

The Book of

REVELATION

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Lesson 8
Chapter 11

Look for the answer to these questions:

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John's testimony of his 4th vision continues in Chapter 11.

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- 3-14 The Two Witnesses (on earth)

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The Measuring of the Temple

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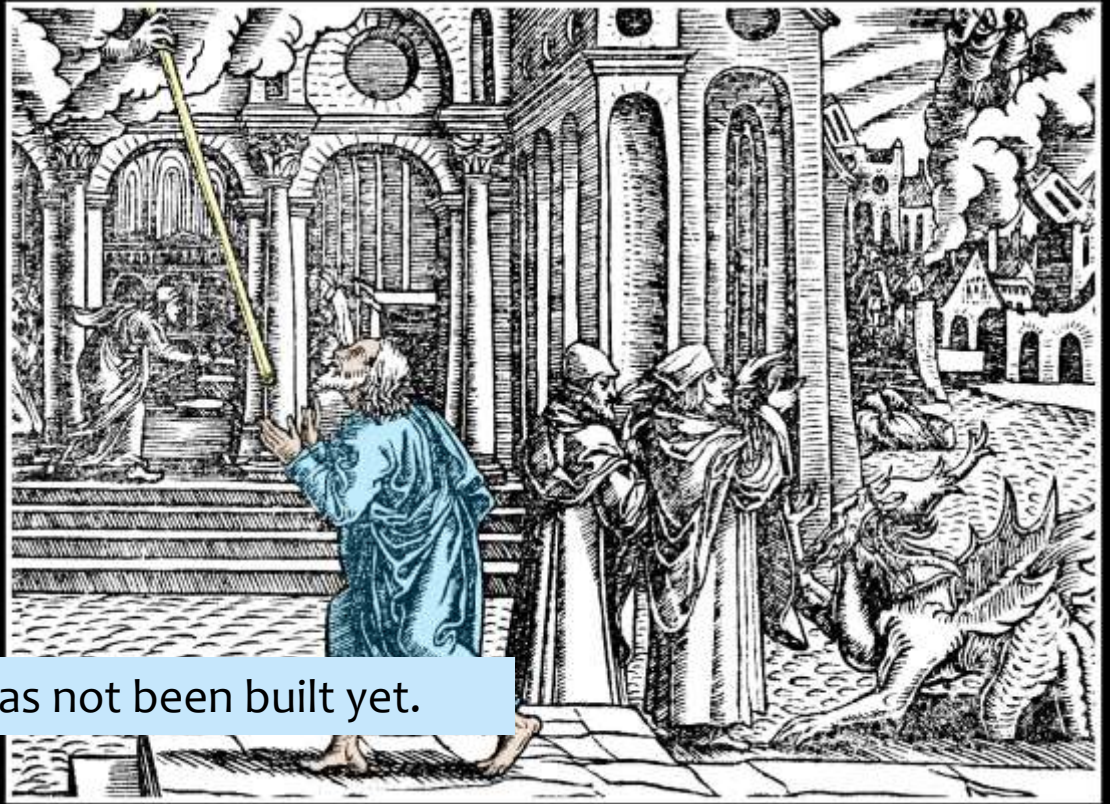
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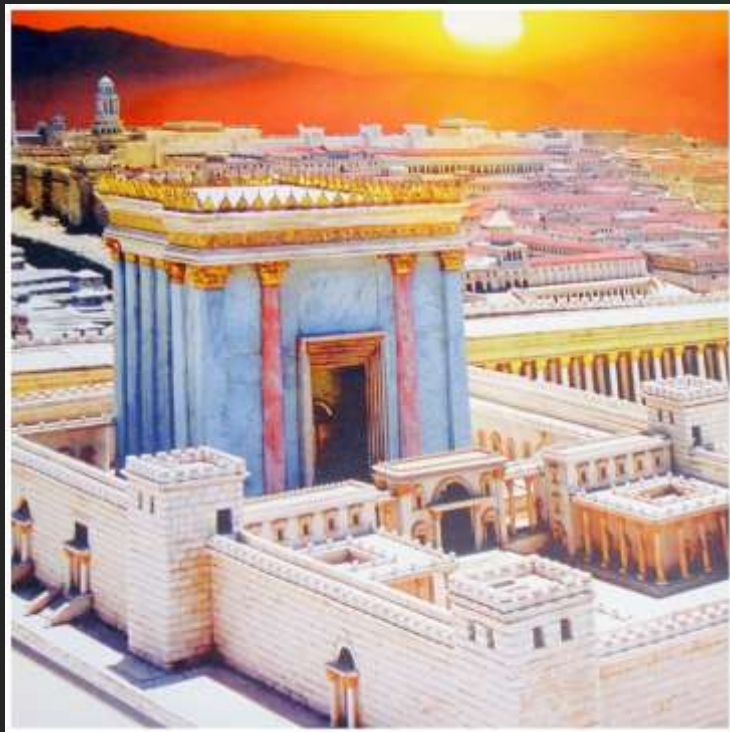


The first temple was built by Solomon and destroyed by the Babylonians.

King Cyrus of Persia allowed the Jews to rebuild it.



King Herod designed and built the second temple, the one that stood in the time of Christ. This temple was destroyed by the Romans. All that remains today is the Western Wall.

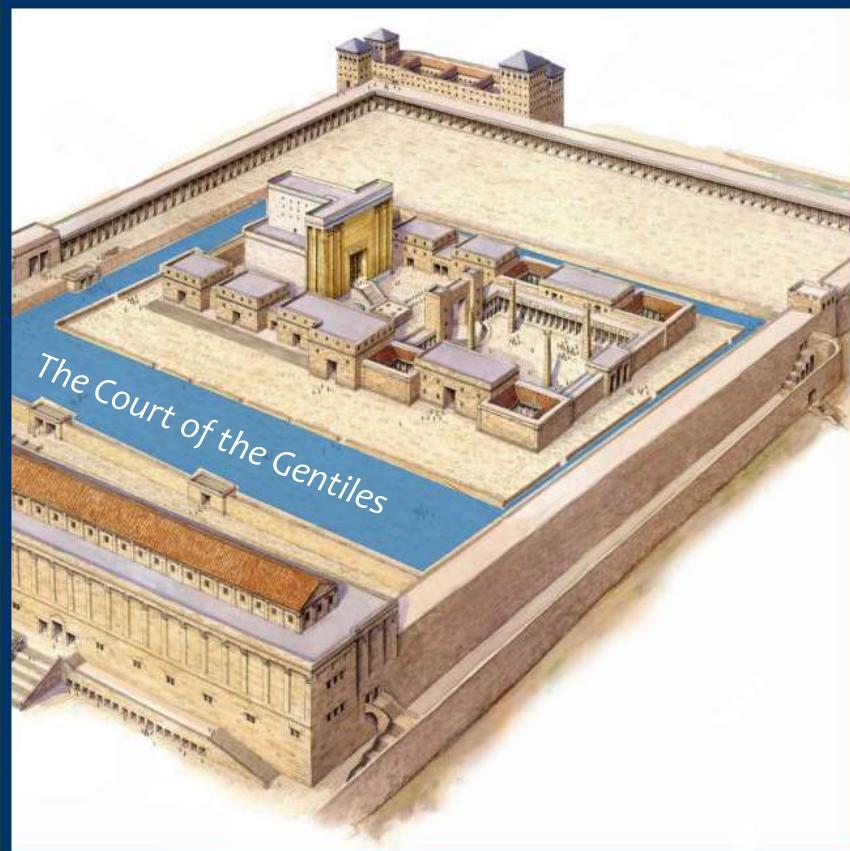


A third temple will be built during the first 3½ years of the antichrist's reign. This is the temple John is told to measure.

The Measuring of the Temple

Revelation 11:2

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42 months = 3½ years.

This is the time appointed for the great tribulation.



The Two Witnesses

After describing the measuring of the temple, John testifies of his vision of the two witnesses.



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Revelation 11:3

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1,260 days also adds up to 3 ½ years.



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Sackcloth:

This word is chiefly used in Scripture to denote a cloth or garment worn in mourning, distress, or shame.

Webster's American Dictionary

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John did not identify the two witnesses, but a good argument can be made that they are Enoch and Elijah.



Could the Two Witnesses be Enoch and Elijah?

Enoch and Elijah, as far as we know, are the only two individuals whom God has taken directly to heaven without experiencing death (Gen 5:23; 2 Kgs 2:11).

The fact that neither Enoch nor Elijah has yet experienced death – and Hebrews 9:27 says that ALL men are appointed to die once – seems to qualify them for the job of the two witnesses, who will be killed when their job is done.

In addition, both Enoch and Elijah were prophets who pronounced God's judgment.



Jude 1:14-15

- ¹⁴ And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
- ¹⁵ 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.

The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:4

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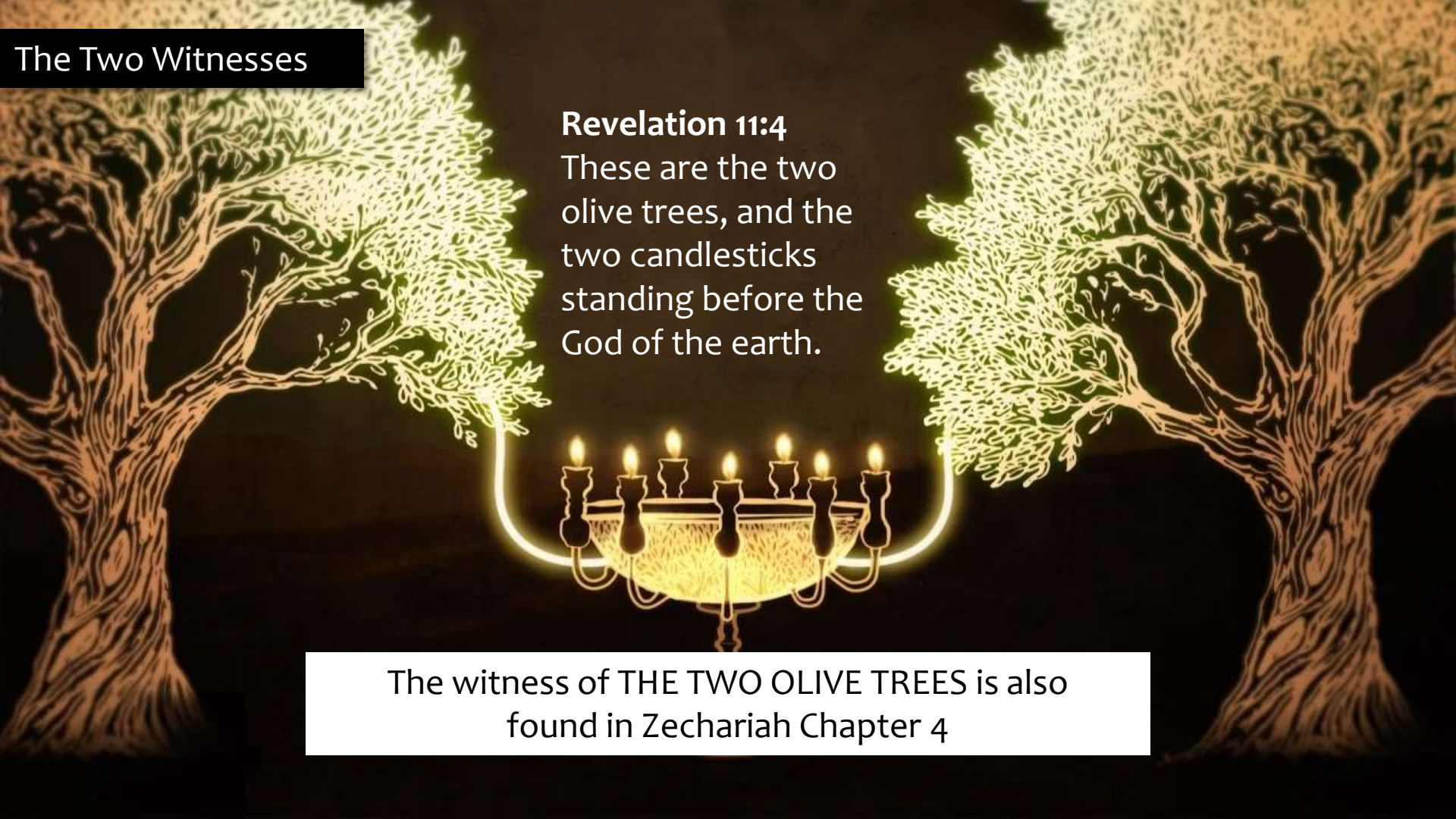


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The witness of THE TWO OLIVE TREES is also found in Zechariah Chapter 4



Zechariah 4:2b-3

- ² And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:
- ³ **And two olive trees by it,** one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.



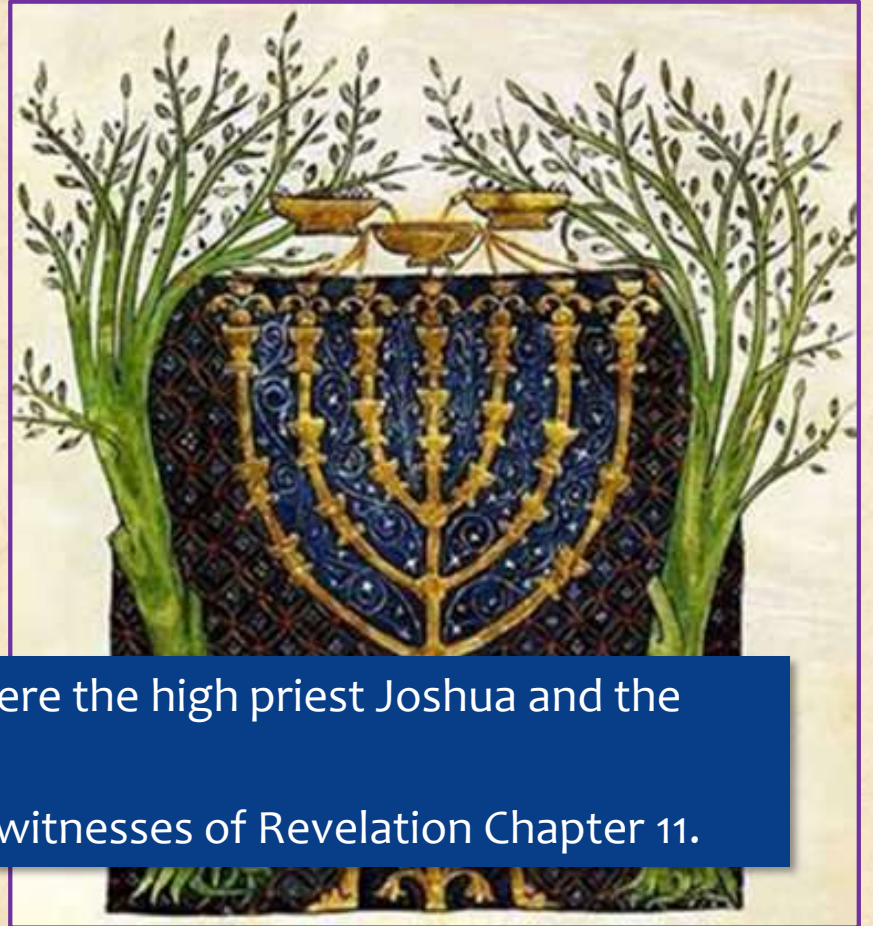
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And I said, No, my lord.
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In Zechariah's day, the "two anointed ones" were the high priest Joshua and the governor Zerubbabel.

In the time of the antichrist, God uses the two witnesses of Revelation Chapter 11.

The two witnesses are anointed with special powers.

Revelation 11:5

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.



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Revelation 11:6

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.



The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:7

- 6 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 shall kill them.



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(when their 1,260-day mission is fulfilled)



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More about this beast is revealed in later chapters.



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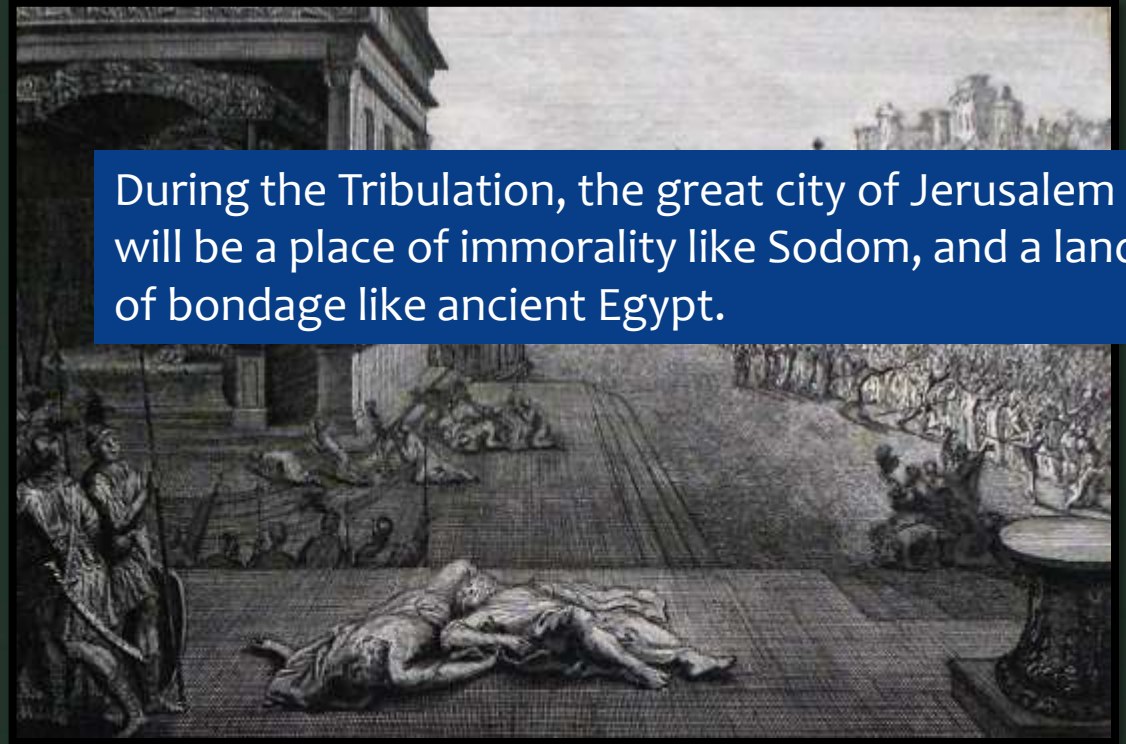
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During the Tribulation, the great city of Jerusalem will be a place of immorality like Sodom, and a land of bondage like ancient Egypt.

The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:9-10

- ⁹ 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.
- ¹⁰ 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.



The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:11

And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.



The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:12

And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them,
Come up hither.

And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud;
and their enemies beheld them.



Revelation 11:13

And the same hour was there a great earthquake,
and the tenth part of the city fell,
and in the earthquake were slain of men
seven thousand:

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Now John's testimony returns to the second 3½ years.



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As a Reminder:

The 5th, 6th, and 7th trumpets announce
“the three woes.”

THE FIRST WOE:

Demonic locusts torment unbelievers
for five months (9:1-12).

THE SECOND WOE:

1/3 of mankind are killed by fire, smoke,
and brimstone (9:13-21).

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3) 7:9 to 8:6

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John's fifth vision is of events in heaven.

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Revelation 11:15

¹⁵ And the seventh angel sounded;
and there were great voices in heaven, saying,
The kingdoms of this world
are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 11:16-18

¹⁶ And the four and twenty elders,
which sat before God on their
seats, fell upon their faces, and
worshipped God,

¹⁷ Saying,
We give thee thanks,
O Lord God Almighty,
which art, and wast,
and art to come;
because thou hast taken to thee
thy great power,
and hast reigned.

¹⁸ And the nations were angry,
and thy wrath is come,
and the time of the dead,
that they should be judged,
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O Lo servants of God in heaven.

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Revelation 11:19

¹⁹ And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament:



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The Earth reacts to the announcement.

John's 6th vision is told in less than one verse.

Revelation 11:19b

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15-19 The Seventh Trumpet is sounded

UP NEXT

Chapters 12-14:

The Chief Participants of the Great Conflict

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Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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