)
Glory is given to God **wake-up call – better to give Him glory now**

Preparations for the final judgments – the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet

The last seven bowl judgments are about to begin
His kingdom is established (Psalm 2:6) **His Son will sit on the throne**
His wrath is proclaimed (I Thessalonians 5:3, 9) **for those who are in darkness**
His judgments are finished **last opportunity to change**
His rewards are given (Revelation 22:12) **to each according to his deeds**
His temple is opened – the ark is seen within **His truth & presence remain**

Discussion questions for Revelation 11

In what ways does the ministry of the two witnesses parallel the ministry of believers?

(Matthew 28:19 / Acts 1:8)

Bringing the message of hope to the lost – seeking those who would become disciples of Jesus

(Ephesians 1:18-20)

Displaying the hope and power of a life fully committed to the Savior

(II Thessalonians 3:3)

Protected from the evil one – safest place to be is the center of His will

(II Timothy 3:12)

Facing persecution – guaranteed to those who seek to live a godly life

(II Thessalonians 1:11-12)

Seeing the hand of God fulfill the work He has called us to do

(I Thessalonians 4:15-18)

The hope of being called up to heaven to be with the Lord forever

Why were these two witnesses hated by the world? (see John 3:19-21; 7:7; 15:18-25)

Those who live in darkness do not want to be exposed by the light. Those who live in sin do not want to be told that they will be held responsible for their actions. Those who reject Christ do not want to see others who live for Him, they want to pretend there is no God to whom they must give account (Hebrews 4:13) If they hated Jesus, they will hate His followers.

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