

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

### Vision 2: The Seven Trumpets of Judgment

#### Unit 17: The Temple, Two Witnesses and Seventh Trumpet

Revelation 11:1-19

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## YOUR CUES TO

# UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

### THE MEASURING OF THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD (11:1-2)

**1** Then I was given a **measuring rod** like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and **measure the temple** of God and the altar and those who worship there, **2** but do not measure the **court outside** the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for **forty-two months**."

### THE TWO WITNESSES OF THE LORD (11:3-14)

**3** And I will grant authority to my **two witnesses**, and they will prophesy for 1,260 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 would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. **6** They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may 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 kind of plague, as often as they desire. **7** And when they have finished their testimony, **the beast** that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, **8** and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. **9** For **three and a half days** some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, **10** and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. **11** But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they **stood up on their feet**, and great fear fell on those who saw them. **12** Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went **up to heaven in a cloud**, and their enemies watched them. **13** And at 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

### MEASURING OF THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD (11:1-2)

(1) *measuring rod* - The Saving Word of God

(1) *measure the temple* - Determine who is inside the Church - and who only THINKS they are inside

(2) *court outside* - Those who profess Christ - but deny Christ in personal life

(2) *forty-two months* - The whole New Testament Era - from Christ's Exaltation to Second Coming

### THE TWO WITNESSES OF THE LORD (11:3-14)

(3) *two witnesses* - required to verify information facts [See Deuteronomy 27:7]

(4) *two olive trees* - Reference to the Holy Spirit

(5) *two lampstands* - Spirit-Filled PROPHECY and PROCLAMATION [The Two Witnesses]

(7) *beast from bottomless pit* - Total ANTI-CHRISTIAN POWERS in the world

(8) *three and a half days* - Brief, divinely limited "season of triumph (Jesus in the Tomb).

(9) *stood up on their feet* - Prophecy and Proclamation experience resurrection

(12) *up to heaven in a cloud* - Saving Word is withdrawn forever from the fallen world

terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. **14** The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

#### **THE SEVENTH TRUMPET SOUNDS (Revelation 11:15-19)**

**REVELATION 11:15-19** **15** Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were **loud voices** in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." **16** And the **twenty-four elders** who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, **17** saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. **18** The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth." **19** Then God's **temple in heaven was opened**, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

(13) *great earthquake* - God is through with the fallen world for good.

#### **SEVENTH TRUMPET SOUNDS (Revelation 11:15-19)**

(15) *loud voices* - Sealed saints and angels in heaven

(16) *Twenty-four elders* - Agents of the Word on earth (prophets, apostles, evangelists, missionaries)

(19) *temple opened* - "Naos" (Inner Sanctuary) open for direct access to God

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