THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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- 1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.
- 2 "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

- 3 "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."
- 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

- 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.
- These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

- 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.
- And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

- Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.
- 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

- 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.
- 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.

- 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.
- 14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.



Place in the Book of Revelation

- What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II. What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III. What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
 - **A.** The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
 - B. The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
 - 1. Preparation (8:2–6)
 - 2. First Four Trumpets (8:7–12)
 - 3. Last Three Trumpets (8:13–11:19)

- 3. The Last Three Trumpet Judgments—

 Three Woes (8:13–11:19)
 - a. Introduction to the Woes (8:13)
 - b. Fifth Trumpet—Fiery Locusts from the Pit (9:1–12)
 - c. Sixth Trumpet—Loosing of the Four Angels Bound in the Euphrates (9:13–21)
 - d. Parenthesis (10:1-11:14)

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 - The Mighty Angel (10:1–7)
 - ◆ The Book (10:8–11)
 - The Forty-Two Months of Gentile Dominion (11:1–2)
 - **✓** Scene: Tribulation Temple

Daniel 9:24–27

²⁴ "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*.

Daniel 9:24–27

²⁵ "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

Daniel 9:24-27

will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

Daniel 9:24-27

²⁷ "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Luke 21:20-24

- ²⁰ "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.
- ²¹ "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;
- because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.

Luke 21:20-24

- "Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;
- ²⁴ and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

Hosea 5:15

I will go away and return to My place Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.

Matthew 23:38-39

- "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!
- "For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!"

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

- ³ Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will* not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
- ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

Question for Discussion

How and why will the Temple be standing in the Tribulation Period?

- d. Parenthesis (10:1-11:14)
 - The Mighty Angel (10:1–7)
 - The Book (10:8–11)
 - The Forty-Two Months of Gentile Dominion (11:1–2)
 - ✓ Scene: Tribulation Temple
 - ✓ Length of Time (v. 2): 42 months = 1260 days (v. 3) and "a time and times and half a time" (12:14).

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 - **♦** The Two Witnesses (11:3–14)
 - √ Views
 - ✓ Identity of the two witnesses (v. 4).

Zechariah 4:2-3, 14

- He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;
- ³ also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."

Zechariah 4:2-3, 14

14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth."

6:13

"Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices."

Malachi 4:4-5

- 4 "Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.
- ⁵ "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

"And if you are willing to accept *it*,

John himself is Elijah who was to come."

Matthew 17:3

And behold,
Moses and Elijah
appeared to them,
talking with Him.

d. Parenthesis (10:1-11:14)

- ◆ The Two Witnesses (11:3–14)
 - ✓ Authority of the two witnesses (vv. 3, 5–6).
 - To consume enemies by fire. 2 Kings 1:10–
 11.
 - To shut up the heavens so that it does not rain. 1 Kings 17:1.
 - To turn water into blood. Exodus 7:20.
 - To smite the earth with plagues. Exodus 8:1–12:29.

d. Parenthesis (10:1-11:14)

- ◆ The Two Witnesses (11:3–14)
 - ✓ Martyrdom of the two witnesses (11:7– 10).
 - The Beast: First mention (v. 7).
 - Location: Jerusalem (v. 8).
 - Time: Last half of the Tribulation (cp. 7:14 successive events).
 - Celebration (vv. 9–10).

d. Parenthesis (10:1-11:14)

- ◆ The Two Witnesses (11:3–14)
 - ✓ Resuscitation and translation of the two witnesses (11:11–13).
 - "After three days and a half" (v. 11a).
 - "The breath of life from God . . . and they stood" (v. 11b).
 - "'Come up here'" (v. 12; like Enoch).
 - An earthquake (v. 13). Earthquakes associated with sixth or seventh judgments in each series (6:12; 8:5).

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 - ◆ The Two Witnesses (11:3–14)
 - Resurrection or resuscitation?
 - John 11:1–44
 - Matthew 27:52
 - Hebrews 9:27

Question for Discussion

For what purpose does God appoint the ministry of the two witnesses?

- d. Parenthesis (10:1-11:14)
 - ◆ The Two Witnesses (11:3–14)
 - ✓ The Second Woe Is Past (11:14).
 - Note that the third and final woe will come quickly—see 8:13.

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus prophesied about these events during His earthly ministry.
- Jesus fulfills the work of Daniel 9:24–27 related to these events.
- Jesus is the Lord of all the earth.
- Jesus had been crucified in order to be our sacrifice for sin.
- Jesus is the resurrection and the life.