

## Revelation 11 – The King is Coming

Revelation 11 is part of a larger scene: “the sounding of the seven trumpets” (chs. 8-11). This interlude, before the sounding of the seventh trumpet answers the question that was upmost in the mind of John and the churches of his day, “What are those who are sealed to be and do in the crunch where judgment is being worked out on the stage of history?”

### Warm Up Question(s) – Choose one

- Where would you least like to live: an area prone to earthquakes, hurricanes or floods?
- What have been the three greatest years of your life: (& why do they stand out?)  
(a) high school?                      (b) College?                      (c) the years without children (or parents) around?  
(d) the years when your children were \_\_\_\_\_ (e) The years when you were \_\_\_\_\_?

### Discovering the Word

- 1) **Read Revelation 11.** In the New Testament we see and hear of several “temples of God”: (a) the temple in Jerusalem,<sup>1</sup> (b) the “temple” of Jesus body (John 2<sup>19-22</sup>), (c) the church as “God’s temple” (1 Cor. 3<sup>16-17</sup>; Eph. 2<sup>18-22</sup>) and (d) “the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb” as the “temple” in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21<sup>22</sup>). Which “temple of God” do you think John is asked to measure (and count the worshippers in)? Why?
  - 2) The “outer court” of the temple in Jerusalem was a large area (26 acres) where non-Jewish people were allowed to worship/pray (= good). Yet to say that Gentiles “will *trample* on the holy city for 42 months” is bad (cf. Dan. 7<sup>25</sup>; 12<sup>7,11</sup>). Why do you think God allows his holy city/temple/people to be trampled on?
  - 3) What does He do during this time to make sure people know God is not dead, even though evil people seem to have taken over God’s house (vv.3-6)?<sup>2</sup>
  - 4) What “God is dead” moments in history are you familiar with?  
What witness has/does God give that he is still very much alive?
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- 5) What happens to God’s two witnesses (v.7)? What results from their death (vv.8-10) and their resurrection (vv.11-13)?
  - 6) If God’s witness is faithfully maintained for “1260 day” to offset the “42 months”, then what might the 3 ½ days signify (vv.9,11)?
  - 7) What happens when the seventh trumpet finally sounds?
  - 8) For what is God worshipped? What do you have to “give thanks” for?

<sup>1</sup> That temple was completely destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. as Jesus had predicted in Luke 21:5-6.

<sup>2</sup> For the Old Testament background on the additional descriptions of the two witnesses (i.e. “the two olive trees and the two lampstands”) read Zechariah 4.