

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 11:1-19

MEDIA REFERENCE NUMBER SM-533 JUNE 13, 2004

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD - PART 1

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Salvation, Tribulation, End Times, Wrath, Judgment

INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 11:1-19

In Every Generation, Throughout the Ages,
The Lord has Always Maintained a Witness of His Great Plan.

The Lord God, He is Everlasting.
And His Book, the Bible, is Eternal.

Isaiah 55:8

"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. :9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. :10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, :11 **So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.**

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. :17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. :18 **For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.**

There is No Doubt that The Bible is God's Written
Witness to Mankind. In All of Its **Perfection** and **Accuracy**...

But There are Other Witnesses of His Greatness.

There is the Witness of Creation - - Another Great and Undeniable Witness that God has Given Mankind.

The Scientific Evidence of Creation is Also Undeniable...

Everything in the Observable Universe Demands an Intelligent Designer.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. :2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. :3 *There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.* :4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.

But of Course Jesus Christ Himself was,
and is, the Ultimate Witness of God,

Revelation 1:5

for Jesus Christ, is the faithful witness...
Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. :4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

1 John 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— :2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

But the Context of the Book of Revelation
is Not Only the Unveiling of Jesus Christ in the Coming Last Days,

But That the Witness would Come to The World!

John 1:10

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. :11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. :12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Just Before the Second Coming

of Jesus Christ to Establish His Kingdom on Earth, God will Send a Very Real and Powerful Witness to the Earth.

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

Revelation 11:1

Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. :2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months.

Revelation 11:3

And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

Revelation 11:4-6

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. :5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. :6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

GOD'S FINAL WITNESS TO THE WORLD

I.) *Is a very specific warning of events*

vv. 1-2

Revelation 11:1-2

Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. :2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months.

If you really loved someone, and you knew of two very critical things that would soon be happening that would directly affect that loved one of yours, what would you do to rescue them?

Let's Suppose for a Moment
That Those Two Critical Things are;
Critical Issue #1

- that California was about to experience a great earthquake, so great, that most of the state would be tossed into the pacific ocean and millions would die.

Critical Issue #2

- you have access to a great hot air balloon that would allow you to just ascend up and above the earth enough to keep you from harm, what would you do to rescue them?

You Would Tell Them *wouldn't you?!*
And you would tell them with passion because it's all true!

Your Final Warning Would Come

This very specific warning of events involves...

1st a coming temple to the city of Jerusalem v.1

Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

We know there is a coming temple
to Jerusalem because Jesus said so;

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. :15 "Therefore when you see the '*abomination of desolation*,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

The Bible Tells Us That a "Western Prince" will Arise out of the Ancient Borders of the
Once Great Roman Empire.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, :4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

What is Very Interesting Here

Is the command to measure #1 - the temple of God,
#2 - measure the altar, and #3 - measure the worshippers
I Can Understand the Measuring of the Temple
I Can Understand the Measuring of the Altar

But How Can You Measure the Worshippers?
Obviously, it is a Spiritual Evaluation, but it's Muddled

There is no temple that God honors today.
There is no altar that God uses today.
But He is Always measuring His Worshippers!

metreōw metreō, *met-reh'-o*; to measure, to ascertain in size to make note of detail. To determine size, scope and influence.

John 4:23

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. :24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

True Worship is What Flows Thru a Christians Veins.

We worship God in our speaking, in our activities, in our vocations.
We worship God in our churches, in our families, in our finances, in our efforts, and with our time.

Verse 1

measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

This is None Other Than a False Worship System

There is no Longer Any Need for a Temple of God

Because... The Lord now meets men and women in their hearts and lives.

There is no Longer Any Need for an Altar

Because... Jesus Christ entered into the holy of holies in heaven and presented His blood upon an everlasting altar.

There is no Longer Any Need of These Things

Because... Heb. 9:11 - But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

This very specific warning of events involves...

2nd A coming deception to the nation of Israel v.2a

But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles.

The Coming World Leader will Attempt to Cohabitate
the Religions of the World...

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, **4** who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God... **:8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. **:9** The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **:10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **:11** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, **:12** that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Matthew 24:21

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Jeremiah 30:7

Alas! For that day *is* great, So that none *is* like it; And it *is* the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

Daniel 12:1

"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.

This very specific warning of events involves...

3rd a coming end to human government v.2b

And they (gentiles) will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months...

Luke 21:24

And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The Coming End of Human Government

Zechariah 14:3

Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. **:4** And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

Zechariah 14:8

And in that day it shall be *That* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. **:9** And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be— "The LORD *is* one," And His name one.

end