

## ***Sermon Scripture Passage***

Revelation 11:1-14

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. 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 terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

Scripture References:

**Colossians 1:13-14** – *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**Isaiah 55:6-7, 10-11** – *“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

*10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – August 14<sup>th</sup> 2022  
Elijah: The Lonely Prophet #12 – Revelation 11:1-14 – The Two Witnesses

At the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapel, John Huss taught the Bible in the Czech language rather than \_\_\_\_\_. He was summoned to the Council of Constance and was burned at the stake in 1415.

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Revelation 11 main idea: The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of this world will try to stop the witness of God's Word but in the end God's Word will triumph.

Interpretative Question: *Is Revelation 11 about events that have happened or in the future?*

Elements of Revelation 11: What do each represent?

The Two Witnesses:

The city symbolically called Sodom/Egypt:

The beast from the pit [that sits on seven hills – see Rev. 17:9]:

The temple trampled for 42 months:

The killing of the two witnesses:

The rejoicing of those who dwell on earth:

Understanding Revelation 11 as part of the unfolding story:

Rev. 6 – Jesus opens the seven-sealed scroll – God's plan of \_\_\_\_\_ for humanity.

Rev. 7 – An ever growing # from all peoples join in worshiping the \_\_\_\_\_ [Jesus]

Rev. 8 – The Seven Trumpets signify the battle to bring Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ to earth.

Rev. 9 – The rest of mankind harden their hearts and refuse to \_\_\_\_\_.

Rev. 10 – The Lord introduces the little \_\_\_\_\_, sweet as honey but also \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation 11 – *How can the destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ in 70ad be part of God's plan?*

The Two Witnesses are back and now with a 3<sup>rd</sup> witness, the \_\_\_\_\_, and in cities all over the Roman Empire a new group of people are bearing witness to the Word of God.

Rev. 11:15 – “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” & Rev. 11:19 – The way to heaven is now \_\_\_\_\_!

*Cool story but so what! How does this passage encourage Christians to keep following Jesus?*

## Sermon Handout Answers:

### *Fill in the Blank Answers:*

- *Bethlehem*
- *Latin*
- *Powers*
- *Authorities*

Interpretative Question: *Is Revelation 11 about events that have happened or in the future?*

- This is debated. My interpretation is that Revelation is about events that would have been familiar to the original recipients of the letter – not about events 2000 years later.

Elements of Revelation 11: What do each represent?

The Two Witnesses: Moses & Elijah who then represent the Law & Prophets, Scriptures

The city symbolically called Sodom/Egypt: Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified.

The beast from the pit [that sits on seven hills – see Rev. 17:9]: Rome sat on 7 hills

The temple trampled for 42 months: The Jewish rebellion against Rome from 66-70a.d.

The killing of the two witnesses: The defeat of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple

The rejoicing of those who dwell on earth: The Triumph celebrated in Rome after the victory by Titus as commemorated by the Arch of Titus in the Roman Forum

- *Salvation*
- *Lamb*
- *Kingdom*
- *Repent*
- *Scroll*
- *Bitter*
- *Temple and also Jerusalem i*
- *Resurrection*
- *Open*