

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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Initial verses:

Revelation 11:1-8 “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.”

• **#1 THE 2 WITNESSES ARE INVINCIBLE FOR 3.5 YEARS** (Rev 11:5)

Revelation 11:5 “And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.”

Moderator: There are some differences of opinion about this verse. These two witnesses will be hated for their bold delivery of the gospel. They will win the 144,000 to Christ which leads to an incredible revival where a countless number of people of all tribes, tongues and nations. Now, we'll see from Revelation 11:8-10 how they are hated.

• **THEY WILL BE HATED BY SINNERS** (Rev 11:8-10)

Revelation 11:9-10 “And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.”

Moderator: We must remember that these two prophets have great power to unleash judgment from God, including incredible droughts that cause immense famine all over the earth. Also, they can turn fresh water into blood for the world that is so thirsty from the droughts! They can also unleash any other plague they so desire.

• **GOD USED FIRE AS JUDGMENT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT** (Rev 11:8-10)

Leviticus 10:1-2 “And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.”

Numbers 11:1 “And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.”

Numbers 16:30-35 “But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also. And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.”

• **FIRE PROCEEDS OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS** (Rev 11:8-10)

Luke 1:37 “For with God nothing shall be impossible.”

Genesis 18:14 “Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Jeremiah 32:17 “Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:”

• **FIRE SYMBOLIZES PREACHING THE WORD OF GOD** (Rev 11:8-10)

Jeremiah 5:14 “Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.”

Jeremiah 23:29 “Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”

• **#2 TWO WITNESSES GIVEN POWER TO STOP RAIN & PLAUGES** (Rev 11:6)

Revelation 11:5 “And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.”

Moderator: We have to remember that the tribulation is a totally different time. It's not like today, So many strange and horrifying miracles that God will use to punish the ones who hate him and his chosen witnesses and converted Jews preaching the gospel. I believe the two witnesses will actually breath fire on those who try to hurt them. Many believe it's symbolic, but I personally believe it's literal.

Revelation 9:17 “And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breast-plates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.”

Moderator: So if God allows the demonic horses to breath fire, smoke and brimstone out of their mouths, why wouldn't God allow the two witnesses to do the same thing? Nothing is impossible with God!

• **#3 TWO WITNESSES WILL FINISH THEIR TESTIMONY** (Rev 11:7A)

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 11:6 “These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.”

James 5:17-18 “Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.”

Exodus 7:19 “And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.”

Moderator: We see from these two passages above why many believe the two witnesses are Elijah (Elias) and Moses. The miracles wrought by God through them are nearly identical here in Revelation 11. However the fact that Enoch didn't die and finish his testimony as a prophet also gives many reason to believe that He (instead of Moses) was the other prophet mentioned in Revelation 11:10.

Hebrews 11:5 “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”

Jude 14-15 “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Moderator: I believe that everyone who serves God will complete their work for God and then die. God keeps us alive against all probable cause to further his Kingdom. Only when we are finished...is when we die. Nothing can harm us unless God allows it. THAT is a great blessing from God! A few important examples:

• JESUS DIDN'T GIVE UP HIS LIFE UNTIL HE WAS FINISHED

John 4:34 “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.”

John 17:4 “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.”

John 19:30 “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”

• PAUL ALSO FINISHED THE LORD'S WORK

Acts 20:22-24 “And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”

II Timothy 4:6-8 “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”