

WARRIORS FOR CHRIST IN THE MIDST OF GREAT TRIBULATION

(Revelation 11)

SESSION #7 – WORKBOOK
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“KINGDOM WARRIORS IN THE ARMY OF GOD”

Unveiling Mysteries in the “Book of Revelation”

Based upon the Book:
GOD’S ANOINTED WARRIORS
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Introduction:

Spiritual insight into the events recorded in chapter 11 of the Book of Revelation is essential for leadership in the Army of God if we are to have a foundational understanding of our role within an evil world system --- A system that is committed to erasing the name of Jesus Christ from the earth and establishing its own eternal kingdom.

Now - In this chapter we are presented with:

- A graphic picture of the church in the end-times generation.
- The identity of God's Anointed "Witnesses"
- An overview of the battles to be fought during this time.
- A powerful gospel message that the Lord's chosen people will take throughout the earth.
- Several truths that Jesus taught concerning the events that will precede His 2nd coming.

It is important to remember that the Book of Revelation has been written to the church in order to provide understanding of coming events so that Christian leadership will be equipped to lead the Lord's people through these tremendously challenging battles which lie before us.

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THE TEMPLE AND THE HOLY CITY

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, 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. *Revelation 11:1-2*

Key Points:

There are three significant areas being addressed here:

- First, there is **the temple which includes the altar** where the people of God gather together to worship their Lord.
- Secondly, there is **the outer court** which is that area that surrounds the temple and where many gather together, but do not enter the temple itself.

- Finally, there is the **holy city** which, together with the outer court, will be surrendered to the world's forces for a period of 42 months (1,260 days).

Now, regarding these three separate areas, John is commanded to measure only the temple with the altar and those who worship within.

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THE TEMPLE AND THE HOLY CITY

Key Points:

Passages in the New Testament clearly reveal that the “**Temple of God**” is a spiritual structure composed of every true “born again” Christian. ¹

- Jesus Himself is also part of this spiritual temple for He is the “cornerstone” upon which the entire temple is built. ²
- The ancient prophets and apostles of the Lord are also described as being the foundation of this temple.
- Therefore, it should be apparent that it is **YOU, the church** that is in view when this text speaks of the temple and the holy city.
- This temple has been continually growing through the centuries as believers have entered into the Kingdom of God.
- However, this holy Temple of God will not be completed until the gospel of Christ has gone out to the peoples of all the nations around the globe;³ its completion appears to be finished at the time of the sounding of the seventh trumpet.⁴
- There is nothing more holy to the Lord than this spiritual temple and all who attempt to destroy it, will themselves be destroyed. ⁵

Notes:

¹ 2 Corinthians 6:16

² Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:20

³ Matthew 24:14

⁴ Revelation 11:15-19

⁵ 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:19-22

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THE TEMPLE AND THE HOLY CITY

Key Points:

This spiritual temple resides in the “holy city” which is also a spiritual city whose inhabitants are all those who profess the God of Israel to be their God.

- In fact, Jesus Christ Himself has also been called the “City of the Lord.”⁶
- Yet within this city resides many rebellious citizens who confess the Lord, but do not live in righteousness:

"Listen to this, O house of Jacob, you who are called by the name of Israel and come from the line of Judah, you who take oaths in the name of the Lord and invoke the God of Israel — but not in truth or righteousness — you who call yourselves citizens of the holy city and rely on the God of Israel — the Lord Almighty is his name. *Isaiah 48:1-2 (NIV)*

- Here the Lord admonishes the faithless hypocrites among his chosen people.
- These seemingly pious Israelites practiced idol-worship & temple prostitution on the side and yet pretended that they were true citizens of his holy city.

Key Points:

Recognize the parallelism here: just as many of the ancient citizens of Jerusalem were supposedly inhabitants of the city of God, so also the spiritual Jerusalem of this dispensation is inhabited by nominal Christians.

We need to understand that the “holy city” described in this text is representative of the entire world of Christianity; that is, all who have been baptized in the name of Jesus.

⁶ Isaiah 60:14

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INHABITANTS OF THE TEMPLE AND THE HOLY CITY

The temple and the holy city described in these verses is the contemporary church of the end-times generation and the altar of atonement within the temple represents the person of Jesus Christ which is that place where God's people are redeemed within the holy city.

Therefore, within this "Holy City" are three broad classes of Christianity:

1. There is a segment of the church that stays within the "holy city."

- This is a church that proclaims belief in Christianity, but will not truly profess Jesus Christ as the true Son of God and the one and only way to eternal life. To them Christianity is simply one of many religions that worship the same God.
- This is the false church, similar to those in ancient Jerusalem who continued to worship their man-made theology. **This is a city serving the purposes of Satan.**

2. There is also a segment of the church that resides in the outer court.

- These are the tares among the wheat; they go with God's people to His temple for worship, but they never enter that spiritual sanctuary of fellowship with God.
- They represent the "show church"; that part of Christianity which outwardly pretends to belong to the true church. They are not truly repentant since they will not forsake their worldly habits and simply profess Jesus as their fire insurance policy that will get them into heaven.
- They are invited into the temple, but they choose to remain in the outer court. They love to attend the churches in Sardis, Ephesus, and Laodicea. This is where the money-changers hang out. This is also where they are not confronted with their secret, sinful lifestyle.

*For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **2 Timothy 4:3-4***

Finally, I do want to emphasize that a new physical temple will soon be built by the Jewish citizens of physical Jerusalem, which will definitely be a sign of the times.

Key Points:

- The building of this temple will probably take place following the victory of God's people in the Middle Eastern war described earlier in the sixth seal event.
- While Israel is rebuilding their temple, the Lord will be in the process of completing the building of His temple; a spiritual temple made without hands in the hearts of His people.
- Thus, as we observe these things occurring throughout the world, we need to be able to discern what is simultaneously occurring in the spiritual and to be fully prepared to recognize all that will soon follow.

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MEASURING THE TEMPLE

Now John was commissioned by the Lord to measure only the temple and not the outer court nor the holy city.

Key Points:

This is a spiritual act of separating the true church from the false.

- Here we are taught in symbolic language not only the condition of Christianity within this generation but also, how it will undoubtedly manifest itself as the end of the age approaches.
- Those who remain outside the temple will eventually reveal themselves as enemies of Christ and His true church.

When Jesus was teaching His disciples concerning the time of the end which precedes His 2nd coming, He says:

And Jesus answered them,

➤ *"See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.*

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation (ethnos) will rise against nation (ethnos), and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

- *And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.*
- *And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.*
- *And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.*
- *But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. **Matthew 24:4-14***

Now within the context of measuring the temple, John is told that two witnesses of the Lord would prophesy for 3 ½ years.

- This is also a designated time for the Antichrist to begin to exercise his authority upon the earth.⁷

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THE TWO WITNESSES

I will grant authority to my **two witnesses**, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." **Revelation 11:3**

Key Points:

The identity of these two witnesses is one of the more controversial and difficult questions in this section of Revelation.

⁷ Revelation 13:5-7

- Many modern interpreters believe them to be Moses (or perhaps Enoch) and Elijah who shall literally return to earth to fulfill their ministerial calling and then be killed by the Antichrist.
- This interpretation does possess an element of truth, and perhaps this is a possibility but it also limits our understanding of this passage if we think that it literally refers to two men.
- Moses and Elijah were great witnesses of the Lord in their day and as such, they should be viewed as stereotypes of those who will be called to proclaim a powerful gospel message in the coming days.
- Scripture reveals numerous champions of the Lord who stood strong for Him throughout their life on earth but, their earthly mission has been accomplished and now they reside eternally with the Lord.
- Other witnesses will soon arise to be anointed by the Lord to proclaim a great and powerful gospel message to the world in the coming days.

Many believe that the two witnesses in this text are not two single persons for they have universal influence throughout the entire world and they are also universally hated and their eventual death brings universal joy among all the citizens of the world's kingdom.

- It is certainly not conceivable that two single individuals in a single city could cause so much commotion throughout the world. **Then who are these two witnesses?**

**These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
*Revelation 11:4***

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TWO OLIVE TREES AND TWO LAMPSTANDS

The reference to two olive trees and two lampstands refers back to a similar vision given to the prophet Zechariah centuries earlier.⁸

Key Points:

Zechariah received a vision from an angel of the Lord where he sees a candlestick containing seven lamps.

- Above the candlestick he sees a golden bowl filled with oil which provides each lamp with the oil needed to give light.
- Now on each side of this oil-filled bowl stood an olive tree; these two olive trees were the source of oil supplied to the golden bowl which then passed it on to the seven lamps.
- Thus, we have a candlestick receiving its oil from a bowl above it, which in turn receives its oil from the two olive trees.
- If the candlesticks, which are representative of the Christian church,⁹ are to give true light, then oil must be provided by the two olive trees.

These olive trees are symbolic of the Holy Spirit of God who provides the oil of knowledge necessary to allow the light to shine through the people of God.

In summary, what John is seeing is symbolic of God's chosen disciples as they minister in the in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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⁸ Zechariah 4

⁹ Revelation 1:20

THE POWER OF “TWO BY TWO”

It is always the testimony of two which must confirm the Word of God:

If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not deemed true. There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. *John 5:31-33*

Jesus is always present wherever two or more are gathered together in His name:

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." *Matthew 18:19-20*

When Jesus dispatches His chosen ones to minister among the masses in His authority, it is always two by two.

Jesus Sends Out the Apostles

And he called the twelve and began to **send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits**And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." **So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.** *Mark 6:7-12*

Later, Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, **two by two**, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, **I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.** Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you..... **Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'**....."**The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.**" *Luke 10:1-16*

These are the Christians sent out onto the battlefield “Two by Two”

- Going to war for the Kingdom of God is very different than going into Afghanistan, Iraq or Vietnam. Soldiers in the Army of God are fighting to save people, not kill them.
- God’s warrior soldiers are fighting to help free and save many of the very ones who will be used to fight against them. **These are hard truths that require continuing spiritual insight.**

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IDENTITY OF THE TWO WITNESSES IN MIDST OF GREAT TRIBULATION

Just as Jesus dispatched His chosen disciples two by two throughout the land of Israel, so He will again send out His disciples of this last generation two by two throughout the entire world.

Key Points:

- It is highly probable that these end-times disciples are the 144,000 (witnessing two by two), who were sealed prior to the sounding of the trumpet judgments.
- If so, their ministry begins during the coming “trumpet judgments” for they are sealed by the Lord during this period of time.

In Revelation 14, we see them gathered together with their Commander-in-Chief on Mount Zion. They are the firstfruits of God’s people and they follow His Son wherever He goes.¹⁰

These 144,000 who have been sealed with the name of God on their foreheads come from far countries all around the world, but they will be gathered together with their Lord on Mount Zion.

- Perhaps this is a literal gathering prior to being sent out two by two throughout the earth; or perhaps it is a spiritual gathering with their Lord as He speaks to them individually within their hearts.

This is the time when His chosen vessels will minister in even greater power than was witnessed in the ministry of Jesus Christ during His 3 ½ year ministry 2,000 years ago:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. *John 14:12-14*

The two witnesses (144,000) are like:

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. *Psalms 125:1-2*

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¹⁰ Revelation 14:1-5

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THE TWO WITNESSES – THEIR MINISTRY

Their power over people and the environment will be like that reflected in the ministries of Moses and Elijah.

The gospel message of these 144,000 witnesses will reach every nation and people upon the earth. They are also described as being clothed in “sackcloth” which denotes that their message will primarily be a call for repentance from sin.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *Matthew 28:19*

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. *Matthew 24:14*

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. *John 17:22-23*

They will go forth in the fullness of the tremendous glory of the Son of God during a time when worldwide technology and transportation will allow all inhabitants of the earth an opportunity to respond.

Daniel’s Vision of the Time of the End:

And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ----- Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” *Daniel 12:3-4*

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144,000 WILL REPRESENT THE “THIRD COMING” OF ELIJAH

Approximately 430 years before Christ, The Lord told the prophet Malachi:

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. *Malachi 4:5*

Key Points:

The Jewish religious community of today continues to await the return of Elijah seeing it as a sign preceding the coming of their Messiah.

- They believe it to be the literal physical presence of Elijah rather than one coming in the spirit of Elijah.
- However, the New Testament shows that it was John the Baptist who came in the spirit of Elijah for the purpose of “preparing the way of the Lord”.¹¹

As previously shown, the spirit and power of Elijah is also found to be present within the two witnesses.

- Therefore, as John the Baptist was anointed by God to call the people to repentance and to declare the coming of the Lord, it appears as if many with the anointing of Elijah, who are commissioned to call people from among all the nations to repentance, shall also be the voice of one crying in the wilderness, **“Prepare the way (for the 2nd coming) of the Lord; make His paths straight.”**¹²

Like John, they too will be rejected by the religious leaders and sent instead to the poor, and the outcasts, who will hear the true words of God in the midst of tribulation. However, it will not be just one voice this time.¹³

Notes:

¹¹ Like 1:17; Matthew 11:14

¹² Matthew 3:3 (emphasis mine)

¹³ Benjamin Baruch, *The Day of the Lord is at Hand* (Baruch Publishing, 2004) p.48

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THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF THE TWO WITNESSES

The two witnesses of Christ who are the “sealed 144,000” will boldly and fearlessly stand united against the darkness of this age as they bear the testimony of Jesus Christ and His truth among all the nations of the earth.¹⁴

Key Points:

As to the contents of their message, this army of “two witnesses” will speak nothing but that which their Lord has commissioned them to speak.

- They will speak of Christ and His atoning blood which is the witness of the righteousness and holiness of God in the midst of a sinful world.
- They will openly condemn all efforts to seek salvation outside of that atoning blood which will infuriate the false church together with a worldly leadership that is attempting to establish a one world kingdom.
- This will be a time of tremendous miracles as the gospel message goes forth in a power greater than the world has ever seen; a time when the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and many of the afflicted will be healed throughout the world.¹⁵

Yet, it will also be a time when waters turn to blood, the skies are shut so no rain may fall, and plagues strike throughout the earth. The kingdom must come through tribulation and through all kinds of plagues and calamities.

- Do not think that this is strange; Moses delivered his people from Egypt by bringing great devastating plagues upon the land that brought Egypt to its knees.
- During Elijah’s day the kingdom was again strengthened when he prayed that God would withhold rain for three years from an apostate nation.

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¹⁴ Matthew 24:14

¹⁵ John 14:12

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THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF THE TWO WITNESSES

Key Points:

The mission of these end-times witnesses for Christ is not to bring peace to the world, but to bring division among the peoples.

- This is a hard teaching that is never heard from the pulpits, but separation has to take place.
- The pure light of holiness will not compromise with darkness. There can be no middle ground in the Kingdom of God.
- This truth of God is 180 degrees opposite that which is embraced by the worldly system which emphasizes “tolerance” as a requirement for world peace.
- Not surprisingly, the world’s government will once again unite with the false church of Christianity to persecute the true church with the objective of erasing the hard gospel message of Jesus Christ from the earth.¹⁶

This will be a time of great tribulation never before seen since the creation of the earth yet, this will also be a time of a great harvest of souls such as the world has never before seen.

- There will be no more grey area; either one stands with Christ or against Him.
- Love and hatred will be clearly visible among all the inhabitants of the earth.

If we keep our eyes upon the Lord, our attitude in the midst of persecution and suffering will be one of great joy knowing that the eternal rewards that await us will be great.¹⁷

The following verse will be ongoing in their hearts:

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. *Matthew 5:11-12*

Notes:

¹⁶ John 15:20; Matthew 24:10

¹⁷ Matthew 5:10-12

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THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF THE TWO WITNESSES

They will strongly proclaim the following truths:

- 1. Jesus Christ is God’s Son who came to earth to pay the penalty of death for all those who believe on His Name.**
 - 2. Mankind is a natural born sinner who cannot enter the kingdom of God unless this sin has been washed away by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.**
 - 3. Jesus Christ is the one and only way to eternal salvation. There is no other way.**
 - 4. One must be truly “born again” in order to enter the kingdom of God. These are those who repent of their sins and render obedience by walking in the truths of God.**
 - 5. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning for God abides in him and he in God.**
 - 6. Jesus Christ is truly divine and existed from all eternity as the Son of God. He is the Word of God that was present when creation was spoken into being.**
 - 7. God speaks to His people in this life through both the Old & New Testaments. The Bible is God’s revelation of Who He Is and Who We Are together with the relationship that exists between God and man. The Scriptures are not man’s witness that God exists, but God’s witness to man. The Bible was written by men who have been chosen by God. However, these men are not the authors of the bible – God is the true author for he breathes His words into the hearts of His chosen writers. Thus, the words in the bible are true in every respect.**
- They will also warn mankind not to bow down and worship the Antichrist, and to not take the “mark of the beast.” For those who take the “mark” will not enter into the Kingdom of God.**

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THE COMPLETION OF THEIR MINISTRY

The enemies of Christ will not be able to stop the two witnesses until the end of the 42 month period.

Key Points:

At that time, when their testimony is complete, the beast will be allowed to rise up against the two witnesses.

- The power of the Antichrist may not be fully manifested until the message of the gospel has been preached among all the nations and the testimony against the wicked world and against the false church has been finished.
- The world must hear the gospel message proclaimed by the true church and must hear it repeatedly, so they become fully conscious of their sin and the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.
- Those who reject Him will do so willingly and deliberately.
- Then the testimony is finished and may be silenced.

At this point the Antichrist will overcome the witnesses and kill them, but there will still be a remnant of saints who are alive at the second coming of Christ.

- Then the Antichrist will reign supreme and the world will rejoice and send gifts to one another, only because the church which spoke of blood and judgment has finally been overpowered; or so they believe.

This is the complete fulfillment of the following warning by Jesus to His disciples:

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not

greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. *John 15:18-21*

Notes:

BREAK-TIME

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A SECOND DEATH FOLLOWED BY A SECOND RESURRECTION

These witnesses will have completed their worldwide testimony after 42 months during which many among the world's population will have experienced tremendous "spiritual" revival.

Key Points:

- The earthly ministry of Jesus Christ is almost complete; there remains one more event that will be even more glorious than all which preceded it;
- An event which will bring finality to the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world.
- **That is the resurrection of the Body of Christ.**

Jesus' 1st, physical resurrection two-thousand years ago initiated a worldwide ministry that has resulted in millions of people entering into eternal life as sons and daughters of God.

- Now this 2nd, spiritual resurrection, through His Body of 144,000, will complete His ministry in this age.

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A SECOND DEATH FOLLOWED BY A SECOND RESURRECTION

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, 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.
Revelation 11:7-8

Key Points:

Here we see the first mention of the Antichrist who, at this point in time, is the ruler of the kingdom of the world. (Apollyon?)

- He is leading the charge to trample the blood of Christ under foot. Prior to the completion of their 42 month ministry, the world was not allowed to hinder them.¹⁸
- Just as the veil of protection was removed from Jesus Christ following His 3 ½ year ministry, it is also being removed from His Body of 144,000 chosen prophets following their 3 ½ year ministry.
- Now they are to be slain in view of the entire world in the streets of “the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt where their Lord was crucified.”¹⁹

Is this “great city” literal Jerusalem?

- Some commentators say that it is symbolic of all cities worldwide who are immoral and rebellious against God (Sodom), who enslave God’s people (Egypt), and who continually trample the blood of Jesus underfoot (where the Lord was crucified). Thus, they believe that these end-times witnesses are killed in cities throughout the world.

Perhaps this scenario is true but, also consider the following possibility.

- Recall that Jesus voluntarily went to Jerusalem knowing that it was time to lay down His life. Likewise, it is possible that the 144,000 will also be called by the Lord to travel to Jerusalem knowing that they too, are about to lay down their lives.

¹⁸ Revelation 11:5

¹⁹ Revelation 11:8

- It may be at a time when the Antichrist sets up the “abomination of desolation” on the temple mount and demands that the entire world bow down and worship it.
- Perhaps this 144,000 remnant of true Christianity will also ascend to the temple mount in Jerusalem and refuse to worship this image of the Antichrist.
- Subsequently, they will be beaten and killed with the entire world watching and cheering and celebrating by giving gifts to one another. Like a 4th of July party, they will probably set off fireworks around the world celebrating their supposed victory over the Kingdom of God.

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A SECOND DEATH FOLLOWED BY A SECOND RESURRECTION

However, this is not the end of the ministry of these witnesses; for after 3 1/2 days the entire world will witness the resurrection of this great and numerous Body of Christ and watch in horror as they ascend to heaven.

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. 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. 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. *Revelation 11:11-13*

A great earthquake rocks the city of Jerusalem killing 7,000 people. This will result in tremendous worldwide fear and perhaps many, like the Roman soldiers who crucified Jesus, will finally have their eyes opened and will give glory to God and to His Son. **Hopefully, these are people who have not yet taken the “mark of the Beast.”**

- This is the second resurrection and will certainly cause more people among the nations to finally have their eyes opened to the truth of the atoning blood of Jesus and repent and begin to seek the Lord with their whole heart.

This would appear to be the last opportunity for mankind to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ and enter into the Kingdom of God.

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THE 7TH TRUMPET SOUNDS
Revelation 11:15-19

The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world is now complete.

- The building of the spiritual temple is perfectly complete.

Now, the seventh trumpet sounds:

- The entire kingdom of heaven is now celebrating, but upon the earth, the greatest of all judgments are about to descent.
- Seven “bowls of wrath” are to be poured out across the entire earth.

Yet, more specifics are provided in Revelation 12 -14 which precede these seven “bowls of wrath.”

- After which, the Lord Jesus will descend upon the earth with His mighty army.
- Then the dead will be raised for judgment. Then His sons and daughters will receive their great rewards earned during their lives upon the earth.

Notes:

Now remember, these sessions are taught chapter by chapter, but these chapters are not always chronological. For example:

- For example when this 7th trumpet is blown, it launches the seven bowls of wrath. **Yet, we don't see the bowls poured out until chapter 16.**
- Events concerning the gospel message of the two witnesses plus events in chapters 12 -14 also precede the seven bowls of wrath.
- Chapters 12 – 14 are designed to provide more insights into spiritual warfare and the reign of the Antichrist.

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THE NEXT SESSION:

First Read: Revelation 12

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE BETWEEN
THE WOMAN & THE DRAGON**

- The Identity of the Woman
- The Dragon
- The Birth of the Male Child
- The War in Heaven
- The War Between the Woman & the Dragon
- Battlefield Tactics Employed by Satan
- Satan's Mission & Tactics for the End-Times

- Satan's Primary Objective in his War on Mankind

Additional Notes:

THE LAMB OF GOD - OUR TRUE "COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF"

The days are rapidly approaching when a tremendous separation will take place among mankind.

Yet, during this present era of warfare, He reigns as our Commander-in-Chief and His Name continues to be the battle cry for those warriors who fight daily for righteousness and truth.

**His name is Jesus, Our Lord, Our King,
Our Commander-in-Chief**

- **A truly mighty Leader who would never delegate assignments to His people that He Himself wouldn't readily embrace.**

- **A Commander that Christian warriors will readily follow not matter the danger or what costs have to be paid.**
- **These are warriors whose deepest desire is to hear Jesus welcome them with the following words when they enter into His presence:**

..... 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' *Matthew 25:21*