

Breaking news:

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Sister Shelbia opened our session with prayer:

Father in heaven, God we are so thankful that we can gather like this. Lord we love you and we're so thankful for your word. Its so interesting all the time and it gets more relevant as we are living in these days we don't know how to describe and that shine God. Its meant to be that way. I trust that you have every person on here that you want on here. I pray each person gets exactly what you want them to get from this lesson and DVD and the other things we will talk about Lord. Its all for your honor and Glory and to further your kingdom. We are so thankful we are your servants. Please put the blood of Jesus all over this. Anoint each one. We are so thankful to you. In the name of Jesus Amen.

Pastor Robert Jeffress, Breaking News!

In the 10 years I've been involved in offering a Christian perspective on the news. I've seen something happening with more and more frequency - **Breaking News!**

When I do my radio or television shows, I'll be all ready to present information and at the last minute the press director will say, sorry pastor, I'm gonna have to bump you for **breaking news**. Its seems like news is coming faster and faster and its changing more quickly every day.

And the result is news gatherers, as well as television viewers are left exhausted with all of the **breaking news**.

You know today is the single most televised event of the year. **The super bowl**. And I was just wondering this week what event it would take for the announcer of the game to say I'm sorry, we are going to cut away from the super bowl because of **breaking news**. It would have to be something pretty big, wouldn't it?

Perhaps it would be something just like the event we are going to look at today in Revelation 11. The Bible indicates the whole world will tune into this event via television.

If you have your Bibles, turn to **Revelation 11:1-19**

Remember, we are in the part of Revelation Chapters 6-19, that describe the 7 final years of earths history. A period we call the tribulation that climaxes in the return of The Lord Jesus Christ to earth.

And Gods judgment will come in the form of 3 series of judgments:

Seal - Rev 6

Trumpet - Rev 8 & 9

Bowl - Rev 16

Between the 6th trumpet and the final 7th trumpet there is an interlude.

That's where we pick up.

Revelation 11:1-3

1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

John was told by a voice to take a rod and measure the temple? Which temple? The Temple of God. When you look in the Bible there were 5 different temples in Jerusalem. 3 of those temples have already been built and destroyed. There are 2 final temples yet to be built. And this will help you understand the Bible more when you understand those temples.

Let me go thru them quickly:

1.The original temple, Solomons temple, was built in 966 BC. Remember, God told David the temple was to be built but that his son, Solomon would build it. It took 7 years to build this temple. It was destroyed in 586 BC when the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem. And remember, the Israelites were in exile in Babylon for 70 years and then the news came that they could go back to Jerusalem and they wanted to rebuild the temple.

2.The person who rebuilt it was named Zerubbabel. It was Zerubbabel who built the temple out of rubble. He did this in 535 BC and it took 21 years to rebuild the temple. This was the second temple.

3.And then the 3rd temple was Herod's temple. When Rome took control of Israel, Herod the great didn't destroy Zerubbabel's temple, instead he added to it. He enlarged it greatly to gain favor with the Jewish people. And that began in 19 BC and continued to AD 64. And remember it was during that time that Jesus worshipped in the temple and went to the temple that was Herod's temple. And that temple was destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans themselves to squelch an insurrection in Jerusalem. That was Herod's temple.

4.Where's the temple today? If you go up on the Temple Mount today in Jerusalem, you'll see two of the most holy moslem sights in the world. The **Al-Aqsa Mosque**, Mosque and The Dome of the Rock. There is no temple. People ask why don't the Jews offer sacrifices anymore? Simple answer. You have to have a temple to offer sacrifices. But the Bible says when the tribulation comes, there will be a temple there. There will be a temple during the Tribulation. How do we know that? Daniel 9:27 Talks about the 7 year Tribulation.

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: (One weeks stands for 7 years.) and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, (3 1/2 years into the Tribulation, the sacrifices will be stopped by the antichrist) and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

You remember as we saw in Rev 6 that after the rapture there will be chaos in the world; and there will be a world leader who without any power struggle at all will be given the power to bring peace into the world. He's the figure we commonly call antichrist.

Its obvious. He will break his peace treaty with Israel at 3 1/2 years. So the temple is there and the sacrifices are happening up to this time.

How is the antichrist able to get rid of the **Al-Aqsa Mosque**, in the Temple Mount area and build a new temple? Pastor Robert was thinking on this when he got an invitation to come to the signing of the Mid East treaty in Jerusalem. This was pretty incredible because President Trump brought together the Arabs, Jews, and others in that area. We hear about the West Bank all the time. This new thing offers a new peace in the Middle East. The Psalmists says we are to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. This could give us a temporary peace in the Middle East, so I applaud President Trump on his courage to stand up and do this. But what was interesting when he was talking, was; in front of me was his family members, including Jared Kueshner, Secretary Pompei and right behind me were Arabs and Shieks and Egyptians who all stood up and gave a standing ovation for President Trumps plan. This was a good thing. In the future there will be a world leader who is able to build consensus temporarily in the Middle East, who will be able to convince the Jews to build a temple. There are some Jews (contemporary) who do not care a thing about a new Jewish temple, but the fastest growing sect of Judaism is the Orthodox Jews. And they desperately want a temple there and they are going to get it. This will happen because of the Shrude negotiating skills of this leader known as the antichrist. **The temple** will be present during the tribulation, but will be destroyed somehow before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

5.When Christ sets up his kingdom on the earth there will be one final temple. The fifth temple is the millennial temple. Its described in ***Ezekiel 40-46.***

Ezekiel 40:

1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.

3 And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

5 And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by the cubit and an hand breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad; and the other threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad.

7 And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within was one reed.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was inward.

10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The space also before the little chambers was one cubit on this side, and the space was one cubit on that side: and the little chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth was five and twenty cubits, door against door.

14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate were fifty cubits.

16 And there were narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches: and windows were round about inward: and upon each post were palm trees.

17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, there were chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty chambers were upon the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates was the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 And the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.

21 And the little chambers thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, were after the measure of the gate

that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court was over against the gate toward the north, and toward the

east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures.

25 And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

27 And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad.

31 And the arches thereof were toward the utter court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it had eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, were according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof were toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof were toward the utter court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

38 And the chambers and the entries thereof were by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.

40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two tables.

41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew their sacrifices.

42 And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within were hooks, an hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering.

44 And without the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south: one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the

charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.

47 So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar that was before the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five

cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

Ezekiel 41:

1 Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

4 So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This is the most holy place.

5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber without, was five cubits: and that which was left was the place of the side chambers that were within.

10 And between the chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long;

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which was behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, cieled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows,

and the windows were covered;

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.

18 And it was made with cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces;

19 So that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: it was made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door were cherubims and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

21 The posts of the temple were squared, and the face of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other.

22 The altar of wood was three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the LORD.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and upon the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

Ezekiel 42:

1 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of an hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against the pavement which was for the utter court, was gallery against gallery in three stories.

4 And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

5 Now the upper chambers were shorter: for the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that was without over against the chambers, toward the utter court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers that were in the utter court was fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple were an hundred cubits.

9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the utter court.

10 The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their goings out were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin

offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the utter court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.
19 He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.
20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

Ezekiel 43:

1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east:
2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.
3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.
4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.
5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.
6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.
7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places.
8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.
9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcases of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.
10 Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.
11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.
12 This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.
13 And these are the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit is a cubit and an hand breadth; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about shall be a span: and this shall be the higher place of the altar.
14 And from the bottom upon the ground even to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle even to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.
15 So the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and upward shall be four horns.

16 And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.
17 And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.
18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.
19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, a young bullock for a sin offering.
20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves.

27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 44:

1 Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut.

2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.

5 And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

7 In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and

ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the utter court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord GOD.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.

29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering: and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

EZEKIEL 45:

1 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand

reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place.

4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of

the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord GOD.

10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

13 This is the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley:

14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is an homer of ten baths; for ten baths are an homer:

15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord GOD.

16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel.

17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

18 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a

bullock for a sin offering.

23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.

24 And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah.

25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

Ezekiel 46:

1 Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And the meat offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD of a lamb of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it every morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.

16 Thus saith the Lord GOD; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

19 After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward.

20 Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear them not out into the utter court, to sanctify the people.

21 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

22 In the four corners of the court there were courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four corners were of one measure.

23 And there was a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about.

24 Then said he unto me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

Now this is the temple, the tribulation temple that John is told to measure. Does Jesus need to know how big the temple is? No.

In the Bible, to measure something means to take possession of it. So he said, get up and measure the temple. But leave out the court that is outside the temple. That is where the Gentiles are, for they have already taken possession of it.

They will tread under the Holy city for 3 and 1/2 years. We are in the final 3 1/2 years of the tribulation and the antichrist has broken his peace covenant with Israel. By measuring the temple, God is saying that he still possesses it and the people who worship within it. You know we measure things. You can measure property you own for 1 or 2 purposes: Measure it so you can destroy it. In ***Lamentations 2:8, God said, The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.***

I'll never forget years ago, just days before we imploded our campus, I saw a worker down there measuring some things. He said he was measuring where to put the dynamite that would bring the building down. Sometimes God measures things for this reason, but you can also measure things to protect it. After the recent storm, we built a new fence around our home.

In ***Zechariah 2***, God said to measure Jerusalem in order to protect her.

Zechariah 2:

1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

I think that's what Jesus is saying here. He is going to protect the temple and the worshipping in it. The Gentiles have already overtaken the rest of the temple; and the rest of Jerusalem. But notice something else going on - the ministry of the two tribulation witnesses. And that is the focus of this chapter. Look at ***Revelation 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.***

That's 42 months (3 1/2 years) in sackcloth. While these terrible judgments of God is coming, there will be two witnesses, dressed in sack cloth that will proclaim Gods truth.

Revelation 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Notice these are the two olive trees, the two lamp stands that stand before the earth. A lamp stand gave light in the darkness. Fueled by Olive Oil. They came from olive trees and that's the nature of these two witnesses, to give light in the darkness.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

So if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed this way. This is simply saying they have supernatural power to protect themselves from the many that will try to harm them. And not only that,

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Now I read this week commentary after commentary, about people speculating who these two witnesses are. Some are saying, its Enoch and Elijah. Because after all they are two prophets who never died. They were raptured, translated into heaven before they died, so this must be Enoch and Elijah. Other people say, no this is Elijah and Moses, because notice the description of their ministry "They have the ability to shut off rain from the earth".

Elijah did this; and Moses was able to turn the Nile river into blood. Its Elijah and Moses. My own opinion is that this is two human beings, empowered by God, who have a ministry like Elijah and Moses though its not Elijah and Moses.

By the way, do God's people have the same power that these witnesses have - to perform miracles? I want you to hear very clearly, I believe God works miracles today. I believe the power to work miracles does not change, but I do think that God doesn't need human beings to act as an intermediary to act between him and those he wants to perform miracles for.

I think of Dr. Crystals famous statement. "I believe in faith healing, I just don't believe in faith healers". God doesn't need a middle man. He can do it directly himself. There have been 5 periods in Biblical history when God has used human beings to perform miracles.

There have been 5 periods of miracle workers in the Bible.

1. The times of Moses and Joshua
2. The times of Elijah and Elisha
3. The times of Daniel and his three friends
4. The time of Jesus earthly ministry and his twelve apostles
5. And finally, the final period of workers will be the time of the two witnesses.

Now notice the word about their death.

We think the martyrdom of the first century Christians was more than any other time, but did you know there was more martyrs for the Christian faith in the 20th century than all the other centuries put together. And now that we are in the 21st century it will get even worse.

Open doors, an organization that tracks Martyrdom says there are 11 Christians murdered every day because of their faith. And its only intensifying. Look at verse 7.

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Only after they have finished their testimony, they will be a martyr. This is the first reference to the antichrist. Its the first of 38 references to the antichrist. We will see more detailed description of him when we get to Chapter 13. He is a human being who is demonically inspired. That's why it says out of the abyss. And he will make war with the two witnesses and overcome and kill them and...

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

What City is this? Its Jerusalem, the city where Jesus was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

The whole world will be able to see these two witnesses killed and their bodies left in the street to decompose.

Now I want you to think about this. For the first 1900 years of church history, when this was written, nobody knew how this prophecy would be fulfilled. How in the world would the whole

world be able to look and see what was happening in the street of Jerusalem? Not until the advent of the t.v.

The whole world will be tuned in to this event, the death of these two witnesses.

By the way, in July, 2009, 500 million people tuned into the funeral of Michael Jackson. This will get an even greater rating than that.

People are going to tune in and look at the bodies of the two witnesses for 3 1/2 days.

Why won't the antichrist allow them to be buried? It's a way to humiliate them and the God they represent.

You remember in 1993, the battle of Mogadishu, when Somali rebellion shot down two of our black hawk helicopters? And remember one of those soldiers was not only killed, but his body was desecrated in order to bring humility to the United States. That's what is going on here. This is a way of humiliating these two prophets by not allowing them to be buried.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

This is the only instance of rejoicing in the whole tribulation. They will actually send gifts to one another. They will have their own satanic Christmas celebration. Why would they rejoice over the death of these two witnesses? Here's why.

Because these two prophets tormented those who dwelled on the earth. What do you mean? All they did was speak the word of God.

Ladies and Gentlemen, to the unsaved, unrepentant, rebellious heart, the word of God is torment to listen to. And that's why the unbelievers want to do everything they can to silence the speaking of God's truth in our world today.

Did you see this week the interview of Cardinal Timothy Dolan had with our attorney general, Bill Barr, who is a great man of faith? Bill was talking about the very real move of the secular left to silence religious speech. This isn't some imaginary campaign stunt. It's very real in order to silence people for their Christian beliefs.

You see it used to be that the left (those opposing God) wanted an equal voice to share their opinion. No one argues this. But the left isn't content with this. They want to silence your right and my right to share our Christian perspective because it torments them. They don't want to hear it.

I was with our Vice President, Mike Pence, last Thursday. He is a Godly, compassionate man and yet he has been called by the left, a hater! A hate monger. Do you know why he is a hate monger? Because he has the audacity to believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman. He has not insulted anybody else. He simply said that marriage should be between a man and woman.

If you share God's truth, you are considered a hater today. Speech has to be silenced because it torments unbelievers. It is sharper than any two edged sword. It cuts the heart of an unbeliever.

An unbeliever instinctively knows that it has the power to change the mind of the unbeliever. And they want to silence it.

The antichrist and all the unbelievers in the world will think they have victory because they have finally silenced these two witnesses. This is all the fulfillment of something written 3000 years ago in Psalm 79. Listen to this prophecy from 3000 years ago:

Psalm 79

1 O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

Isn't that amazing. 3000 years ago prophesying what is going to happen. The unbeliever will think their problems are over, but in truth, their problems have only begun because of what happened in verse 11.

Look at this...Now remember, human beings will be able to turn their TV's on and view the dead bodies of the two witnesses, 24/7.

Rev 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

Can't you just imagine in the middle of the night someone is watching this on TV and see's these two bodies rise up and they hear a voice from the heaven and the two bodies go up. That's the rapture. They get their own private rapture of the two witnesses.

Rev 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Aren't you looking forward to hearing the Lords' voice say, COME UP HERE?

The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout and the dead in Christ will rise first and we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air.

That's whats going to happen to these two witnesses.

Rev 11:13

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city (Jerusalem) fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

That doesn't mean they were converted. They realized that God had done something great. But its not enough to lead them to salvation!

14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. (The final trumpet).

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (Does this sound familiar to you? George Handel's music said the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our God.).

The victory is still futuristic, but to God the victory has already happened. The kingdom of this world has already become the kingdom of our God. The offering of praise began.....

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

The 24 elders represent the church and the redeemed of Israel.

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

There is going to be great worship in Heaven over the announcement of the 7th trumpet. While there is praising in heaven, there is more rebellion on earth. This is fulfillment of the song in *Psalm 2:1, 3-6, 12*

1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

We are in the final days of the tribulation and mans' rebellion is intensifying, but notice the blessed assurance of God's faithfulness in verse 19:

Rev 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Just as people are thinking things could not get worse, and those that are redeemed are saying, where are you Lord when we need you the most? Suddenly John says I saw the heavens

open. Now he see's the heavenly temple and he sees the ark of the covenant in the temple. The Ark was a sign of God's faithfulness to his people. It was in Solomons' temple, but its been lost ever since. We don't know where the ark is, but it doesn't matter. The ark was just an earthly representation of what's in heaven. In the midst of the tribulation God is saying to his people, You can trust me. My promises are certain.

What does all of this have to do with our life today?

Let me close with two timeless truths from Rev 11:11

1. Gods protection is promised. Obey him. (God has given this revelation to encourage people to remain faithful and obey God. That's what he's saying here. The two witnesses had a hard task to prophecy, but God supernaturally protected them until their. Mission was completed. The same thing is true for you. God is calling some of you to obey him in tough circumstances. Obey him in your marriage, your workplace, to be a witness to him in some circumstances. YOU can obey God in all circumstances. You have the assurance of divine protection until your ministry is finished. That's the truth for the two witnesses. They had God's protection until they were killed by the beast (Their ministry was finished). Even then, their life wasn't finished. God raised them up after 3 1/2 days and he will do the same for me and you. Gods protection is there. Jesus said 'don't be afraid of people that can only kill you body'. Only fear the one who is able to destroy your body and your soul. When you live your life to please God it gives you courage.

2. Gods victory is certain, trust him. When that 7th angel blows the trumpet he says the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our God. With God the victory is so certain it has already happened. I'll admit to those of us trapped in time and space, it looks like evil has the upper hand, sickness, broken relationship, bitter disappointment, this seems to be the norm but its only temporary. Our victory is promised by God.

The Bible says for the final minutes of the end game, satan will have possession of the ball. But it doesn't matter, Jesus has already racked up so many points on the scoreboard the victorious outcome of the game is certain and the fans are screaming out.

The same for us, **satan's victory is assured NOT TO HAPPEN!!!**

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our world and he shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Sister Shelbia shared the following:

OK, we've just heard another remarkable message from His word.

Its too interesting to not address this a little bit. Something I didn't realize before is that the very last verses of ***Malachi 4 (underlined) are:***

1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: (judgment)

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (This ends the Old Testament!)

They were expecting Elijah. The Jewish people are expecting Elijah to this very day. Brother Jack says, "I'm told in any orthodox Passover, you will find an empty chair at the table just in case Elijah shows up". This is a tradition thats ancient.

I know those who have read the bible a lot, when John the Baptist was preaching, people came and asked if he was Elijah. He said no, so the fact that one of the two witnesses it Elijah is pretty much accepted.

Elijah taken up to heaven in a chariot of Fire is one of the most incredible stories in the Old Testament.

The second witness is the one everyone argues about.

Dr. Reagan says in wrath and glory that it could be Elijah and Moses. Reagan believes its Elijah and Enoch cause they were raptured without death. They represent all mankind. Elijah - prophet to Jews; Enoch - prophet to Gentiles. So for those who believe the second witness is Enoch (translated) we have these two good guys who didn't see death. They were translated without dying. Elijah - in a whirlwind ***Il Kings 2:11 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.***

Genesis 5:24 – (Enoch was taken.) 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Rev 13:3 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Luke 1:17 17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

There are two ministries in Old Testament that are not finished: that of Moses and Elijah.

In case of Moses, remember there was two occasions in the wilderness that the people were without water. In the first case, God instructed Moses to strike a certain rock (***Exodus 17:6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they***), which he did, and water came out of the rock in abundance. On the second occasion, God instructed Moses to **speak** to the

rock, (*Numbers 20:8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.*); But Moses, in a fit of anger said in *Numbers 20:10: "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?"* Then *Numbers 20:11* says *"he Struck the rock and the water came out as before."* But, notice what God says in *20:12: "And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore, ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them."* See, he did it follow Gods instructions, and as a result, in *Deuteronomy 3:29 So we abode in the valley over against Bethpeor,* God instructs Moses to anoint Joshua to take his place. Well that is abbreviated version of the ministry of Moses begin interrupted. But, we see in *Luke 9:30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:* on the Mount of Transfiguration that by Moses' very presence there, God is not done with him yet. Therefore, Moses did not finish the work God wanted him to and he didn't enter the promised land.

What perhaps is the most telling testimony, is this business of the powers that are enumerated concerning these Two Witnesses here in (*Revelation 11*). We find there are **four powers** listed there, two of them being unique to Elijah: **FIRE FROM HEAVEN**, calling down fire from Heaven (*1 Kings 18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*

2 Kings 1:10, 12

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

So when we talk about the Old Testament and someone calling fire down from Heaven; that is unique to Elijah.

A second power is the power to **SHUT HEAVEN SO IT WILL NOT RAIN**. Now this one is a little tricky. As you read the Old Testament you will find that Elijah is given credit for relieving the drought. There was a drought and Elijah caused it to rain in

1 Kings 18:41-45

41 And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.

But even though we find in *1 Kings 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.*

that Elijah predicted the drought, we have to go to the New Testament to discover that it was for 3 ½ years *Luke 4:25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;*

James 5:17 *Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.*

And we also discover in (**James 5:17**) that the drought was a result of Elijah's prayer. Now what's interesting, since we are talking about two witnesses, is that as we have seen, we have two witnesses here in the New Testament, to the fact that the drought was for 3 ½ years, and that it was the result of Elijah's prayer (**Luke 4:25; James 5:17**).

So the first two powers mentioned here in Revelation 11, that are credited to the two witnesses: Fire and drought, are unique to Elijah.

Now the other two powers listed here in the turning of water into blood, which is analogous to the first plague in **Exodus 7:19** *And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.* where Moses turned the waters of Egypt to blood; and of course calling all manner of plagues down on Egypt in (**Exodus 7 through 12**). Thus it's easy to see the striking similarities between the powers of Elijah and Moses and these two witnesses in

Revelation 11:5-6

5 *And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*

6 *These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*

In any case, another dimension to this occurs in Matthew 17. We have this strange event called the transfiguration. Let's look at

Matthew 16:28-17:7

27 *For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.*

28 *Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.*

WOW! Does this mean His kingdom should have come before the disciples died. No! Let's look at the very next verse to see what He is talking about.

Matthew 17:

1 *And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,*

2 *And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

What they saw was a preview of the Glorified Christ.

3 *And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.* Old impetuous Peter, said:

4 *Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.* Some scholars conjecture that this was about the time of the Feast of Tabernacles, and that was on Peter's mind. But in any case, verse 5 continues....

5 *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

6 *And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.*

7 *And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.*

8 *And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.*

9 *And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.*

10 *And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? Why must Elias come first (before the second coming)?* Because the scripture so prophesied!!! OK

11 *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.* Here in verse 11 is a confirmation of the Malachi 4:5-6 prophecy, if you will. But He goes on in giving his

lesson in Matthew 17:12.

12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. And its because of the statement that people confuse the two, (Elijah and John the Baptist). J. Vernon McGee says concerning verses 12-13: 'Our Lord is saying that if they would receive Him as King, John would be Elijah. Don't ask me how that could be – I am only telling you what the scriptures teach.'

OK, let's wrap it up. I believe that the second witness here in Revelation 11 is Moses. Two major reasons: 1. Because of the 4 powers mentioned here, two are unique to Elijah and two to Moses. 2. The fact that both Moses and Elijah as well as the Messiah were expected to show up in first Century Judaism. They were looking for the Messiah, and John says I am not Him; they were looking for Moses, for they say: Are you that Prophet?" What they meant was the prophet Moses. In Deuteronomy 18:15 there is a prophesy that there would come, at the end time, a prophet like Moses: and even though, topologically speaking that may have been Christ, that prophesy has yet to be literally fulfilled; so I believe the two witnesses are Moses and Elijah. .

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:

23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?

25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?

26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

There are a number of reasons that people believe these witnesses are Moses and Elijah.

David Jeremiah reasons:

Malachi 4:5-6 (prepare the way for Christs second coming.)

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Some believe John the Baptist fulfilled this prophecy. John did his work by the power of the spirit just like Elijah did. He was not Elijah reincarnated. John confirmed this fact himself. When asked if he was *John 1:21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.*

Clearly Malachi's prophecy points to someone other than John the Baptist. God miraculously took John up into heaven.

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

1 Kings 17:1

1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Rev 11:6 (Rain will be prevented from falling.) These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Elijah called down fire from heaven.

1 King 1:10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Drought:

1 King 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Luke 4:25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

James 5:17-18

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

This is exactly the duration of the 2 witnesses ministry.

Some scholars proposed Enoch -

Jeremiah believes it's Moses and here's why:

Both appeared at Christ's transformation.

Matthew 17:3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

By God's power, Moses turned water into blood

Exodus 7:19-20

19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

2 witnesses will perform same miracle

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Deuteronomy 4:37

37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

Rev 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

Satan brought arch angel Michael

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

satan may have intended to prevent Gods program of restoration in the last days

Moses represents the law and Elijah represents the prophets.

The witnesses will witness in Israel.

Prophecy scholars, Timothy Demy and John Whitcomb presented strong reasons for identifying Moses and Elijah as the witnesses.

No two men in Israels history will receive greater respect and appreciation than Moses and Elijah. Moses was Gods great deliverer and lawgiver for Israel (Deuteronomy 34:10-12).

Deuteronomy 34: 10-12

**10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,
11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,
12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.**

First century Jews actually thought Moses had given them manna in the wilderness.

John 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

God raised up Elijah to confront Israel in a time of great national apostasy. God vindicated him by sending fire from heaven and a chariot of fire and horses of fire to escort him out of this world. So highly did the Jews of Jesus day think of Elijah that when they saw Jesus do miracles, some concluded that Elijah had returned.

Matt 16:14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

These are the most powerful clues/reasons that I have found for these two witnesses so you can come to your own conclusion. I highly respect Dr. Reagan; and like his thought about the gentiles, but kinda think the others overcame his reasons.

I'm gonna share a bit about martyrs here. From the **BOOK OF SIGNS, David Jeremiah** Chapter on Martyrs. This has been on my mind.

It was not a large gathering. Only a few dozen worshippers assembled in the village of The Virgin Mary church 150 miles south of Egypt.

The Preacher talked in somber tones. The life we live is numbered days that will quickly past. He was not beginning a sermon, but was addressing why the congregation had grown smaller. The Islamic state of Iraq and Syria had decapitated 13 of their members on a beach in Libya. Coptic men were among 20 murdered that day. All 20 hailed from Egyptian farming communities and traveled to Libya in search of work. They had been kidnapped and held in a Lybian coastal town. A month later the condemned men were held and lined up on their knees with one soldier standing behind each man. Many will remember this well and will never forget that sight.

Christians were dressed in orange coveralls in mockery of orange suits worn by radicals who were in Guantanamo bay. Each of these Coptic Christians refused to recant their father God. They could be seen on their knees mouthing praises to the Lord. The story of these men is only one of those who have been martyred for their faith over the centuries. The blood of martyrs is a precursor of worse things to come.

Deuteronomy 28:64-67

64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

Before the Israelites entered promise land, Moses prophesied that they would be scattered throughout the world. Moses says the Lord will scatter you among all people from one end of the earth to the other and you will serve other Gods - wood and stone. You shall find no rest, but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes and anguish of souls. You shall fear day and night. In the morning you shall say, oh that were evening; in evening you shall say; oh that it were morning. Because of the fear that dominates

This grim prophecy has been more than amply fulfilled. No people have suffered persecution like the Jews. It goes on to say, the Jews were disbursed and suffered persecution and depravation. Most intense occurred under Hitler in 20th century. Concentration camps where they executed more than 6 million Jews, possibly reducing their number in Europe to less than those that followed Moses.

A man named Adolph Eichmann expressed the kind of hatred Jews have endured throughout history. "I shall leave laughing into my grave for the thought that I have 5 million human lives on my conscious which is a source of satisfaction".

The Coptic Christians in Egypt Story –

In the opening of this chapter on martyrs, I told you about Isis beheading 20 Coptic Christians but the actual number was 21. I withheld the name of the last one so I could end this chapter with his inspiring story. When Isis published the video of the mass beheading, there was one face no one could identify. It was later learned he was an African from Chad. Matthew Ayagara, who had migrated to Libya to find work. For reasons that are not clear, he had been swept up with the Coptic Christians and marched to the beach to die. As the executor asked each christian to deny Christ Matthew Ayagara listened to their responses. Although he was not a christian, they demanded that he rejected the Christians God. Having observed the faith and courage of the Egyptian Christians, Matthew was deeply moved by the unbending power of their belief. At that moment he knew he wanted what they had more than life itself. Their God is my God. Moments later, like a repentant thief on the cross, I believe Matthew entered paradise along with his fellow martyrs. Heaven will one day reveal how many others entered paradise. I hope this will inspire you to stay strong, even if it means giving up your own life. What is that compared to the glory of the Lord.

Coptic Christians in Egypt:

The Coptic Christians are the largest Christian community in the Middle East and one of the oldest Christian communities in the world, constituting about 10% of their country's total population of

95 million. Until recently Christians recruited permission from Egypt's president to build a church. March 17, 2020, the Christians no longer had to acquire his permission.

The Copts believe themselves to be the descendants of Egypt's ancient Pharaonic people. They were the first to be converted to Christianity with the arrival of St. Mark in Egypt in 62 AD. Egypt became part of the Byzantine empire in 395 AD and the Egyptian church was separated from the Christian community in 451 AD.

Are there still Coptic Christians in Egypt? Most ethnic Coptic's are Coptic Orthodox Christians. This is the largest denominations in the Middle East.

What happened to Coptic Christians in Egypt? Despite the political upheaval, Egypt remained mostly Christian, but the Copts lost their majority status after the 14th century, as a result of the intermittent persecution and the destruction of the Christian churches there, accompanied by heavy taxes by those who refuse to convert.

The Copts have cited instances of persecution throughout their history and Human Rights watch has noted "growing religious intolerance" and violence against them in recent years, as well as a failure by the Egyptian government to effectively investigate and properly prosecute those responsible.

Since 2011 hundreds of Egyptian Copts have been killed in sectarian clashes, and many homes, churches and businesses have been destroyed.

In just one province (Minya) 77 cases of sectarian attacks on Copts between 2011 and 2016 have been documented by the Egyptians Initiative for Personal Rights. The abduction and disappearance of Coptic Christian women and girls also remains a serious ongoing problem.

This has been on SHELbia's heart - we need to put this on our prayer list because the people all over the world are being persecuted. Again, these two organizations:

1. Human Rights Watch (<https://hrw.org>)
2. Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (eipr.org)

Shelbia is trusting these people have good information and we know there are more martyrs in the 20th century than in the entire history up to the 20th century.

At this time, let's update our prayer list with information from cousin Ron and then we are going to ask Carolyn to update on Steve, Kay and Jerry; and then Sharon will have updates for our prayer list.

My cousin Ron passed out a few weeks ago. His cardiologist had retired but he got a new cardiologist who couldn't see him until after December 27. The new cardiology receptionist said she'd put him on the cancellation list and he got a call in a matter of a few days. He saw the cardiologist and he had an EKG that was fine. The cardiologist concluded he was dehydrated. He was very smart and put a monitor on Ron for one month. The monitor exhibited bothersome results. 3 weeks into the monitor, Ron had an episode last Thursday evening. He was dizzy and disoriented. The monitor people called and he told them how he was feeling. His heart rate was 29. He went to the doctor in the morning. Next morning at 7:45 am., he was called to The Heart Center. At 9:40 they had him ready for a new pacemaker and he had it in by 10 a.m. He's doing fine and we are extremely thankful for the hand of God working in his life. This is a huge praise!

Carolyn's update: We went to the surgeon yesterday – a top oncologist and they agreed not to do surgery on Steve. It's too high risk. We are at peace with it. We had decided we wouldn't do

the surgery. He's turned him over to the oncologist tomorrow and we will visit him tomorrow to see what they can do. We are trusting in the higher physician - believing for a healing. We want to continue to have prayers. We are excited about this. Jerry had his first chemo yesterday. He's still very weak and needs lots of prayers. The girls are staying with them. He will have chemo every 3 weeks. We know the Lord can touch all these needs.

Sharon - reminds everyone to remember Jean Hill (hole in foot)

Charles (blood clots in legs - not saved)

Bessie

Ruth Ann

Reagan

All the people worldwide - persecution

Two unspoken requests

Our event on the 23rd of October

As we continue on, we pray for strength, courage, and to keep us strong...whatever we face.

Father God, how we praise you this day. You are awesome. You are amazing and how blessed we are that you are our God. Father, as we look at this list and talk about the people, the needs of each one, you already know all about them. There's nothing you don't know and as I've prayed before, you already know the results. We particularly add Sister Bessie who has lost her partner. We pray you will keep her strong. We love you, we praise you, we need you in our lives. Keep us strong father, in Jesus name I pray these things. Amen.

One thought to add - from Max Lucado. We have to hold onto this. **Good days, bad days, God is in all days!** I pray you will have a blessed week. Good bye.