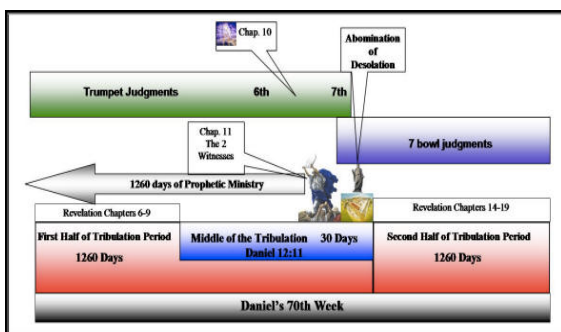


Revelation

Chapter Eleven

Revelation 11:1

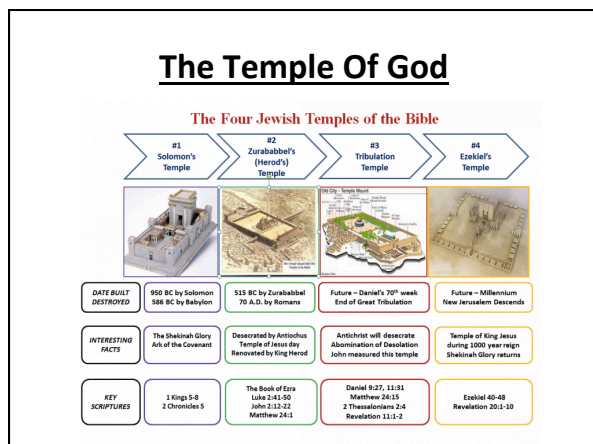
Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.



A Measuring Rod

- John is given a measuring rod and is told to measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship in the temple.
- In Zechariah 2:1-4, measurement is for the preparation of the Lord's coming to dwell on the earth.
- "Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* its width and what *is* its length." And there *was* the angel who talked with me, going out; and another angel was coming out to meet him, who said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying: 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. **For I,' says the Lord, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'**"

The Temple Of God



The Worshippers

- John is asked by the angel to determine who is worshiping within the temple.
- These worshippers are at the altar within the temple.
- The altar is the location in the temple where the sacrifices are offered.
- The prophet Daniel told us the Antichrist will break his covenant with the Jewish people bringing sacrifice and offerings to an end. (Daniel 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11).
- **The Antichrist breaks his covenant in the middle of the seven year tribulation.**

Daniel 9:27

“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

70th WEEK

Antichrist confirms the covenant for "one week" (7 years)

Antichrist breaks the covenant "in the middle of the week"

SECOND COMING!
(Matthew 24:29-31)



3 1/2 years = "1,260 days" (Rev 11:3, 12:6) = "42 months" (Rev 11:2, 13:5) = "time, times, and half a time" (Dan 7:25, 12:7, Rev 12:14) = half of a "week" (Dan 9:27)

“The Abomination Of Desolation”

- 2 Thess 2:4: he sets himself up in the temple, proclaiming himself to be God. This of course requires a temple.
- Antiochus Epiphanes IV, desecrated the temple by ending sacrifice, and He sacrificed a pig, an unclean animal, on the altar in 167 B.C. He was predicted by the prophet Daniel, and serves as a type of antichrist But not the true antichrist since this did not result in “the end.”
- Paul and Jesus both talked about this future Abomination it Still must be in the future

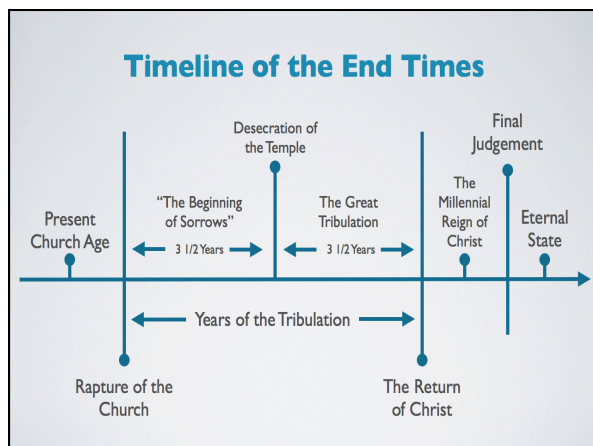
- “Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”-2 Thessalonians 2:3-4
- “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand)...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.”-Matthew 24:15,21

“He will confirm a covenant with the many”-Daniel 9:27

- The many is referring to Israel, and the covenant is a covenant of hell. (Isa 28:15; Zech 11:15-17
- " I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive."--John 5:43



- ““Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.”-Isaiah 28:15
- “”And the LORD said to me, “Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd. For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who* will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces. “Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock! A sword *shall be* against his arm and against his right eye; his arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded.”-Zechariah 11:15-17



Revelation 11:2

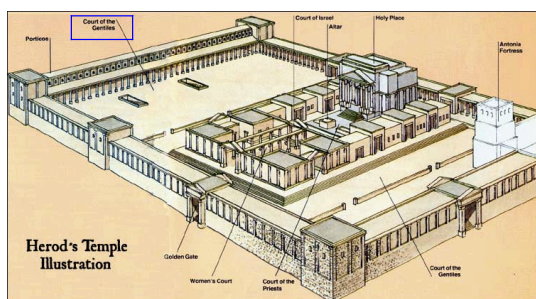
But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months.

Outside The Temple

- John is told not to measure the outside of the temple because it has been given to the Gentiles.
- The emphasis on a portion of the temple section being given to the Gentiles supposes that the main part of the temple is under the jurisdiction of non-Gentiles, that is, the Jews.
- The Jewishness of the Book of Revelation becomes clear in this passage because of the divide between the Jews and the Gentiles being highlighted.
- "Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all *men* everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."-Acts 21:27-28

- "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace...."-Ephesians 2:11-15
- "The casting out of the court of the Gentiles because it is the court of the Gentiles, proves the present dispensation at an end. Now Gentiles and Jews stand on the same level. The one has no prerogatives or rights above the other. In the Church there is neither Greek nor Jew, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but all nationalities and conditions in life yield to one common brotherhood and heirship. The text, therefore, tells of a new order of things. . . . the Jew is again in the foreground for the fathers' sakes, and the Gentiles are thrust back."-Seiss

Herod's Temple



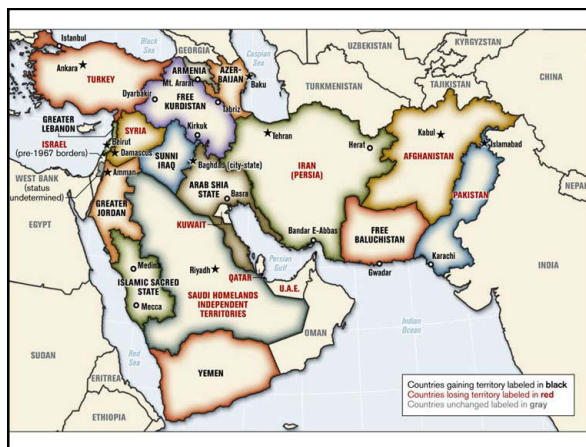
The Holy City Is Jerusalem

- God's Love For Jerusalem
- "Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there....for now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually....Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever"

-----2 Chronicles 6:6;7:16;33:7

Luke 21:20-24

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. 22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 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.**



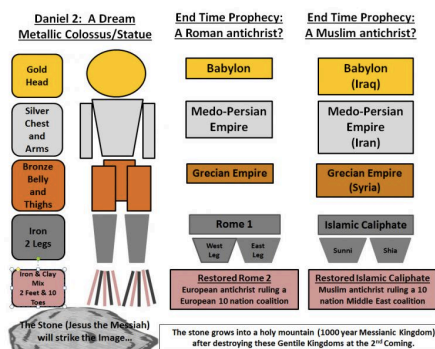
Jerusalem Will Be Attacked

- “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. **For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem**; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.”- Zechariah 14:1-3
- “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.”-Jeremiah 30:7

Tread The Holy City

- Greek scholar A.T. Robertson said that to **tread underfoot** means **“to trample with contempt”**
- ““Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the LORD, ‘Nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make *him* afraid. For I *am* with you,’ says the LORD, ‘to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.”-Jeremiah 30:10-11

Times Of The Gentiles



Daniel 2:37-39

- “You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, **He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all-you are this head of gold.** But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.”

Zechariah 5:5-11

Zechariah has a vision that suggests there will be a time when the commercial and religious center will be moved from Jerusalem to the plains of Shinar. Planet earth will once again migrate back to its original starting place of civilization. Like a salmon returning to spawn and die, civilization returns to Babylon to spawn and be judged.

Babylonian Empire



Medo-Persian Empire



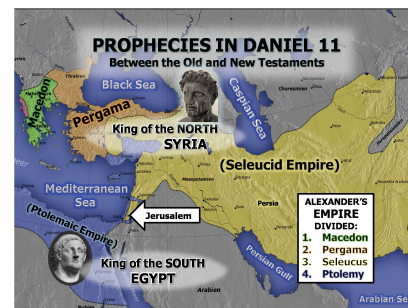
Greek Empire



Daniel 8:21-22

- “And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.”

The Four Divisions



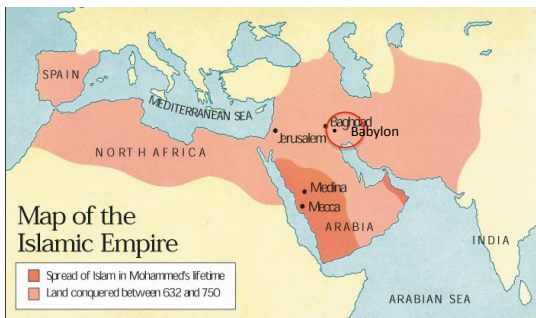
Roman Empire



Empires With The Roman Empire



Islamic Empire



Empires With The Islamic Empire



The Iron Kingdom

- The kingdom represented by the iron was supposed to crush or conquer the other three kingdoms, Babylon, Medo-Persian, and Greek, something which Rome never accomplished. Rome conquered the Greek and Syrian portions of the Grecian Empire, only reached Babylon for a few months in 116-117 AD and was forced to retreat from Mesopotamia after the death of Emperor Trajan. Rome was never able to conquer the heart of Persia during countless battle against the Parthian and Sessanid Empires.

The Temple Mount Today



The Prince and The People

- "And the people of the prince who is to come..."-vs.26
- Is Rome the People?
- The word for "people" in Hebrew is the word "am" when interpreted can mean: people (as a congregated unit) or specifically, a tribe (as those of Israel) or (collectively) as in troops.
- Hebrew scholar Arnold Fruchtenbaum states, "We are dealing here with a bloodline, and not a country"
- The focus of the sentence is upon "the people"
- Titus' army was primarily made up of Syrian people
- Is Syria the people?

The People Who Destroyed The Temple

<u>The Legion</u>	<u>The People</u>
Legion V Macedonia	Judea or Moesia
Legion X Fretensis	Syria
Legion XV Appolinaris	Syria
Legion XII Fulminata	Asia Minor/Syria
Legion XVIII	Egypt
Legion III Gallica	Syria

Did Rome Want The Temple Destroyed?

- Josephus records that Titus wanted to leave the Temple intact, but a soldier acting on impulse threw a torch into the temple setting the tapestries on fire, as the temple burned the gold melted and ran into the seams of the stones. Afterward in an attempt to recover the gold Roman soldiers tore apart the stones, fulfilling Jesus' prophecy that one stone would not be left on the other. (Matt 24:2)

- "Titus supposing what the fact was, that the house itself might yet be saved, he came in haste and endeavored to persuade the soldiers to quench the fire...yet were their passions too hard for the regards they had for Caesar, and the dread they had of him who forbade them, as was their hatred of the Jews, and a certain vehement inclination to fight them, too hard for them also...And thus was the holy house burnt down, without Caesar's approbation" (Josephus, *Wars of the Jews*, Book 6, Chapter 4).
- The phrase, "And thus was the holy house burnt down, without Caesar's approbation" indicates that the Roman government and its generals did not command the destruction of the Temple.

The European Union

- The main argument for a Roman Antichrist is that he will come from the revived Roman Empire, which today is the European Union.
- The problem with this argument is that EU consists of 28 countries : Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.
- The only possibility would for ten kings ruling in the future over the EU.

Psalm 83

"Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God! 2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

<u>Name In Psalm 83</u>	<u>Nation today</u>
Tents of Edom	Palestinians
Ishmaelites	Saudi Arabia
Moab	Palestinians Jordan,
Hagarites	Egyptians
Gebal	Hezbollah, Lebanon
Ammon	Palestinians , Jordan
Amalek	Southern Jordan
Philistia	Gaza
Tyre	Hezbollah, Lebanon
Assyria	Syria, Iraq, Iran

Forty-Two Months

<u>Description Of The 3 ½ year Period</u>	<u>Bible References</u>
42 Months	Revelation 11:2;13:5
1260 Days	Revelation 11:3; 12:6
3.5 Years	Daniel 9:27
Times, Time and ½ Time	Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 12:14

"All early calendars appear to be based on a 360-day calendar: the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Greeks, Phoenicians, Chinese, Mayans, Hindus, Carthaginians, Etruscans, and Teutons all had calendars based on a 360-day year; typically, twelve 30-day months. In ancient Chaldea, the calendar was based on a 360-day year. It is from this Babylonian tradition that we have 360 degrees in a circle, 60 minutes to an hour, 60 seconds in each minute...."-Missler

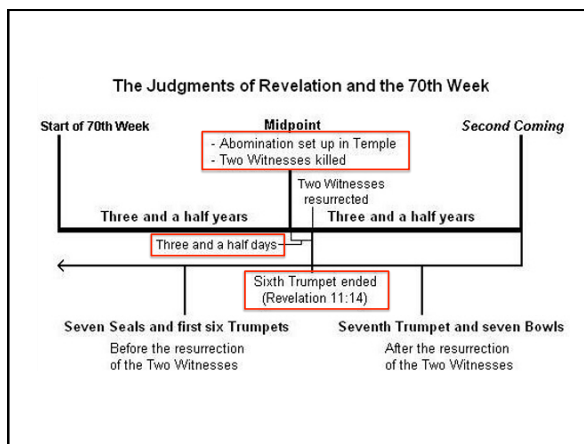
Revelation 11:3

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

The Two Witnesses

- The two witnesses are given authority to prophesy for exactly 1260 days.
- This is during the first half of the the seven year period.
- The antichrist will kill the two witnesses only after their ministry comes to a completion before the last 3.5 years.
- Two is the number of required witnesses before the Law. (Deut. 17:6; Matt. 18:16)
- Their ministry involves the entire earth but takes place in Jerusalem and has all the markings of the Old Testament Jewish prophets.
- The two witnesses were clothed in sackcloth which was the traditional rough garments worn as an outward representation of mourning, grief, and repentance.

- The world will not want to hear what they have to say from the God of heaven but for 1,260 days the world will be given no choice. If the world will not accept the truth that comes by way of these two prophets God said, He will send the world a strong delusion so they will believe a lie. Those who do not believe the truth from God later will believe the lies of the Antichrist and his False Prophet.
- “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason **God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**” -2 Thessalonians 2:9-12



Revelation 11:4

“These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.”

The Two Olive Trees And Lampstands

- “Then I answered and said to him, **“What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?”** And I further answered and said to him, “What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?” Then he answered me and said, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” So he said, **“These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.”**” -Zechariah 4:11-14
- These two witnesses are anointed by the Holy Spirit to call the world to repentance.

Revelation 11:5-6

“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. 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.”

The Identity Of The Two Witnesses

- Jewish tradition says there are three expected to come into the world during the last days.
- “Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, **“Who are you?”** He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, **“I am not the Christ.”** And they asked him, **“What then? Are you Elijah?”** He said, “I am not.” **“Are you the Prophet?”** And he answered, “No.”-John 1:19-21
- The Jews were asking John if he was one of the following expected people: The Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet.

Elijah

- “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”-Malachi 4:4-5
- These are the last words of the Old Testament which seem to indicate that Elijah will come during the last days.
- John clearly stated that he was not Elijah.
- John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah. (Luke 1:14-17)

The Most Popular Opinions

- The most popular suggestions include: (1) the return of Moses and Elijah; (2) the return of Enoch and Elijah; (3) two future prophets who minister in the power and character of Moses and Elijah.
- The Apocalypse of Peter (non-canon dated about 120 AD) says the two prophets will be Elijah and Enoch. This gives some reason to believe that this is what at least some of the early Church taught about the identity of the two prophets.
- The reality is that we are not told who these witnesses are only the characteristics of their ministry.
- The identity of the two witnesses stems from the miracles that they do which is similar to Elijah and Moses.

Identity	Reasons For
Elijah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire from heaven: 1 Kings 18:37; 2 Kings 1:10,12; Jer. 5:14 Shut heaven so it didn't rain: 1 Kings 17:1; (3 ½ years Luke 4:25; James 5:17)
Moses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water into blood: EX 7:19 The Plagues: EX 8-12
Enoch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enoch was a Gentile. Hebrews came from sons of Eber (Gen. 10:21) These prophets of judgment are to the whole world both Jew and Gentile Only man besides Elijah who was taken up before death (Gen. 5:21-24; Heb. 11:5) However lots of people will not see death (1 Cor. 15:51-53) Enoch was a prophet to the pre-flood world (Jude 14,15)

- “Who are these two witnesses? We do not ask the question, and therefore we have nothing to answer. Why cannot we leave them alone? If God wished us to know He could have told us. The fact that He has not done so ought to stop our mouths.”-Bullinger



Fire Proceeds From Their Mouth

- God does not let the two witnesses to be harmed because fire proceeds from their mouth devouring their enemies.
- Three ways to interpret this passage:
- Figurative** - The fire which proceeds from their mouths speaks of general judgments which are spoken forth by the two witnesses. The judgments result in death but not necessarily by literal fire.
- Partly Figurative** - Literal fire devours their enemies. The fire “proceeds from their mouth” in the sense that, like Elijah, they *call forth* fire from heaven upon their opponents (1Kings. 10:10-12).
- Nonfigurative** - Literal fire actually proceeds directly from their mouths (like the demon horses of Rev. 9:17).

- These are not ordinary men.
- If anyone tries to hurt them fire will come out of their mouth and destroy their enemies.
- We do see the attributes of Elijah and Moses with the ability to shut up heaven, smite the earth with plagues, turn water into blood and call down fire on their enemies.
- The witnesses themselves are given power to judge and to smite the earth with plagues as often as they wish.
- The power given by God to these two witnesses to bring judgments themselves gives further proof that these two witnesses were in a close relationship with God.
- This fact alone seems to rule out any idea that the prophets are normal men born in contemporary times.

Revelation 11:7

“When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.”

The Beast Makes War

- These witnesses cannot be stopped until **“they have finished their testimony”**
- This is the first mention of the beast exercising power in the Book of Revelation.
- The beast is the Antichrist who has set himself up as the Abomination of Desolation.
- He makes war against the two witnesses and overcomes them.
- This beast was first introduced in Revelation Chapter 9.
- We can be thankful in that as believers the devil does not have power over our lives. We are witnesses of the Lord and **He protects us** until our testimony is finished.

Revelation 11:8

“And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.”

The Witnesses Dead Bodies

- After the beast kills the two witnesses their bodies are left to rot in the streets of Jerusalem.
- They refuse them a decent burial leaving their dead bodies to decay in the streets of Jerusalem
- Jerusalem is likened at this time to the cities of Sodom and Egypt.
- This is a graphic description of Jerusalem in that **Sodom represents graphic moral corruption and Egypt represents bondage** because at this point Jerusalem is totally in the hands of the Antichrist.
- “Jerusalem, in her godless state, is likened to both the wicked city and the wicked nation. Even though the two witnesses exhibit a Jewish ministry located in Jerusalem, they are rejected by the majority of the inhabitants—their fellow Jews.”-Garland

Revelation 11:9-10

“Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

A Three-Half Day Celebration

- After the two witnesses are killed the world observes their dead bodies and celebrates for 3.5 days.
- Nearly 2000 years ago the idea of everybody from all over the Earth seeing the same event would be impossible. Today with satellite TV, internet and radio, dramas of the world unfold daily. Events in Jerusalem daily find their way into homes causing everybody to form an opinion on the issues of the Jewish state of Israel.
- The world is relieved that the witnesses are dead because from the world's perspective the witnesses were trouble makers.
- They were the spokesmen for God's wrath and through them people were forced to choose or reject Christ.

Psalms 79:1-3,10-11

- “O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; Your holy temple they have defiled; they have laid Jerusalem in heaps. The dead bodies of Your servants they have given as food for the birds of the heavens, the flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth. Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.” Why should the nations say “Where is their God?” Let there be known among the nations in our sight the avenging of the blood of Your servants which has been shed.”

Revelation 11:11-12

“Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.”

The Witnesses Resurrected

- The two witnesses will resurrected after 3.5 days in full view of the whole earth.
- Those on earth will have heard and understood that these two witnesses are prophets of the living God.
- The earth is given another witness of Jesus as these two men are raptured "Caught up" like the believers before the tribulation.
- The brief exultation over the beast's victory will be turned to utter terror over the resurrection of the two witnesses.

Satan Given Total Control

- Satan and his angels will be given almost total control of the earth for the next 3.5 years.
- It will not just be one or two men with supernatural powers telling the world what to do.
- It will be someone who claims to be God and he, like God, will have millions of angels at his immediate command.
- The fallen angels that are cast out with Satan will enforce his decrees on the earth.
- The only place they will not control is the area in the mountains of Jordan which has been set aside to protect the faithful remnant of Israel.

Mountains Of Jordan



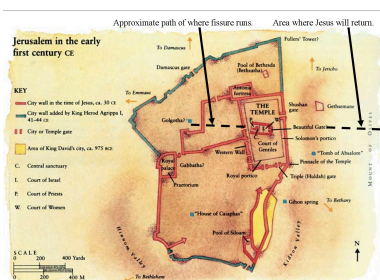
Revelation 11:13-14

“In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.”

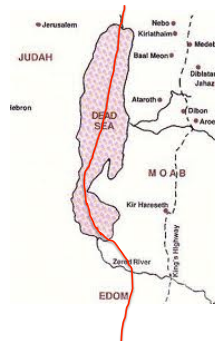
A Great Earthquake

- There are numerous earthquakes during the Tribulation.
- A previous great earthquake attended the opening of the sixth seal (Rev. 6:12).
- As great as this earthquake is a still greater earthquake the greatest of all recorded history is yet to follow at the pouring forth of the seventh bowl judgment (Rev. 16:17).
- Seven thousand people are killed in the city of Jerusalem during this earthquake.

Jerusalem Fault Line



Great Rift Valley Fault Line



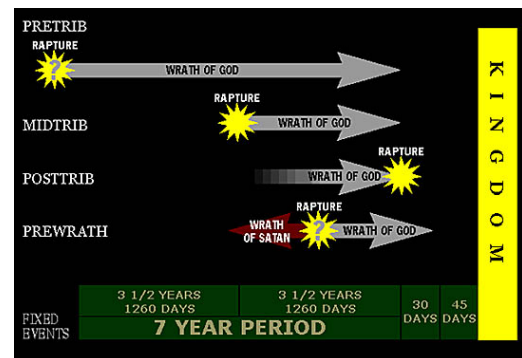
The First Woe	Unleashes demonic forces upon the earth.- Revelation 9:1-12
The Second Woe	Unleashes the four angels bound at the Euphrates river combined by an enormous earthquake killing seven-thousand people- Revelation 9:13-21;11:14
The Third Woe	Unleashes the wrath of the Devil upon the earth-Revelation 12:12

Revelation 11:15

“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

The Seventh Trumpet

- When the seventh trumpet is blown the kingdoms of this world are subjected to the kingdom of our Lord and Savior.
- This last of the seven trumpets is not to be confused with the “last trump” which speaks of the rapture.
- Those who hold to a mid-tribulation view see this seventh trumpet as the trumpet blast that calls the church home during the rapture.
- “The seventh trumpet covers an extended period of time, thus distinguishing it from the instantaneous (“in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye”) event of the “last trumpet.” Instead of calling for the moment of the Rapture of the church, as the “last trumpet” does, **the seventh trumpet calls for prolonged waves of judgment on the ungodly.** It does not parallel the trumpet of 1 Corinthians 15:52, but does parallel the trumpet of Joel 2:1-2: “Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; surely it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness.”-MacArthur



Mid-Tribulation View

- The rapture occurs mid way through the Great Tribulation
- The time of the Great Tribulation is limited to the last 3 1/2 years
- They believe believers should suffer a little.
- They use the land of Goshen in Exodus as an example of God protecting His people during the Great Tribulation.
- It destroys the imminence of Christ's return at any moment and leads to setting dates.

The Kingdoms Of This World

- Satan is the prince and ruler of this world.(Eph. 2:2;John 16:11)
- The sounding of the seventh trumpet is announcing the proclamation to the world of the coming of the earth's rightful King.
- It is an answer to the prayer though out the ages "Thy kingdom come...."
- Satan had offered a shortcut to Jesus in Matthew 4:8-9: "Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "**All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.**"
- Jesus did it according to His Father's will.

- "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."-**Philippians 2:5-11**

- God meant this earth to be a rich source of blessing to mankind, but Satan, the Antichrist, and thousands of false prophets have led mankind to build rebellious kingdoms against God causing this earth to be a place of great suffering.
- Satan in one final effort will deceive the nations through lying spirits and with the help of his angels he will gather all the worlds armies to come against Jesus who is coming to rule the world from Jerusalem.
- The world is now about to endure the seven bowl judgments of the wrath of God against the kingdoms of this world led by Satan and his demons.

- The kings and the rulers in this world seem to want to lead by their own laws and not God's.
- Man since the beginning of time has wanted to do his own thing in rebellion against God.
- However, independence from God results in bondage to the things we would naturally have dominion over.
- Man is created to have dominion and rule the earth from a relationship with God and under His authority.
- A ruling kingdom not having God at the head is a kingdom that abuses or uses its people to get its way; a dictatorship ruling by force, fear, and manipulation.

The Promised Messianic Reign

- "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, **the Son of David**, the Son of Abraham"--**Matthew 1:1**
- "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God **which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh**"-- **Romans 1:1-3**
- "So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, **the Root of David**, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."--- **Revelation 5:4-5**

The Promised Messianic Kingdom

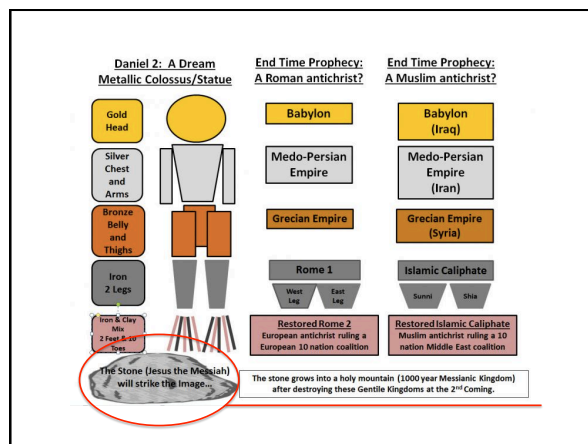


Empires With The Islamic Empire



Daniel 2:44-45

“And in the days of these kings **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed**; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; **it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms**, and it shall stand forever.
 “Inasmuch as you saw that **the stone** was cut out of the mountain without hands, **and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold**—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”



Revelation 11:16-19

“And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great,”

“And should destroy those who destroy the earth.” Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

God Is Worshipped

- There is a worship service in heaven because of the fulfillment of the promises of God concerning the kingdom are coming to a fulfillment.
- The establishing of God's kingdom brings about the final victory and ushers in the Millennium.
- They worship God because:
 1. He has taken great power and reigned.
 2. He has wrath has come upon the nations.
 3. He will judge the dead.
 4. He will reward His servants the prophets
 5. He will reward the saints and those who fear His name.
 6. He will destroy those who destroy the earth.
 7. The temple is opened in heaven.
 8. The ark of the covenant is seen.

A Kingdom Of Hope

- We don't Hope in this world.
- We don't Hope in the government.
- We don't Hope in the economy.
- **Our hope is in Jesus Christ, our savior, and His coming kingdom.**
- The second coming of Christ, while a great blessing for believers, will be God's most severe judgment of the earth. The kingdoms of this world will be completely overthrown by the coming kingdom of Christ who will reign for ever and ever.

- In a world that seems totally out of control with lack of trust in:
- Government
- Religion
- Economy
- We can keep our hearts secure knowing that God is in control of the world.
- It is not chaotic but planned by the hand of a loving Father
- Make it a priority to set your heart at rest in Jesus for He directs the destiny of the world in the end you win if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead you are saved.

The Tables Are Turned

- The nations had a hay-day over the years persecuting the Jewish people and Gentile believers.
- They were angry and very unfavorable to those with faith.
- Now the tables are turned.
- These very ones whom they persecuted will rule over them in the Kingdom of Jesus
- Here we see **punishment for those who did not accept the gift of salvation and great rewards given to those who did accept and live for Jesus.**

The Temple Of God

- We see in this passage the heavenly dwelling of God in all its awesomeness.
- The ark is seen in the heavenly temple of God.
- There is much speculation about where that earthly ark is today.
- It is really not that important where it is.
- When Israel was traveling to the promised land It was a visible reassurance that God was faithful to keep His covenant with them.
- We are reassured today that God's covenant with us will never fail.

The Perfect Temple Without Hands

- "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'" -Mark 14:58
- Thus says the LORD: "Heaven *is* My throne, And earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My rest?" -Isaiah 66:1
- For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "**I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**" -Isaiah 57:15
- God dwells in the place of the humble a much greater and more perfect tabernacle not of this creation nor created by human hands.