

11:1-19 The Two Witnesses / parenthetical section of 10:1 - 14:20 / 15:1 begins the 7th trumpet (7 bowls or vials).

Chapter 11 is definitely Jewish in character and nature. The temple is rebuilt in Jerusalem. There were 3 temples

Solomon: I Kings 8, destroyed by Nebuchadnezer in 583

Zerubbabel: Ezek. 3, destroyed by Antiochus in 168

Herod: John 2:20, destroyed by Titus in 70 A.D.

11:1, *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod:* - και εδοθη μοι καλαμος ομοιος ραβδω - common in Jordan Valley / rod was an instrument of chastisement. 2:27; 12:5; 13:14-15

and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, - και ο αγγελος εισηκει λεγων εγειραι και μετρησον τον ναον του θεου - God's evaluation of His property

Three times temples were measured in the Bible:

Zech 2 in Jerusalem

Ezek. 40 - the temple of the future kingdom

Rev. 21 - the New Jerusalem

and the altar, and them that worship therein. - και το θυσιαστηριον και τους προσκυνουντας εν αυτω - notice the altar - there is no altar in Christian worship / Heb. 10:19-22 - measure them also - How do you measure up? God is the judge of man's true worship and character - the reed measures us as falling short.

11:2, *But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not;* - και την αυλην την εξωθεν του ναου εκβαλε εξω και μη αυτην μετρησης -

for it is given unto the Gentiles: - οτι εδοθη τοις εθνεσιν -

and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. - και την πολιν την αγιαν πατησουσιν μηνας τεσσαρακοντα δυο - Neh. 11:1,18; Isa. 52:1; Dan. 9:24; Matt. 4:5; 27:52-53 / *forty-two months*/ Dan. 7:25; 12:14; 9:24-27; Rev. 12:14

11:3, *And I will give power unto my two witnesses*, - και δωσω τοις δυσιν μαρτυσιν μου -real people / Who are these two men?

*Elijah: 2 Kings 2:9-11; Heb. 9:27 / Malachi prophesied that Elijah would return and prepare the way for the second advent: Mal. 3:1-3; 4:5-6, and Elijah preformed the same miracles as the two witnesses.

*Enoch: Gen. 5:24; I Tim. 6:16

*Moses: Matt. 17:3; Jude 9

*Two prophets that were saved during the tribulation and raised up that purpose

and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, - και προφητευσουσιν ημερας χιλιας διακοσιας εξηκοντα -

clothed in sackcloth. - περιβεβλημενοι σακκουσ - garment of repentance: Matt. 11:21; Luke 10:13

11:4, *These are the two olive trees*, - ουτοι εισιν αι δυο ελαιαι - In Zech. 4-5 the olive trees represent 2 real people: Joshua and Zerubbabel / Cf. Haggai 1:1; 2:2

and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. - και δυο λυχνιαι αι ενωπιον του θεου της γης εστωσαι -

11:5, *And if any man will hurt them*, - και ει τις αυτους θελει αδικησαι -

fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: - πυρ εκπορευεται εκ του στοματος αυτων και κατεσθει τοις εχθροισ αυτων -

and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. - και ει τις αυτους θελη αδικησαι ουτως δει αυτον αποκτανθηναι

11:6, *These have power to shut heaven*, - οἱτοὶ ἔχουσιν τὴν ἐξουσίαν κλεῖσαι τὸν οὐρανόν, -

that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: - ἵνα μὴ βρέχη ὑετός ἐν ἡμέραις αὐτῶν τῆς προφητείας, -

and have power over waters to turn them to blood, - καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχουσιν ἐπὶ τῶν ὑδάτων στρέφειν αὐτὰ εἰς αἷμα -

and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. - καὶ παταξάτω τὴν γῆν παση πληγῇ ὅσακις ἐὰν θέλωσιν -

11:7, *And when they shall have finished their testimony*, - Καὶ ὅταν τελέσωσιν τὴν μαρτυρίαν αὐτῶν, -

the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit - ποιήσει πόλεμον μετ' αὐτῶν -

shall make war against them, - ποιήσει μετ' αὐτῶν πόλεμον -

and shall overcome them, and kill them. - καὶ νικήσει αὐτοὺς καὶ ἀποκτενεῖ αὐτοὺς
They are Immortal until finished with God's task / This is the first of 36 references to the beast in Revelation / there are three beast mentioned in Revelation (unholy trinity):

Satan in 11:7

The false prophet in 13:11

The world dictator in 13:1

11:8, *And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city*, - καὶ τὰ πτώματα αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τῆς πλατείας πόλεως τῆς μεγάλης -

which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, - ἣτις καλεῖται πνευματικῶς σοδομα καὶ αἴγυπτος -

where also our Lord was crucified. - ὅπου καὶ ὁ κύριος ἡμῶν ἐσταυρώθη -

11:9, *And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations* - ἐκ τῶν λαῶν καὶ φυλῶν καὶ γλωσσῶν καὶ ἐθνῶν -

shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, - και βλεψουσιν... τα πτωματα αυτων ημερας τρεις και ημισυ και τα πτωματα αυτων -

and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. - ουκ αφησουσιν τεθηναι εις μνηματα - You can silence the witness for truth by death, but you can't destroy the truth that has been announced.

11:10, *And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them*, - και οι κατοικουντες επι της γης χαρουσιν επ αυτοις -

and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; - και ευφρανθησονται και δωρα πεμψουσιν αλληλοις -

because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. - οτι ουτοι οι δυο προφηται εβασανισαν τους κατοικουντας επι της γης - *they that dwell upon the earth* is used 12X in Revelation: their hope was limited to a present earthly life; a *righteous prophet* is always a torment to a wicked nation.

11:11, *And after three days and an half* - και μετα τας τρεις ημερας και ημισυ -

the Spirit of life from God entered into them, - πνευμα ζωης εκ του θεου εισηλθεν επ αυτους -

and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. - και εστησαν επι τους ποδας αυτων και φοβος μεγας επεσεν επι τους θεωρουντας αυτους -

11:12, *And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them*, - και ηκουσαν φωνην μεγαλην εκ του ουρανου λεγουσαν αυτοις -

Come up hither. - αναβητε ωδε -

And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. - και ανεβησαν εις τον ουρανον εν τη νεφελη και εθεωρησαν αυτους οι εχθροι αυτων - "come up hither"/ the two witnesses raised into the presence of the Lord / cf. 4:1 / all could see

11:13, *And the same hour was there a great earthquake*, - και εν εκεινη τη ωρα εγενετο σεισμος μεγας -

and the tenth part of the city fell, - και το δεκατον της πολεως επεσεν - και απεκτανθησαν εν τω σεισμω ονοματα ανθρωπων χιλιαδες επτα -

and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: - -

and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. - και οι λοιποι εμφοβοι εγενοντο και εδωκαν δοξαν τω θεω του ουρανου - "remnant"/ not saved but compelled by Divine power - they recognized Him, but only in contrast to the power of the anti-Christ. "God of heaven"/ 16:11

11:14, *And the second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.* - η ουαι η δευτερα απηλθεν ιδου η ουαι η τριτη ερχεται ταχυ -

11:15, *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying,* - και ο εβδομος αγγελος εσαλπισεν και εγενοντο φωναι μεγαλαι εν τω ουρανω λεγουσαι -

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; - εγενοντο αι βασιλειαι του κοσμου του κυριου ημων και του χριστου αυτου -

and he shall reign for ever and ever. - και βασιλευσει εις τους αιωνας των αιωνων
Earthly rule will pass into the hands of God / Ezek. 21:26-27; Dan. 2:35,44; 4:3; 6:26; 7:14, 26-27

11:16, *And the four and twenty elders,* - και οι εικοσι και τεσσαρες πρεσβυτεροι -

which sat before God on their seats, - οι ενωπιον του θεου καθημενοι επι τους θρονους -

fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, - αυτων επεσαν επι τα προσωπα αυτων και προσεκυνησαν τω θεω -

11:17, *Saying, We give thee thanks,* - λεγοντες ευχαριστουμεν -

O Lord God Almighty, - σοι κυριε ο θεος ο παντοκρατωρ -

which art, and wast, and art to come; - ο ων και ο ην και ο ερχομενος -

because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. - οτι ειληφας την δυναμιν σου την μεγαλην και εβασιλευσας - 24 elders (8X) giving thanks to God as the eternal One

11:18, *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come*, - και τα εθνη ωργισθησαν και ηλθεν η οργη -

and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, - σου και ο καιρος των νεκρων κριθηναι -

and that thou shouldest give reward - και δουναι τον μισθον -

unto thy servants the prophets, - τοις δουλοις σου τοις προφηταις -

and to the saints, - και τοις αγιοις -

and them that fear thy name, small and great; - και τοις φοβουμενοις το ονομα σου τοις μικροις και τοις μεγαλοις -

and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. - και διαφθειραι τους διαφθειροντας την γην - Transition from kingdom of earth to the kingdom of heaven /

11:19, *And the temple of God was opened in heaven*, - και ηνοιγη ο ναος του θεου εν τω ουρανω -

and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: - και ωφθη η κιβωτος της διαθηκης -

and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. - αυτου εν τω ναω αυτου και εγενοντο αστραπαι και φωνα και βρονται και σεισμος και χαλαζα μεγαλη - Temple in heaven - never corrupted - reflects the righteousness and majesty of God - God is going to deal with the earth with the 7 vials / they will occur in rapid succession with a dramatic climax