

“The Temple & Two Witnesses”

Revelation 11:1-13

Intro:

- * Talk about someone's presence represented by something or someone
- * Illustration:
- * In Revelation 11:1-14 we see God's presence represented in to the temple and the 2 witnesses

Reflecting on the Word: What do we see in Revelation 11:1-14 about the temple & the 2 witnesses?

1. THE TEMPLE (11:1-2)

The Portioning (11:1)

1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, “Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.---**Ezekiel 40:3-42:20; Zechariah 2;1; Revelation 21:15**

The Possession (11:2)

2 “Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread underfoot the holy city for forty-two months.---**Ezekiel 40:17, 20; Luke 21:24;; Daniel 7:25; 12:7**

2. THE TESTIFIERS

The Purpose (11:3-4)

3 “And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”---**Luke 9:28-36; 24:27, 44**

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.---**Zechariah 4:3, 11, 14**

The Power (11:5-6)

5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.---**2 Kings 1:10-12**

6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.---**1 Kings 17:1; Luke 4:25; Exodus 17:1ff; 1 Samuel 4:8**

3. THE TREATMENT (11:7-11)

The Purging (11:7)

7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.---**Revelation 13:1ff; Daniel 7:21**

The Permission (11:8-9)

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.---**Isaiah 1:9-10; 3:9; Jeremiah 23:14; Ezekiel 16:46, 49; 23:3, 8, 19, 27**

9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.---**Psalms 79:2-3**

The Publicity (11:10)

10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.
Nehemiah 8:10, 12; Esther 9:19, 22

4. THE TAKING AWAY (11:11-14)

The Panic (11:11-14)

11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.

12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.---**2 Kings 2:11**

13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.---**Revelation 14:7; 16:9**

14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Responding to the Word: