

A detailed illustration of a rolled-up scroll, likely representing the Book of Revelation. The scroll is made of parchment and is covered in handwritten Hebrew text. It is secured with several red wax seals, each featuring a different symbol or design. The scroll is tied with dark cords. The background is a solid dark gray.

Revelation 11

Opening Questions

- What is the role of prophets sent by God to earth?
- The great tribulation is marked by the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation. What marks the middle?
- What is the Day of the Lord?

1st

Green grass and 1/3 of the trees are burned up.

Rev. 8:7

2nd

1/3 of sea becomes blood; 1/3 of ships and sea life destroyed.

Rev. 8:8-9

3rd

1/3 of waters turn bitter.

Rev. 8:1-11

4th

1/3 of sun, moon, and stars do not shine.

Rev. 8:12

5th

"Locusts" wield the Beast's military power.

Rev. 9:1-12

6th

200-million-man army; a third of mankind killed.

Rev. 9:13-21

7th

The Kingdom of God is declared.

Rev. 11:15-19

11 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.

Q: There are 5 temples mentioned in the bible. Which one is this?

- Solomon (957-586 BCE)
- Zerubbabel (515 BCE -70 AD)
- Herod Updates (20 BCE – 60 AD)
- Anti-Christ (Early or pre – Tribulation)
- Christ (Millennium Temple)

Q: Why is the outer court not measured?

- The measurements are symbolic. God is setting apart the Jewish people here from the court of the gentiles. This is not to say only the Jews are saved, they have a special place with God.
- This also indicates the church may have been raptured, as it is not mentioned.

Q: Who might the two witnesses be? Does it matter?

- Moses and Elijah (Mark 9.1-10?)
- Elijah and Enoch (Did not die)
- Biblically it took two witnesses to verify truth ((Deut. 17: 6; 19: 15; Matt. 18: 16; John 8: 17; 2 Cor. 13: 1; 1 Tim. 5: 19; Heb. 10: 28).

Q: What is the purpose of the two witnesses?

- God has always used prophets to speak for Him.

Q: Who are other witnesses at this time?

- 144,000 pure men
- Tribulation Saints

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.

Q: What city is Sodom and Egypt?

- Jerusalem has become like these two evil places.

Q: Will there be any confusion when these two are resurrected?

- In addition to the miracle of their resurrection those left on the earth will:
 - Feel a great earthquake
 - See 10% of the city fall
 - 7,000 are also listed as falling. In the original language it is "names of men." This likely means they were prominent leaders.

Q: What does "Giving glory to God mean in terms of salvation?

- Giving glory to God is a mark of genuine repentance in Revelation.

Q: Why not leave the two prophets on earth to evangelize?

- Luke 16:31 – If [unbelievers] do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they will be persuaded if someone rises from the dead."

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.

Q: The 7th Trumpet signifies the revealing of the "Mystery of God." What is that mystery?

- The full revealment of God's plans, as alluded to throughout all time.

Q: What time is the elders referring to?

- This is the "Day of Lord." It is not a day but a time of the Lord. This has been prophesied throughout all history.
- It is the time the world has been waiting for.
- It is the time for God to pour out His wrath.
- It is the time for Judgment, for defeating all the evil Kings of the earth
- It is the time for rewarding of His servants.
- It is the time for the consummation of God's redemptive plan
- Finalizing in the triumph of Christ at Armageddon (Chap 19)
- It is the answer to the prayer "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

The Day of the Lord

The ending of the day of man – or of the Satan since he is ruling the world right now

Transitioning into the Day of the Lord – The time which God directly rules the world

Resurrection

This is popular belief
about the unsaved is
not biblical



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Chap 12 – Digression:
A view from Satan's
vantage point

